



Society of Women Writers NSW Inc.

E-Newsletter

Happy New Year 2019

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Gwen Bitti, President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year. I wish everyone a year filled with good health and plenty of time for writing.

A very successful 2018 for the Society ended with a packed and lively Christmas Literary Luncheon. Everyone was relaxed and appeared to enjoy the Kris Kringle book exchange. Emerita Professor, Elizabeth Webby announced Cheryl O'Byrne as the 2018 Abbie Clancy winner. Keynote speaker, Susie Smither together with our very own Lindsay Lewis took us on a fun and interesting journey. Valerie Pybus continued her long-standing tradition of baking a fruitcake as a prize for the event and author, Libby Hathorn supplied a number of her books to increase the number of prizes for the prize draw. A big thank you goes to both members for these very generous donations.

Congratulations to vice-president, Mary Ann Napper on the very professional and effective launch, late last year, of her book, *Nature's Child*. In March, as Member Speaker, Mary Ann will give the Society's members and guests an opportunity to hear about her book.

The 2019 calendar is filled with distinguished Keynote Speakers and Workshop Presenters. In addition to the regular morning workshops, there will be a full day workshop on Saturday 30 March with Carolyn Beaumont - '*The essential art of editing your manuscript*,' and an evening workshop on Tuesday 4 June with Laurel Cohn - '*The Development Phase*.' The National Writing Competitions will be held in November. Full details of both these workshops and the competition entry form will be in the March edition of *Women's Ink*!

In February, SWW NSW is delighted to host Workshop Presenter and Keynote Speaker Roanna Gonsalves, winner of the 2018 NSW Premier's Literary Awards Multicultural Prize for her debut book, *The Permanent Resident*.

Members, with only two places still available for Member Speakers this year, I urge you to make a booking as soon as possible.

Keep writing!

Gwen

Dates for your Diary 2019

12 February:

Workshop—Roanna Gonsalves

Keynote Speaker—Roanna Gonsalves

Di Yerbury Residency Award

presented by Di Yerbury

Valerie Pybus 2018 winner of the Di Yerbury Residency will speak.

13 March:

Workshop—Sue Woolfe

Keynote Speaker—Sue Woolfe

Member Speaker—Mary Ann Napper

30 March:

Evening Workshop—Carolyn Beaumont

10 April:

Workshop—Patti Miller

Keynote Speaker—Patti Miller

Member Speaker—Libby Hathorn

NEXT LITERARY LUNCHEON
Wednesday 13 February 2019
 Dixon Room, State Library of NSW
 Macquarie Street, Sydney

Program

10.00–11.45am: Workshop:

Rewilding the Short Story

ROANNA GONSALVES

12.00–12.20pm: Arrival & Registration

12.20–12.45pm: Luncheon

12.50 pm:

DI YERBURY RESIDENCY AWARD

Emerita PROFESSOR YERBURY AO

will announce the Winner.

WINNER'S SPEECH

VALERIE PYBUS winner of the 2018

Di Yerbury Residency will briefly speak about her experience in Devon.

1.05 –1.35pm:

Keynote Speaker:

Rewilding the Short Story

ROANNA GONSALVES

Workshop Coordinator: Pippa Kay 0407725747

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.

Luncheon **\$45** (ML) Workshop **\$30** (MWS)

Luncheon & Workshop **\$68** (MLW)

Non Members: Luncheon **\$50** (NML)

Workshop **\$40** (NMWS) Luncheon & Workshop **\$83** (NMLW)

For Direct Deposit please use the codes listed above.

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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.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gabrielle Lord has published seventeen adult novels, two of which were made into films. One of her twenty one Young Adult works was made into a Foxtel Drama Series. She also writes essays and journal articles.

Workshop

Rewilding the Short Story

ROANNA GONSALVES

Roanna Gonsalves is the author of *The Permanent Resident*, winner of the NSW Premier's Literary Awards Multicultural Prize 2018, and longlisted for the Dobbie Literary Award 2018. It is on several lists of must-read books, and on the syllabi of courses at a number of universities. Her work has been compared to the work of Alice Munro and Jhumpa Lahiri. This workshop will focus on learning from the techniques of writers from different storytelling cultures across the world.



Keynote Speaker

ROANNA GONSALVES

Roanna is a recipient of the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Award, is co-founder co-editor of Southern Crossings, and has a PhD from UNSW. She was the UNSW CAL Writer-in-Residence in 2018. *The Permanent Resident* is published in India as *Sunita De Souza Goes To Sydney*. Her Keynote on **literary selfies** will explore the importance of telling your own story.

DI YERBURY RESIDENCY AWARD

Announcement of winner and Speech.

VALERIE PYBUS 2018 winner of the Di Yerbury Residency will briefly speak about her experience in Devon. This will be followed by the announcement of the winning entry for the Di Yerbury Residency Award 2019.

A residency in the south of England, generously donated by Professor Yerbury, who will announce the recipient at our February luncheon.



Abbie Clancy winner.

Elizabeth Webby announced Cheryl O'Byrne as the 2018 Abbie Clancy winner. Congratulations, Cheryl!

Cheryl is a PhD candidate in the Department of English at the University of Sydney. Her thesis examines Australian women's life writing and, in particular, the various ways daughters write about their mothers.

Please read Cheryl's full biography, speech and the report by judge Elizabeth Webby in our March *Women's Ink!*

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

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The March 2019 issue of *Women's Ink!*

will include a 2019 Membership Form
ON BLUE PAPER
**Please note that Direct Debit is
available.**

The National Writing Competition

will be held in **November**.
Full details and the **competition entry form**
will be in the **March** edition
of *Women's Ink!*

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

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