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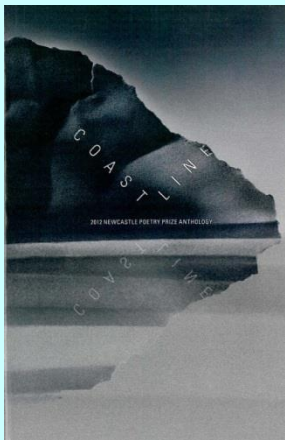
Dear Members

Welcome to the April HWC newsletter and to the many new members who have joined in the last month.

Newcastle Writers Festival

Tonight is the opening of the Newcastle Writers Festival. Tonight's event – Mariam Margolyes' "Why Words Matter" – is **sold out** but there are still tickets available for the sessions on Saturday and Sunday. It is exciting to see so many HWC members on panels over the weekend either as hosts or writers talking about their own books.

Thank you to the many volunteers who have given their time until now and over the weekend.

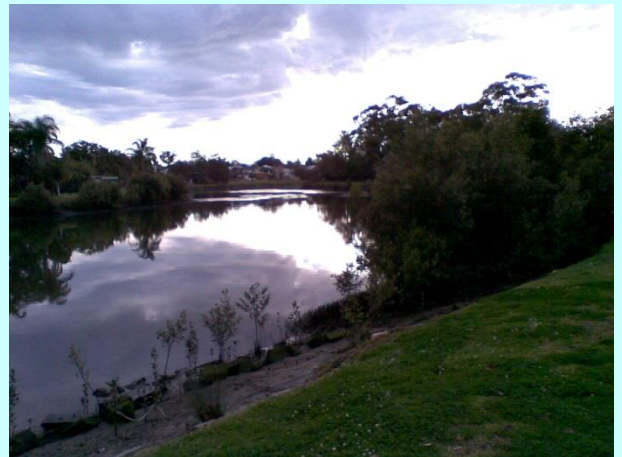


Newcastle Poetry Prize

The Newcastle Poetry Prize is now open for entries. Please let your friends and colleagues know. One of the great opportunities that this competition provides is the chance to be shortlisted. 25 shortlisted poems are chosen for publication in the prestigious NPP anthology. newcastlepoetryprize.com

Space to Write

Renew Newcastle contacted HWC about potential writers' space at Maryville beside the beautiful Throsby Creek. If you are interested in knowing more about this, please email me. If there is a lot of interest we could support a small group to co-ordinate use of this space by all members of HWC.



Newcomers Course

We have held 2 newcomers' writing courses so far this year and have nearly enough numbers to run another one in May. Please complete the booking form if you are interested in the next course:

<http://www.hunterwriterscentre.com/newcomers-course.html>

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Young Writers

From May we will be holding regular Saturday gatherings for Young Writers. Please let secondary students know to register their interest here <http://www.hunterwriterscentre.com/young-writers.html>

Travel Writing Course

This is scheduled for May 25th. This course will cover both travel literature and publication of travel articles in media. Book here: <http://www.hunterwriterscentre.com/travel-writing-course.html>

Live Readings

Our prose writers gather on the second Monday of the month to share their works at the Theatre Lane hotel. Come along this Monday (8th) 6-8pm as a terrific end to a vibrant literary weekend.

<http://www.theatrelane.com.au/>

Member news

HWC member Mark Liston recently launched his book of poems 'Fragile Diamonds' at the Theatre Lane hotel. Copies of the book are available by contacting Mark at mark.liston@hotmail.com. Poet Jean Kent launched Mark's book and we would like to take this opportunity to showcase Jean's website where you will find a terrific selection of her own poems: <http://jeankent.net.au/life/>

HWC member Gabrielle Clover has been chosen to be café poet-in-residence as part of the Australian Poetry Society program. This involves placing poets in participating cafes who conduct poetry programs in those cafes in return for a space to write and coffee/tea. "I am one of three cafe poets in Newcastle and currently write in Suspension at 3 Beaumont St," Gabrielle tells us.

Don't forget to let us know your news.

Regards
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