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Apologies: Dennis, Deb

AGENDA:

Welcome to all today, as we have a guest speaker, for whom, we as a group are forming a real attachment. Katy More, writer, freelance journalist, author, executive director was here today to talk with us about Scribbly and what this service brings to the budding writer in the community. This much nurtured enterprise is to use Katy's words, the Google for writers if you will. It can be found at www.Scribbly.com.au and is available for all who are seeking other writers and ideas, and information, and what to do now etc etc in their writing journey.

The best idea as Katy suggests is to check it out, have a play, just use it, and to contact the organiser- herself, if you can't find it and are still stuck. However, for us today, with many thanks to her partner in the affair, walked us through via the facilities at the Jacaranda Café, with what the screen looks like and how to find 'stuff'. Yes, it is straight forward to use, and has offerings organised according to headings that are click if that's your area of interest and continue in the same vein to locate what information you need.

Scribbly is also a Moreton Bay regional venture that is set up to encourage local community writers, and currently is commencing some new offerings that may be of local interest.

Firstly, a type of writer's lounge is being set up, which will meet on the first Tuesday of the month between the hours of 2pm and 4pm, at the Redcliffe Treehouse Café, Redcliffe.

It is turn up at a time that suits you, to meet and talk about your writing, other people's writing, ask questions, or just listen and become motivated and enthused in a collegial setting. No judgement, just a gathering of shared interests and fellow writers who can meet to find their community. This certainly sounds like a lot of fun and is worth checking out.

Secondly, as of 2027, Scribbly will be offering a Writers Course. Initially it will have just 12 placements available to those interested and will involve 4 terms of approximately 6 weeks per term, organised according to a number of interest areas. Participants can choose to do just one course of their interest, or a selection depending on need. Yes, there will be a fee to participate, which at this stage looks like being approximately \$250 per term.

Term 1 – The Book Begins

Term2 – Understanding Publishing

Term3 – The book as a product

Term 4 – Life as a writer

These will be also conducted **at the Tree House Café, in Redcliffe.**

Today's talk with Katy of course was a wealth of information about using AI and the need for taking care in the type of program you choose, the need for verification of data, to ensure you ask the right questions when doing your research, and importantly recognizing the usage of AI if you have been availing yourself of the tool in your product.

Always folks, credit where credit is due. If it's not your total creation then what help did you outsource and say so.

I suggest having a sticky note with Scribbly on it for a reminder on your laptop or your desk as a help mate. It is free to use, and has lots of good ideas for those stuck moments in the world of writing.

HOMEWORK:

We had a great range of writing to share at today's meeting. The most popular was in the theme of Memorable moments, which varied with going to the drive-in, growing up in Dalby, a first crush and Overcoming fear. Tell me the answer, Tomorrow and I saw something in the dark were also popular and well received.

NEXT MONTH:

- THE LAST PASSENGER
- THE SOCIETY OF LOST UMBRELLAS
- THE HOUSE THAT WAITED
- THE THURSDAY DETECTIVES
- THE WATCHMAKERS CONUNDRUM

Lastly, an offer from speaker Katy to those who attended today, was an opportunity to be a test for their new manuscript reading program. So, if you have a manuscript, you'd like some feedback on, send it to Katy for a review. Please advise of your intentions with your writing, what you're aiming to achieve etc so that they know how best to advise the device parameters.

Well, that's your lot for this newsletter. For those who were unable to attend our meeting today, we've missed you and look forward to seeing you next month. Have fun everyone on checking out Scribbly, but most importantly of all, keep writing, being creative in what you try and explore those vast corners of your imagination...believe me a good airing is like a holiday. You'll never know what you'll find out about yourself. Cheers Janet