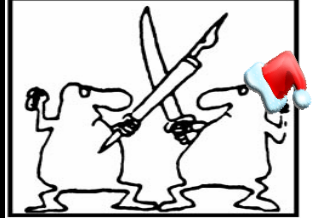




The Mighty Pen

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Social Calendar

Grab some great Christmas gifts and delicious food at the **Valley**

Summer Nights Market.

The market is held every Friday from 4-9pm until the end of February in Brunswick Street Mall, Fortitude Valley.

Come along and be entertained for free this weekend at the **Southbank Parklands Christmas Celebrations**. On between 6-9pm from December 21st to 23rd, there will be fireworks, food, buskers and, of course, Father Christmas.

Make the most of your **Christmas Holiday**. The Bookshop will be closed from Christmas Day until New Year's Day inclusive, so lounge around, relax, and we'll see you when we re-open on the 2nd of January!

Quote of the Month

"Literacy is a human right"

Kofi Annan
at the launch of the UN's
Literacy Decade



Who are the Committee?

President—Naomi Frampton
Secretary—Cath Rafferty
Treasurer—Anna

Vincent
Members—Paul Hodges,
Kathy Munro, Nancy Joe.

Welcome to the Bumper Christmas Edition of The Mighty Pen

Christmas has truly arrived at the Annerley Community Bookshop—thank you Paul for the incredible decorations. Christmas is a busy time for everyone, but it's always a good idea to stop, take a breath, and say thanks to all the people who have helped us throughout the year. We'd like to say thanks to all our volunteers, Paul and the Committee; congratulations and best wishes to those who have finished study and are leaving us; and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

Christmas Party/AGM

Thanks to everyone who attended our Christmas Party/AGM! A great night was had by all and we will certainly be continuing the tradition of combining our AGM with a Christmas Party into the future.

The first point of business at the AGM was Kathy Munro presenting her last President's report. Kathy will continue on as a Bookshop Management Committee member, but felt it was an appropriate time for a change in leadership. From everyone at the Bookshop we want to say a huge thank you to Kathy for her incredible drive and passion over the last four years.

Every year the committee members stand for re-election to their nominated positions. For 2008, the committee as elected is:

Naomi Frampton—President; Cath Rafferty—Secretary; Anna Vincent—Treasurer; Nancy Joe, Kathy Munro, Paul Hodges—General Members.

Minutes for General Meeting Tuesday 20th November

Since both the law regarding not-for-profit organisations and the Bookshop itself have changed in the last 12 months, it seemed an ideal time to give our constitution a bit of a spring clean. Our objects required the most polishing, and the new version follows.

Objects: The basic objects of the Association are:

- To provide a wide range of affordable books and literature to promote and support literacy and reading in the community.
- To provide meaningful opportunities for engagement with others in the local community for volunteers, committee members, customers and other supporters of the Association.
- To respond creatively to address perceived community needs and to collaborate with educational institutions, government and non-government organisations and service providers, businesses and individuals to this end.

You can read the entire constitution online at <http://www.annerleybookshop.com.au/Reports.htm>.

Committee Capers: Tuesday 20th November

Homebase The committee would like to thank Eileen for her hard work with Homebase over the last month. Homebase suffered a mild breakdown, but is now up and running again. Phew!

Air-conditioning A few months ago the committee submitted a funding application to install air-conditioning in the shop. Unfortunately we weren't successful, but we know how warm the shop gets and the committee is working on other possible solutions.

Christmas trading The last trading day of the year will be December 24th and the bookshop will reopen on January 2nd. Paul will be off enjoying eggnog and carols from December 21st until January 8th. We all hope he enjoys another well-earned break.

Next committee meeting : January 2008

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

We love volunteer contributions! Talk to one of us or email your feedback, suggestions or article submissions to an-combo@tpg.com.au. Issue 6: articles written and compiled by: Anna "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Vincent, Nancy "Silent Night" Joe. Edited by: Paul "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Hodges. Layout by: Jeanette "Away in a Manger" Shepherd.



Christmas Eating Tips

—Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.

—Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people's food free. Lots of it. Hello?

—Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 5-kilo plate of food.

—If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the centre of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.

—Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.



Bookshop News

Annerley Community Bookshop Christmas Donations

Christmas is always a good time to assess the Bookshop's contribution to the wider community. In our tireless pursuit to promote and support literature and reading in the community, we have made a number of donations this December. The Bookshop donated \$400-worth of Bookshop gift vouchers to the **Southside Education Centre** (www.southside.qld.edu.au), an independent school for vulnerable and disadvantaged young women. They were thrilled with their gifts and descended on the shop within the week to use them.

The Bookshop also donated \$100-worth of Bookshop gift vouchers to the **Annerley Literacy Centre**. The Bookshop has had a long and close connection with the Literacy Centre, and we hope to continue aiding them wherever possible in the New Year. Another lot of Bookshop gift vouchers, also to the value of \$100, was given to the **Romero Centre** who aid refugees on temporary protection visas.

Following the precedent set last year with our donation to the Butterfly Foundation (www.butterflyfoundation.org), this year we gave a \$100 cash gift to the **Karuna Hospice Service** on behalf of the Bookshop's volunteers. The Karuna Hospice Service provides free, at-home, palliative care to terminally ill patients. Only 50% of their costs are covered by the Queensland Government; the other 50% are covered by community donations. You can read more about their hospice services and other community work at www.karuna.org.au.

Spot & Buy-3-Get-1-Free sales—now over

Our weekly spot sales are now finished for 2007, but never fear, they'll be back in early 2008. Remember to keep your eyes glued to the big yellow signs at the counter which will tell you when the spot sales are back and which section is on sale. Our Buy-3-Get-1-Free sale in the shop is also finished. However if a customer has a Buy-3-Get-1-Free flyer or voucher they are still valid until the end of December.

Being a financial member of the Annerley Community Bookshop

Almost every new volunteer asks the same question when filling out their Volunteer application form, "What does being a member of the Annerley Community Bookshop mean and what are the objects I have to abide by?" It's not as scary as it sounds, we promise. Membership costs \$2 per year (\$4 if you're employed) and is open to volunteers and non-volunteers. Members are entitled to vote at committee meetings and the AGM and can nominate themselves or other members to the Management Committee. Plus, if you're not a volunteer, membership entitles you to a 10% discount on all your book purchases (volunteers receive 50% discount).

The objects of the Bookshop have just been re-written and are printed under **Committee Capers: Tuesday 20th November** on the front page of the Mighty Pen. The Bookshop encourages all volunteers to become members, but if you've got any other questions please feel free to ask Paul or your fellow volunteers.

Help Wanted: New Volunteers

For many of us, the festive season is a chance to spend quality time with family and friends. Why not use this time to badger your loved ones mercilessly into becoming a volunteer?! The Bookshop would love some new volunteers, so if you know any friends, family members, acquaintances, neighbours, colleagues, Facebook friends, fellow students or complete strangers who are interested in volunteering, get them to give Paul a call in the New Year.

<p>✂</p> <p>Sign up here to help us reduce paper waste!</p> <p>Fill in your details and pop this coupon into the envelope on the staff noticeboard to get your newsletter emailed to you.</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Email:</p>	<p>✂</p> <p>Happy birthday to you! Don't be shy, fill in this coupon and place it in the envelope on the staff noticeboard.</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Birthday (Month/Day):</p>
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