



Greetings folks,

Here we go with our first newsletter for a big year - 2008, that begins with the 2nd International SCBWI Australia and New Zealand conference. Read below for some updates and important information.

As usual we also have our list of latest member publications, member's news and also industry gossip. Finally of course a list of our new members.

So welcome to 2008. We hope that it will be a profitable and creative year for you all.

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Sydney and Perth Conference Update:

Sydney:

SYDNEY Conference delegates -- YOUR books!!!!

ANY delegate to the Sydney conference who wishes to have their books sold by the bookseller and have NOT already informed Susanne MUST email Susanne. The bookseller will attempt to have two titles of your books at the conference. At the 2006 Conference most books were sold. Email Susanne at susanne.gervay@scbwiaustralia.org with **YOUR NAME & YES I WANT MY BOOKS FOR SALE** in the subject line.

Many delegates will have booked in by Friday night so a buffet dinner has been organized but you MUST book for the buffet urgently. Bookings are ESSENTIAL so email admin@hughendenhotel.com.au with **YOUR NAME & SCBWI FRIDAY NIGHT BUFFET** in the subject line and VISA/MasterCard details cost \$25 per head.

There are still a FEW spaces left for delegates (both full and one day) to the second **Bi-Annual SCBWI Australia and New Zealand Conference** to be held in Sydney on 23rd – 24th February 2008 at the Hughenden Hotel, Woollahra. So jump to the website, have a look at the updated programme on the conference page (www.scbwiaustralia.org/conferences.htm), download the registration form and send it off. We would love to see you there. NO Manuscript places are left.

Perth:

Perth delegates have had regular conference updates. If you have any questions or require further information not on our website at www.scbwiaustralia.org/conferences.htm then do contact [Dianne Wolfer](#).

Bologna Book Fair:

Are you attending the book fair this year in Bologna? If so then email Susanne (susanne.gervay@scbwiaustralia.org) ASAP. There is a trade stall and other information that might interest you ... email Susanne with **YOUR NAME & BOLOGNA BOOK FAIR** in the subject line

Upcoming Regional Meetings:

Remember to check the scbwiaustralia.org website for the latest information about upcoming meetings and any changes. And remember too that if you are visiting from interstate you are most welcome to attend the meetings so do drop in and say Hi!

NSW:

- February 23-24th; the 2nd Biennial SCBWI Australia and New Zealand conference at the Hughenden Boutique Hotel Woollahra
- Wednesday 23rd April; 5-7 p.m. for Network with optional dinner afterwards at the [Hughenden Boutique Hotel](#), 14 Queen Street Woollahra – take the bus from city along Oxford Street.
Contact: Christopher or Susanne RA@scbwiaustralia.org.

VIC:

- Saturday 5 April - Afternoon at the Seaside - 2.00 - 5.00 p.m.
Gathering at the Mornington Library to hear Meredith Horton from Farrell's Bookstore talk about the bookseller's role in selling and promoting children's books and author/illustrator talks and book signings. Afternoon tea included, members and non-members.
- A special note from Corinne: At a date to be advised, we will also be running a full day Presentation Skills workshop especially for children's authors and illustrators. This will be run by Greg Parker of Forte Corporate Training. The workshop will cover such things as delivery, assessing the audience, how to feel comfortable and relax, projecting your voice and how to deal with hiccups - like total failure of technical support!!!! etc. Watch for further information. Contact [Corinne King](#).

WA:

- February 16 – 17; the regional Western Australia conference an umbrella event of the 2nd international SCBWI Australia and New Zealand conference. At the Alexander State Library.
- April 13th; Meeting in Perth/Fremantle, venue TBA. Contact [Dianne Wolfer](#).

QLD:

- Sunday February 3rd
- Sunday May 4th

Contact [Prue Mason](#).

Member News

Wendy Orr. Get ready folks the screen adaptation of Nim's Island by Wendy Orr starring Jodie Foster is due to be released in Australia on April 3, 2008. There is even a blog for the movie Check out <http://www.nimsisland.blogspot.com>. Congratulations Wendy!!!

Felicity Pulman has won the Society of Women Writers biennial book award in the junior fiction category for her novel *Lilies for Love*, Book 3 in her medieval crime series for teenagers, *The Janna Mysteries*. Book 4, *Willows for Weeping* will be launched at the SCBWI conference in Sydney in February. Meanwhile Flick is busy researching the 1850s for a short children's novel commissioned by the Australian National Museum for the *Making Tracks* series.

And also from Felicity:

Felicity Pulman's time-slip adventure for children, *Ghost Boy*, now forms the basis of a new tour at the Quarantine Station at Manly, Sydney. The Ghost Boy Tour is aimed at upper primary students, and takes them back to the chaos and horror of a smallpox epidemic in 1881. While following in Tad's footsteps, students learn about early immigration and the treatment of disease, the class system (which was rigidly enforced) and anti-Chinese racism. More information on www.felicitypulman.com.au or www.q-station.com.au Bookings essential: tel: 1300 886 875.

Sarah Davis. Last newsletter we mentioned about Sarah's new personalised series of sports books ... well here is an excerpt of the release and a photo from the launch. Howzat!!

October 30, 2007

AUSTRALIAN cricket superstar Brett Lee is lending his sporting hero status to a personalised book which encourages children to read and gives them healthy lifestyle messages.

"It gives the kids an opportunity to learn how to read, to encourage kids to read, which is the most important thing," Lee said at today's launch of (Name) & Brett - Fitter, Faster, Stronger. Each book is personalised with the child's own details, including their name, eye and hair colour, and names of their friends.



...A chance encounter with the famous fast bowler takes them on an inspirational journey in which Lee imparts his values of healthy eating and healthy living, as well as a few tips on bowling.

Lee, 30, said the book also encouraged parents to remember that children just need to have fun when playing sport.

"It doesn't matter if you win, lose or draw, the most important thing is you go out there and give it your best," he told reporters at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

(Name) & Brett is the second book in the Childhood Heroes series, following footballer Tim Cahill's book released in June this year.

... All proceeds from sales of the books will go to a breast cancer charity, The McGrath Foundation. The book can be ordered online, with personalised details, at www.childhoodheroes.net.

Kate Forsyth. A record 5 of Kate's 6 books in her Chain of Charms series published by Pan MacMillan Australia have been short listed for the Aurelius Awards. Congrats Kate!

New Books By Members:

Chris Bell (www.chrisbell.com.au)

- *Ghost Girl*, Funtastic Books
- *Trapped*, Thomson Learning Australia
- *The Key Cutter's Grandson*, Thomson Learning Australia

Helen Chapman

- *Champions*, Rising Stars, UK
- *Truth or Dare*, Rising Stars, UK

Sarah Davis (www.sarahdavisillustration.com)

- (*Personalised Name*) & Brett - *Fitter, Faster, Stronger*; Childhood Heroes;

Wendy Orr (www.wendyorr.com)

- *Nim at Sea*, illustrated by Kerry Millard, Allen & Unwin; ISBN 9781741148619

Felicity Pulman (www.felicitypulman.com.au)

- *Rosemary for Remembrance & Rue for Repentance* (bind-up), Books 1 & 2 of The Janna Mysteries,

Pam Rushby (www.pamelarushby.com)

- *Let's Eat!*; junior non-fiction, Harcourt, 2007, ISBN 9780731273201
- *Times are Changing*; junior fiction, Harcourt, 2007, ISBN 9780731273102
- *We All Call Australia Home*; junior non-fiction, Harcourt, 2007, ISBN 9780731273607
- *Bilby Friends*; junior non-fiction, Harcourt, 2007, ISBN 9781731273720
- *Shuttle to the Moon*; junior fiction, Harcourt, 2007, ISBN 9780731273393
- *Steve Irwin, Wildlife Warrior*; junior non-fiction, Harcourt, 2007, ISBN 9780731273966

Lynelle Westlake

- *Trog the Book Frog*; Boolarong Press, October 2007; ISBN 9781921054457
- *Ornella the Owl who was afraid of the dark*; Boolarong Press, November 2007; ISBN 9781921054754

Dianne Wolfer

- **Photographs in the Mud (pb)** with Brian Harrison-Lever ill. rereleased by Fremantle Press.

YOUR BOOK NEWS!!!

When your new books are published don't forget to send us the details straight away. Please include all the publishing information:- ISBN, publisher, date etc. Very shortly on our website we will list all books published by our members last year (2007) and then add to that all that our members publish this year. This will be a growing list where we can see our creative members! Send your book news to SCBWI Australia (chris.cheng@scbwiaustralia.org) for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Other Information

New Awards:

In case you haven't heard the new federal government announced on 4th December, two major new tax-free literary prizes – the Prime Minister's Literary Prize for fiction and Prime Minister's Literary Prize for non-fiction each worth \$100,00 (with a further \$100,000 budget for promotion and administration) ... the richest in Australia and ranking among the top literary prizes in the world. It will be interesting to see where kids books fit into this!

Digital rights:

Make sure you are up-to-speed with your digital rights in your contracts. Dymocks booksellers and ABC have recently announced their digital book download facility.

Websites

Do remember that if you have a website we can list it on our website at scbwiaustralia.org. Send your website details to Christopher (chris.cheng@scbwiaustralia.org). Illustrators – we also have our Illustrators Gallery so again; let Christopher know if you would like your website there. Remember to nominate one of your illustrations to be displayed.

New Members

Welcome to our new members:

- Kathleen Allanby
- Paul Andrews
- Claire Armstrong
- Sarah Ashcroft
- Jennifer Banyard
- Karen Blair
- Alisa Boland
- Jill B. Bruce
- Tarsha Burn
- Tina Clark
- Danielle Costley
- Devlyn Denais
- Janet Duncan
- Meg English
- Valerie Everett
- Margaret Fitzpatrick
- Warren Flynn
- Heather Gall
- Lorna Gregory
- Sheryl Gwyther
- Libby Hathorn
- Kandace Horton
- Samantha Hughes
- Ann Ivamy-Phillips
- Joanne Ivinson
- Maureen Johnson
- Joy Kilian
- Alan Lawrence
- Monica Lizama
- Anna W. Lorenz
- Petra Lovey
- Troy Mayne
- Barbara L. McGuire
- Leah McShane
- Sonya Melbourne
- Shannon Melville
- Glenda Millard
- Arianne O'Connell
- Matthew Ottley
- Sue Page
- Elizabeth Pemberton
- Pauline Richards
- Karen Robertson
- Leonie Rutherford
- Joan Salanitri
- Joanne Sandhu

- Susan Satari
- Michael J. Selway
- Peter Sheehan
- Sonya Simpson
- Maria Simpson
- Teri Singer
- Leesa Smith
- Katie Stewart
- Sonia Timms
- Karl Trepka
- Sharon Williams
- Katherine Woodward

Have great creative months ... and we hope to see you at one of our conferences soon!

Christopher and Susanne.