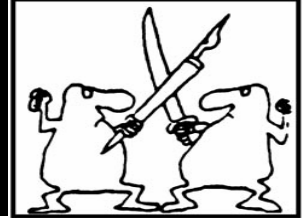


The Mighty Pen

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Events Calendar

Celebratory Drinks / Nibblies

All volunteers are invited to join us in the bookshop from 3-5pm, Wednesday, July 18 to celebrate and say 'thank you' to all involved with the successful cataloguing of our books in Readerware.



Movie Night We are still deciding on when to hold our South London Gangster Flickfest night. We hope to announce a date in the next issue of the newsletter so watch this space!

June Birthdays

Paul Hodges—28th June

Anna—29th June

Wendy—1st July

Did we miss yours? If so fill out the birthday form!



Quote of the Month

I haven't read a book in my life

- Victoria Beckham aka Posh Spice

(This month's quote kindly sourced by Anna V.)



Who are the Committee?

President—Kathy Munro

Acting treasurer—Anna Vincent

Secretary—Naomi Frampton

Members—Paul Hodges, Catherine Rafferty, Nancy Joe.

Thank you to every volunteer

We're finished! It's done! Every section of the bookshop has been catalogued in Readerware! To celebrate and to thank everyone involved in this huge accomplishment we'd like to invite all volunteers to join us for drinks and nibblies:

When: Wednesday, July 18

Time: 3pm-5pm

Where: Annerley Community Bookshop

Please come along if you're free—we'd love to see you.

ABE Booksellers night

Tuesday 12 June was attended by about 20 booksellers. The night was hosted by Marc from ABE Books and Phil Israël, ABE's Australian representative. The shop received lots of compliments—someone even said it was the nicest second hand bookstore they'd seen! People were really impressed with how spacious and welcoming our shop feels. We'd like to say thanks to Mic Clouten for liaising with the ABE guys, organizing food, wine and invitations, and to Paul for his excellent bartending and waiter skills on the night.

Yeronga TAFE Community Development Students

Earlier this year Pauline Coffey, who teaches Community Development students at Yeronga TAFE, approached the committee with the idea of forming a partnership which would allow students to find out about the ins and outs of how a not-for-profit community organisation works and work on practical ways to assist the organisation as a core part of their course.

A number of the students have already been to the bookshop and given feedback and ideas – a volunteer newsletter was just one of them. Paul and Naomi have met with Pauline several times and been out and talked to the students. Now the students are getting to the business end of their course – the practical things that they can do to help the Bookshop achieve its aims. As the volunteers are the core of the organisation the students are keen to find out about the nitty gritty of what you actually do and the day-to-day pleasures and problems that contribute to the fun of it all, so they may well be popping in over the next few weeks to talk about just that. So tell all – don't stand under a fan while you do it – and if you get a captive audience remember to "promote a love of books and literature" while you're there. -Naomi Frampton

Tales from the Committee

The discussion at the last meeting covered a range of different topics.

Thank you Firstly, the committee sends a huge thanks to all the volunteers who've helped with the Readerware cataloguing. It's been a long and difficult process but we got there in the end!

Treasurer wanted We are on the lookout for a new treasurer as Shuling is expecting a baby (congratulations Shuling!). Should you know someone who'd be interested in the position please speak to a committee member. In the meantime Anna is standing in as Treasurer.

Friends & family 4-for-3 special offer The committee has decided to offer 4-for-3 vouchers to all volunteers. Grab a handful and pass them out to family, friends or anyone else who might be interested. If you'd like a copy emailed to you please fill out your email details on the back of the newsletter.

Next committee meeting Tuesday, July 17.

Love these ideas? Hate them? Have better ones? Talk to Paul, Nancy or Anna if there's anything you'd like to discuss at committee meetings.

Newsletter contributions & feedback

This newsletter is lovingly written by Nancy and Anna, and beautifully designed and edited by Jeanette and Paul. If you would like to contribute, please speak to one of us, or email us at ancombo@tpg.com.au. We welcome all feedback and suggestions and especially article submissions!



Tip of the Month

One of the main difficulties of Readerware data entry is that some books are ending up in the wrong category (eg. a Crime book is listed under General Fiction). To reduce the incidence of errors we can:

- read the blurb on the back or inside cover of the book
- ask another volunteer or Paul for a second opinion
- research the book and/or author online (a useful search engine is www.google.com)
- check against our list of categories to find the most appropriate category. A list of our current categories can be found on the shop mud map behind the front counter, and behind Paul's computer.

Competition Results

Unfortunately it's bad news for those who entered our Name the Newsletter Competition. We had so many votes requesting that we keep the current name that we have had to close without a winner. If you submitted an entry, don't worry, we are going to put in a bonus entry for you in our next competition (see below for details). There's still a \$10 Groove Café voucher up for grabs so enter now!



Bookshop News

Update on Weekly Spot Sales

Last month we introduced spot sales offering a 50% discount on all books from different sections in the shop (changing weekly). We are continuing with these so keep an eye open for the signs up around the shop to see which section is currently on sale. There is also a list of current and upcoming sales on the staff noticeboard.

Update on Discount Vouchers

Family & friends 4-for-3 vouchers are now available to all volunteers. Vouchers entitle the bearer to 4 books for the price of 3 (the cheapest book is free). Pass them on to your friends and family!

Discount vouchers have been distributed to Yeronga TAFE students (25% off), Groove Café customers (10% off) and Anglicare Migrant and Refugee Services clients (10% off). All vouchers expire on 31/12/07 and must be produced to claim a discount.

Name tags

Anna felt so special wearing a name tag at the ABE night she's decided to share the joy by printing one for everyone else. They are strictly optional—but Anna really recommends trying it before you knock it. If you'd like a name tag and there isn't one printed for you, or if your name isn't spelled correctly (sorry!), leave a note in the communications book or email ancombo@tpg.com.au.

Volunteer News

Congratulations to Friday volunteers Matt and Laura who have both found paid work. All the best to you in your new jobs!

Help Wanted

- *Would you like to improve your IT skills?* We need someone to spend an hour or so each week updating our website. No experience is necessary as we'll provide all the training required to do the job.
- *Story-tellers wanted* If you have an outgoing personality and get on well with children, we need you for our children's story-telling sessions! Come and see us if you're interested or would like more info.
- *Sunday trading trial* In an effort to increase our sales we will begin trading on Sundays for a trial period. We have a few volunteers already keen to help out but if you would also like to lend a hand we would appreciate it!

For more information about any of these positions, please speak to Paul, Nancy or Anna, or send us an email at: ancombo@tpg.com.au.

Got a great idea for increasing our bookshop sales? If so, tell us to enter the draw for the chance to win a \$10 Groove Café voucher!

Fill in your details and place this coupon in the competition envelope on the staff noticeboard. Entries close Friday, July 27.

Your idea:

Name:

Phone:

Email:



Would you like to receive your newsletters by email?

If so, fill in your details and pop this coupon into the envelope on the staff noticeboard.

Name:

Email:



Let us know when your birthday is!

Fill in your details and pop this coupon into the envelope on the staff noticeboard.

Name:

Birthday (Month/Day):