



Society of Women Writers NSW Inc.

E-Newsletter

SEASON'S GREETINGS

December 2018
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Gwen Bitti, President

Dates for your Diary 2018

*Please note Changes to
December Program**

12 December: Christmas Luncheon

Workshop—Pippa Kay*

Keynote Speaker—Susie Smither

Abbie Clancy Award—Winner's Speech*

Dates for your Diary 2019

13 February:

Workshop—Roanna Gonsalves

Keynote Speaker—Roanna Gonsalves

Di Yerbury Residency Award

13 March:

Workshop— Sue Woolfe

Keynote Speaker—Sue Woolfe

Member Speaker—Mary Ann Napper

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a wonderful year for the Society of Women Writers NSW. During the year we have enjoyed hearing and learning from many accomplished Keynote Speakers and Workshop Presenters. Member Speakers inspired us with their interesting writing projects.

Women's INK! Magazine brought us reports from the workshops and speakers that we could reflect upon long after the meetings. If you missed a meeting it gave you the opportunity to catch up. Members shared their stories; there was Q&A and conversations. We were given tips to help sharpen our writing skills.

The Book Awards in October was a true celebration and a strong reminder that women writers and journalists founded the Society of Women Writers with the goal of supporting women writers and promoting Australian literature.

In December, the tradition will continue with Emeritus Professor Elizabeth Webby announcing the winner of the 2018 Abbie Clancy Award to a female honours or post graduate student attending a NSW University.

Our Keynote Address by the dynamic, multi Award winning Susie Smither, President of the Australian Ladies Variety Association, will not fail to entertain us. Pippa Kay will be presenting the Workshop.

December will be the Society's last meeting in the Gallery Room. From February 2019 we will return to the Dixon Room for Workshops and Literary Luncheon Meetings.

It is not possible for the Society to function without commitment from the committee and everyone who contributes to the success of SWW NSW. I take this opportunity to thank them all.

I hope many members attend the December Literary Luncheon to celebrate the success of 2018.

I wish you all the best for the festive season and 2019.

Keep writing!

Gwen

NEXT LITERARY LUNCHEON

Wednesday 12 December 2018

Gallery Room, State Library of
NSW Macquarie Street, Sydney

*Revised Program

10.00–11.45am: Workshop:
The Gun on the Mantelpiece
PIPPA KAY*

12.00 – 12.20pm: Arrival &
Registration

12.20–12.45pm: Luncheon

12.50pm:
ABBY CLANCY AWARD
ANNOUNCEMENT AND WINNER'S
SPEECH

1.05–1.35pm:
Keynote Speaker:
Award Winning Entertainer,
Presenter and ALVA President
SUSIE SMITHER

Please return your 2018 Member
Survey at the December luncheon,
or return post by 31 December 2018
to: SWW NSW Members Survey,
GPO Box 1388, NSW 2001

Workshop Coordinator: Pippa Kay
0407725747

Christmas Luncheon and/or Workshop

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

**Christmas Luncheon includes a glass of wine (choice
of red or white) for members and guests. Please note
this means a \$5 increase.**

Members: Luncheon \$50 (ML) Workshop \$30 (MWS)
Luncheon & Workshop \$73 (MLW)
Non Members: Luncheon \$55 (NML) Workshop \$40
(NMWS) Luncheon & Workshop \$88 (NMLW).

For Direct Deposit please use the codes listed above.

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BSB: 062 018

A/C: 00950433

Everyone must book with Lynda Calder BEFORE
10.00am on the MONDAY before the meeting.

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

Please book by email, if possible.

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 phone number.



A Kris Kringle in the spirit of giving

If you would like to participate in our planned **Kris Kringle**
at the 12 December luncheon, please **bring a book in any**
type of wrapping. We will swap books during the
luncheon. Books can be new or second hand, they must be
wrapped.



Workshop

The Gun on the Mantelpiece

PIPPA KAY

Chekhov is alleged to have said: “If there’s a gun on the mantelpiece in Act 1, then someone should fire it in Act 3”.

Of course, it doesn’t have to be a gun, and it needn’t be on the mantelpiece. Chekhov is talking about foreshadowing, and it may also refer to the importance of not including anything that isn’t relevant to the story. In this workshop we’ll discuss Chekhov’s gun and how it can be used in structuring your stories and achieving that “ah-huh” moment at the conclusion for your readers.



Keynote Speaker

Award Winning Entertainer, Presenter and ALVA President

SUSIE SMITHER

Susie began her career as a dancer/singer joining cabaret trio Triple Treat at an early age. Triple Treat achieved an Ace Award and five Mo Awards for excellence in live vocal variety cabaret performance, with these awards proudly spanning a 25-year period. Diversifying soon after the formation of the act, Triple Treat Promotions was born, and a long and exciting journey began.

Many years of runway and editorial modelling for Susie segued into fashion event management and styling, with over a decade with David Jones as Project Manager. During that time, she managed Suburban Fashion Events over sixteen stores and across three states each fashion season. Hosting store openings, book launches, celebrity, and chef appearances along with food tastings teams across two states, she continued the David Jones association.

Shopping centres, retail & corporate contracts span children’s talent quests, pantomimes, licensed character events, workshops and activations, fashion style sessions & runway events, celebrity chef appearances, and food demonstrations, which keep the Triple Treat Promotions team busy.

Presenting and MC/Compere work is a passion and Susie has interviewed and toured with celebrities and talents from the fashion, dance, TV, and all things Westfield world, as well as the celebrity chefs and foodies adding diversity and exciting experiences! Recent 2017 events include hosting Zeigler Girls Australian National Tour featuring Maddie Zeigler of Sia music video fame and Project Managing a couture designer range launch at the National Bridal Market Chicago Trade Show.

It is not surprising being so involved in the entertainment industry, that Susie has wanted to “give back” from way back!

Susie has been an active member of ALVA since 1982. ALVA is the Australian Ladies Variety Association which represents all the female entertainers in Australia, who make live appearances on stages and in various aspects of the live entertainment industry. She joined the committee in 1997, was Secretary in 2003, was Vice President to President Maria Venuti in 2004 and became ALVA President in 2005. Susie has continued in this role to this date. With love and appreciation always to a strong and supportive committee of amazing ALVA girls! And the journey continues!



ABBIE CLANCY AWARD

Announcement of Abbie Clancy Award winner and Winner’s Speech.





MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to our members

BEVERLEY GEORGE

Convened Bowerbird Tanka Group #18
March 17, 2018.

Haiku published *Presence* #60 March 2018, UK.

Tanka published Tanka Café 'Ribbons' 14 (1) 2018, US.

'Unsung Tunes' tanka sequence with Kent Robinson;
'Knots' rengay with Simon Hanson; and 'Legacy': rengay
with Hazel Hall published *Kokako* #28 2018, NZ.

Haiku published *Mariposa* 38 2018, US.

Two tanka published in *Eucalypt* 24 2018.

Tanka sequence and tanka published in
International Tanka 3 2018, Japan.

Tanka published in *Ribbons* vol 14 No. 2 2018, US.

Haiku and a haiku response with Kent
Robinson published *Presence* #61 2018, UK.

Haiku on the Australian Haiku Society website for
Winter Solstice.

Haiku featured on Charlotte di Gregorio's *Daily Haiku*
August 14 2018.

Haiku published *Australian Haiku Society Echidna*
Tracks August 31.

Haiku included in *Wishbone Moon*; an anthology by
invitation of selected haiku by women haiku poets, US.

Two haiku and a Tanka Sequence with Kent
Robinson published *Kokako* #29 2018, NZ.

Haiku featured on Charlotte di Gregorio's *Daily Haiku*
4th September and 18th September 2018.

Haiku published *Australian Haiku Society Echidna*
Tracks September 8th and September 23rd 2018.

Bilingual poetry book *Only in Silence* highly
commended in Society of Women Writers (NSW)
Inc biennial national Book Awards: Poetry.

Tanka selected as Editor's Choice in *Cattails* October
2018 [US].

Introduction included in book by Saeko Ogi *Four*
Poets in a Boat, Ginninderra Press, 2018.

Presented a haiku workshop at Australia-Japan
Society Conference Oct 20, 2018.

Convened Bowerbird Tanka Group October 27 2018.

Haiku 'dusk moon' featured on Charlotte di Gregorio's
Daily Haiku 2nd November 2018.

SUSANNE GERVAY

**Nominated for the international Astrid
Lindgren Memorial Award 2019.**

246 candidates from 64 countries are nominated
for the 2019 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. The
candidates were presented at the Frankfurt Book
Fair on October 11 by the ALMA-jury chair Boel
Westin. The 2019 ALMA laureate will be
announced on April 2.

Best wishes also to Susanne who is unable to
present her planned workshop. Pippa Kay has
kindly offered to present a workshop – 'The Gun
on the Mantelpiece', instead.

JOANNE RUPPIN

Poem 'Time Travelling with Baby' was
Commended in this year's Newcastle Poetry
competition and published in the Newcastle
Poetry Prize anthology 2018. The anthology takes
the title of the winning poem *Buying Online*.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr Beatriz Copello has a vast body of publications
in poetry, short story, fiction, drama, literary papers
and reviews.



The Society of Women Writers NSW Inc.
Wishes you Compliments of the Season
and a safe and happy holiday.

The Society of Women Writers NSW Inc. Committee and Team for 2018 - 2019

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The November issue of
Women's INK!
is published & has the
SWW Survey inside.

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December Luncheon or by post
before **December 31, 2018.**

to: SWW NSW Members Survey,
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Memo to Members

A reminder that we offer an opportunity for
SWW members who cannot attend the
monthly lunch meetings to discuss their work.

Waratah Prose Group

Contact Lynda Calder for

information. alcalder@optusnet.com.au

MEMBER NEWS and SUBMISSIONS

Please email your Member News for the SWW
eNewsletter to: sharon.p.rundle@gmail.com
Attachments in MSWord document

2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

<https://womenwritersnsw.org/membership>
NB: On the form, you can choose to have your Name
and/or Website displayed in the proposed

Member Directory

on our Society of Women Writers NSW website.
Add your details for inclusion and return your form
with payment.

Please note that Direct Debit is available.

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