

E-Newsletter

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Sue Woolfe



President's Message

I'm deeply honoured to have been asked to be President of this august society for women, going since 1925! I am very lucky to step into the shoes of your previous highly accomplished president and I have inherited her excellent, hard-working committee.

Like many of you, my whole life has been about reading and writing. I'm a fiction writer of both published novels and short stories (and some unpublished ones), occasionally a non-fiction writer - about writing and more recently, creativity and neuroscience, I'm occasionally a playwright for the professional stage, and once upon a time, a film-maker and script writer. With other authors, I've been struggling for four years to bring to life a website for established authors to ePublish, and sell books - so I'm no longer the luddite I was. My personal website is: www.suewoolfe.com.au

Like many of you, I enjoyed our July events hugely (Cat Sparks, Susanne Gervay and Alana Valentine), and am looking forward to our August events, with Jill B Bruce (Non Fiction Writing), Lisa Shanahan (Children's Picture Books) and our own Dr Maria Hill (researching the Anzacs in Salonika).

I hope to meet you then. Please come and say hello to me.



2015-2016 Committee

President - Sue Woolfe

Vice-President - Susanne Gervay

Vice-President - Dr Sue Steggall

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If you wish to contribute any member news, please email your text and image as a jpeg file to: kris@kristinprescott.com with "ATTN: SWW E-News editor" in subject heading. **The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month.** Any late submissions will be held for the following month.

SWW GENERAL ENQUIRIES

0490 363 778

For more information about our events.

NEXT
LITERARY LUNCHEON
Wednesday 12 August

State Library of NSW
Macquarie Street, Sydney

10.00 - 11.45am: Workshop

Telling the Truth: Non Fiction Writing
 Jill B Bruce

Workshop Coordinator:

Robyn McWilliam 0418 225 051

**12.00pm - 12.20pm: Arrival and
 Registration**

12.20 - 1pm: Luncheon

1pm - 1.15pm: Member Talk

Researching the Anzacs in Salonika in
 deepest, darkest Macedonia: 1915-1918
 Maria Hill

1.20pm - 2pm: Guest Speaker

Dragons, Pirates, Bears and Chooks:
 The Magic of Picture Books
 Lisa Shanahan



Price and Booking Information

LUNCHEON AND/OR WORKSHOP

Pay by *direct deposit* into the SWW bank account by the **FRIDAY** before the meeting OR you can still pay on the day of the meeting.

Members:

Luncheon \$42 (ML)
 Workshop \$30 (MWS)
 Morning Tea & Workshop \$65 (MLW)

Non Members:

Luncheon \$47 (NML)
 Workshop \$40 (NMWS)
 Morning Tea & Workshop \$80 (NMLW)

For Direct Deposit please use the codes listed above
The Society of Women Writer's NSW Inc
BSB: 062 018 A/C: 0095 0433

Everyone must book with Lynda Calder BEFORE 10am on the MONDAY before the meeting.

NB: There is still a permanent list for bookings if you wish to be on it.

Please book by email if you have access to a computer.

Contact Name: SWW Lunch Booking

Email address: swwlunchbooking@gmail.com

Mobile phone: Text message to 0403 177 208

Your text message should be addressed to swwlunchbooking or swwlunch and should contain: date, your name and number.



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Workshop Presentation



Telling the Truth: Non Fiction Writing

Jill B Bruce

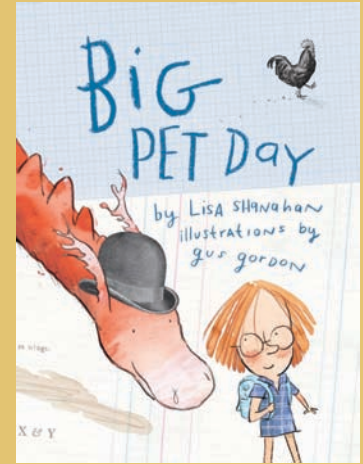
Jill B Bruce, a former teacher librarian for 27 years, has published 73 books for children on Australian life. Her latest titles are *Australian Seashore* and *Explorers of Inland Australia*.

In 2012-13, Jill was a judge for the Children's Book Council of Australia awards and last year was honoured with *The CBCA NSW Lady Cutler Award* for services to children's literature.

In her workshop, Jill will focus on finding the 'true' facts and writing them in an imaginative and interesting way. Jill says, 'writers of fiction can let their imaginations run wild BUT non-fiction writing involves facts.'

She will show us where and how to research and challenge participants with a writing exercise. Jill's vibrant books both educate and entertain children. Sharing her knowledge should provide a fun workshop.

Guest Speaker Presentation



Dragons, Pirates, Bears and Chooks: The Magic of Picture Books

Lisa Shanahan

So where do wonderful ideas for picture books come from? And what really makes them work?

Lisa Shanahan will celebrate all things picture book, including how they grow from first tiny seed to final story.

Lisa is an award-winning writer of picture books and fiction for young people. Some of her well-loved picture books include *Gordon's got a Snookie*, *Bear and Chook*, *Daddy's Having a Horse*, *My Mum Tarzan* and the junior novels *Sweetie May* and *Sweetie May Overboard*.

Her first novel for teenagers, *My Big Birkett*, was published to critical acclaim both in Australia, where it was short-listed for the CBCA Book of the Year for Older Readers and in the United States, where it was included in the New York Public Library Best Books for the Teen Age list.

Her picture book *Bear and Chook by the Sea*, illustrated by Emma Quay, won the CBCA Book of the Year for Early Childhood in 2010.

Her most recent books include *Big Pet Day*, illustrated by Gus Gordon.

Member Talk



Researching the Anzacs in Salonika in deepest, darkest Macedonia: 1915-1918

Dr Maria Hill

Dr Maria Hill is a professional historian with expertise in military history, particularly the Greek and Crete campaigns of 1941.

She has an Honours, Masters and PhD in History from the University of New South Wales. Her book, *Diggers and Greeks: The Australian Campaigns in Greece and Crete* was shortlisted in 2010 for the Queensland Premier's Literary Awards. She is the author of an award winning history teaching publication, *Federation: Inclusion and Exclusion* that earned her a Commonwealth Centenary Medal for her contribution to education.

Formerly, a visiting fellow at ADFA, a judge of the NSW Premier's History Prize, Guest Speaker and Workshop presenter at the Brisbane Writers Festival, Managing Editor of the Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism at Macquarie University and President of the Society of Women Writers NSW.

Currently she is conducting research for a new book on the Anzacs in Salonika 1915-1918.

REMINDER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS ARE NOW OVERDUE

If you have not yet sent your blue form and payment in, please do so ASAP.

You can also hand your form in at the next monthly luncheon event.

Maria McDougall has been elected as the new Membership Secretary so please address all correspondence now to her. The address is:

PO Box 3018, North Turramurra NSW 2074

[Download a membership form HERE](#)

Member News & Congratulations!

Felicity Pulman is delighted to announce that all six books of her rewritten and repackaged medieval crime series, The Janna Chronicles, have now been released by Momentum (Pan Macmillan.) E-books are available from all e-book retailers; print versions available through www.momentumbooks.com.au.



Kristin Prescott and Sue Steggall are taking part in Write-a-book-in-a-day challenge in August to raise money for the Kids Cancer Project. Their team (NBWG) will write and illustrate a 10,000 word children's book in 12 hours.

All sponsorship funds go to the charity.

To support the team [CLICK HERE](#) and select Northern Beaches Writers' Group.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Julie Thorndyke & Susan Street

BEYOND THE FATHER'S SHADOW

THE STORY OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST FEMALE PARLIAMENTARIAN
EDITH COWAN

Screening of the film by Saba Vasefi

followed by:

A Panel Discussion on Misogyny & Politics
A musical performance by the Sydney Youth Orchestra

NSW Parliament House
August 26, 2015 6-9pm

Presented by the Parliament of NSW & Supported by AFRS

Launched by Tara Moss and hosted by Dr. Mehreen Faruqi

The Panel



Dr Mehreen Faruqi
Member of
the NSW Legislative Council



Saba Vasefi
Director
Refugee Week Ambassador



Tara Moss
Author
UNICEF Ambassador



Lee Rhiannon
Senator
for NSW



Hon Linda Burney
Deputy Leader of the
Opposition



Dr Wendy Michaels
Historian



Sarah Hanson Young
Senator
for SA



Van Badham
Columnist
The Guardian



Andrea Ulbrick
ABC Commissioning Editor
& Master of Ceremonies

AFRS



Australian Government
Australian Film Television and Radio School

SWW Member and former Guest Speaker
Saba Vasefi, would like to invite you to her
latest film screening and the following panel
discussion.

Location: NSW Parliament House

Date: August 25, 2015

Time: 6-9pm

Tickets: \$10

To book [CLICK HERE](#)

Di Yerbury Award Winner Felicity Pulman checks in from Barnstaple, UK.



I'm now ensconced in Di Yerbury's comfortable flat in Devon after five wonderful weeks with Mike travelling through northern France, London and Yorkshire. There were plenty of research opportunities along the way including the fabulous Mont St Michel, Paris, Angers and Poitiers in France then on to England to investigate the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament plus visits to abbeys and castles in Yorkshire with special significance for the Plantagenets, especially Richard III. Mike stayed in Barnstaple with me for a few days and I was glad of his help, particularly when it came to going online! We spent our time exploring historic Barnstaple and its beautiful coastal surrounds, and I'm now feeling 'at home.'

The work is going well - touch wood! I'm in a routine now: I write in the mornings and afternoons with a break for lunch and a long walk to clear my head, and also let the ideas flow. I've had one MAJOR disaster where I lost 2 days work (4000 words) but I've written myself over that hump now, and I've found a new site on which to save the manuscript. I'm not sure when this year's applications for the residency are due but if I can help with questions or anything else, please email me: felicity@felicitypulman.com.au.

Let me add that this is such a wonderful opportunity and is proving to be such a productive time for me, so do give it a go, and good luck!

BTW I'm now blogging about my research journey and what I'm writing about, so if you're interested, do check out my blog and join me on my journey: www.felicitypulman.com.au/blog.



‘Giving Women a Voice’

Bookings are open for the Society of Women Writers NSW
90th Anniversary Luncheon on

9 September 2015

With special guest Prof Di Yerbury OA and keynote speaker Jessica Rowe AM

Places are filling up for one of the biggest literary networking events of the year.

The Society of Women Writers’ 90th anniversary celebration is more than just a luncheon, it is an opportunity to take your place among some of the most successful women in Australia’s literary world.

Come and join

Professor Elizabeth Webby

Zoe Rodriguez - *Copyright Agency Limited*

Linda Funnell - *Chair, NSW Writers’ Centre*

Susannah Fullerton - *President, Jane Austen Society*

Cat Sparks - *Fiction Editor, Cosmos Magazine*

Trevar Langlands - *Fellowship of Australian Writers*

Fiona Inglis - *Managing Director, Curtis Brown Australia*

Jozefa Sobski - *Chair, Jessie Street National Women’s Library*

Nola Barkl - *President, National Council of Women NSW*

Cassie Mercer - *Editor & Publisher, Inside History Magazine*

Selwa Anthony - *Selwa Anthony Author Management*

and many more ...

Along with a keynote speech by Jessica Rowe AM, there will be presentations and gifts to past Presidents and authors who have been members for over 40 years. We will also be recognising those who have made significant contributions to the Society. The event will also include the presentation of the 90th Anniversary Writing awards and trophies for Non-Fiction, Short Story and Poetry.

Be Part of Literary History
[Click Here for a BOOKING FORM](#)

The Society of Women Writers NSW Committee and Team for 2015-16

Committee: *Sue Woolfe – President, Susanne Gervay – Vice-President, Dr Susan Steggall – Vice-President & Sub-Editor, Amanda Mark – Treasurer, Maria McDougall – Membership Secretary, Yvonne Yarman – Publicity Officer, Sandra Davis, Vivienne Foster, Libby Hathorn, Lindsay Lewis, Mary Ann Napper, Judith O'Connor.*

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