

THE SONNET



All meetings take place ON MONDAY NIGHTS at the Northern Star Hotel, Beaumont St Hamilton, now commencing at 7.00pm. All meetings include an open reading bracket. Gold coin donation requested.

19 July – Environmental Theme night

It's high time (and possibly high tide) for such a theme night. Everyone can have their say, whether or not they are right at the coal face, so to speak.

16 August – Brenda Bryant

Born in England in 1931. Evacuated in World War 2. Trained as a teacher at Brighton Training College, Sussex. Taught in London. Moved to Zimbabwe. Seven years later worked on a mail ship. Married Malcolm in Capetown. Two children, Rebecca and Greg. Moved to Australia in 1974. After retirement worked for a publisher. Three grandsons, Blake, Harry and Max. Brenda writes a poem a day which she posts on her web site Rrinkly Rimes. <http://rinklyrimes.blogspot.com/>

30th August – Andy Kissane

A Sydney-based poet, Andy Kissane has also written short fiction and published a novel. He has worked as a writer-in-residence at MLC School (Burwood, NSW), taught English at high schools and TAFE colleges and lectured in creative writing at various Sydney universities. Kissane has also produced audio books for the Royal Blind Society and worked as editor of Impact the monthly magazine of the Australian Council of Social Service. Andy Kissane tackles a broad sweep of ideas and issues in his third and latest collection of poetry. The title of the book, *Out to Lunch*, is also a poem about sharing a meal, or perhaps a glass of wine, with some of the West's best writers and the characters they've created, like Melville's Captain Ahab and Austen's Elizabeth Bennett.

29th November – Ross Donlon

Poetry at the Pub is on the 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month.

News

We finally got around to holding the **PATP AGM** on Monday the 21st of June.

The new committee is: Clark Gormley –President
Secretary – Mark Liston
Publicity Officer – Dael Allison
Treasurer – Lynden Thomas
Public Officer – David Gunson
Committee member – Cecilia White

Poetry at the Pub has received, from none other than the **Mayor of Broken Hill**, a request to send some readers to read at Broken Hill Poets at the Pub. We made an announcement about this earlier in the year, but the idea seems to have picked up some momentum. A couple of our members have already expressed interest in representing us out there. The tentative date is the long weekend in October 2nd to the 4th. Please let one of the committee members know if you'd like to attend.

Dael Allison has been shortlisted for the Picaro/Varuna/Byron Writer's Festival award this year, as has **Max Ryan**. **Dael** will be presenting some of her Fairweather poems at the University of Queensland Postgraduates conference in July.

Radio National - A POD OF POETS

Thanks to *Poetica* and the Australia Council, you can access eleven podcasts featuring established and emerging Australian poets reading and talking about their work. Get on the net and go to <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/poetica/>

Self-promotion Corner

Rob Riel looks after the Picaro Press website www.picaropress.com The site has a list of titles, including his extensive list of Wagtail publications, as well as books and chap-books for sale.

Clark Gormley is performing in the duo Nerds & Music on Saturday the 5th of June at the Royal Exchange, Bolton St Newcastle, along with Camp Frypan, in Battle of the Stupids.

Eunice English has started an ezine, anyone can access at: www.livelymag-ezine.com The mag is still non-profit, for Oldies With Attitude and people with an enquiring mind. Eunice has also published a book 'Inspirations and Influences'. <http://stores.lulu.com/EuniceEnglish>

Karen Ractliffe has her own blog <http://aboutthecentralcoast.bigblog.com.au/index.do>

For more about **Peter Langston**, go to <http://sixninespoetryabouttheauthor.blogspot.com/>

WATER Magazine is a new print journal of new Australian composition - both music and poetry, put together by Andrew Slattery. The first few issues will be released as PDF and MP3. Go to <http://www.andrewslattery.org/water.htm>

The ICLL journal *Landscapes* from Edith Cowan University (ECU) WA is available online http://www.landscapeandlanguagecentre.au.com/current_journal.html

This online journal has work from the following who have had or have connections with PATP: Jan Dean, Richard Tipping, Kathryn Glasgow and Eunice English.

Poetry at the Pub to do list

Like any member based organisation, PatP has plenty for its members to get involved in. I know you've been thinking "what can I do for PatP?" Well here's your chance:

Update the local 'What's on' websites. There are a number of websites that have listings of things to do in the area, such as Hunter Arts. You can add the upcoming PatP program to these.

Distribute fliers. We have general PatP fliers that you could post on noticeboards or leave somewhere obvious. You could make more specific ones with our upcoming program.

Do you have poetry news to share? Please note that all members are welcome to submit poetry, reviews or even notices for upcoming events for inclusion in the Sonnet. Send your copy to cgormley@hunterlink.net.au by the 2nd Monday of the month.

Recordings We are building up a collection of recordings of readings at the Northern Star since the purchase of our minidisk recorder over the last 5 years or so. Some have been separated into individual tracks for each reader, but many haven't. CDs of recordings of a particular evening will be sold at a nominal price to cover recording, printing and CD costs, not exceeding \$10 per CD. Contact Clark if you would like a copy of any of the recordings.

The Fabulous 2010 Poetry At The Pub Anthology

PATP members it's time to start thinking about your contribution to this year's anthology.

The deadline for submissions is September 1.

To be included in this excellent production you:

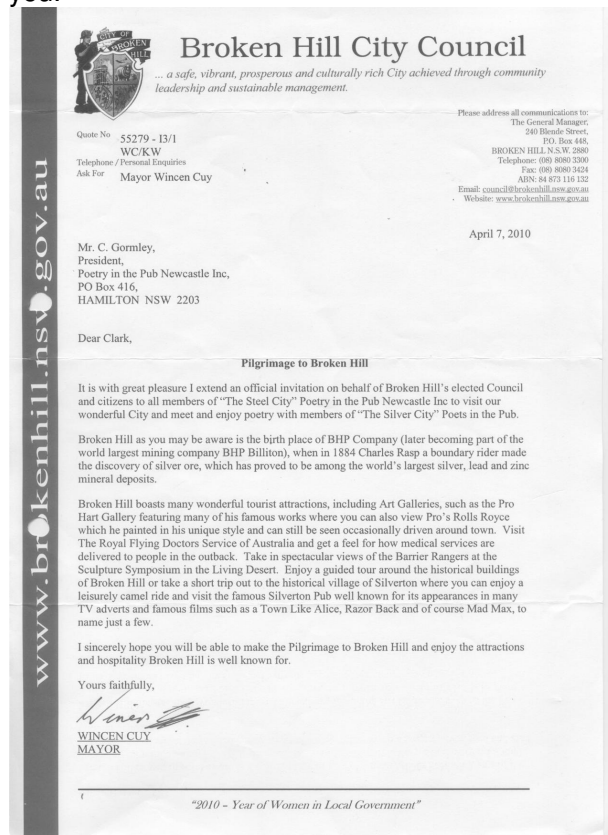
- Must be a paid up member of PATP for 2010 (Guest Poets are not required to be members.)
- Email up to five poems to uniwrite@hotmail.com 31st August, WORD DOC attachments only
- OR Submit hard copy at Poetry At The Pub
- OR Post to PO Box 416 Hamilton 2303

Please include name and phone contact details on hard copy submissions.

Each contributing poet will have up to two pages in the anthology. (*About 35 lines per page, including spaces and the lay-out gaps between poems*)

Previously published poems are fine, please provide publication details.

We've introduced a condition where we will only accept submissions for the anthology from members whose work has been read at the pub this year. Don't want to read your poetry in public, or you can't make it to the pub? That's no excuse. We can arrange to have one of our mellifluous reciters read it for you.



Membership of PATP

is a mere \$5.00 per annum. If you would like to support us but cannot often attend meetings you may send a cheque made out to Poetry at the Pub (Newcastle) Inc. Address the envelope to *The Treasurer of PatP* PO Box 416 Hamilton NSW 2303. Include a s.s.a.e. for your receipt and mention whether you would like an electronic version of the Sonnet sent to your email address.

If you have any **photos** of poets or poetry functions we are keen to put them on the web site. In this age of digital technology, you can just send them through to Clark at cgormley@hunterlink.net.au

PatP friends

Hunter Writers' Centre

Provides workshops, lectures, news-sheets and other useful information for writers. Telephone 4926 3485 or visit their website: <http://www.hwcentre.com/>

Fellowship of Australian Writers

FAW meets at the Sydney Junction Hotel, Beaumont St Hamilton on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10.30 a.m. Contact Eileen Dillon-Smith, Secretary, 4965 0256 or Jan Dean, President on 4954 9895.

Book Lovers Society of Newcastle

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Cooks Hill Bookshop. Contact David McLean 4929 5079.

Bookshops that support PatP:

MacLean's Bookshop on Beaumont St. See <http://www.macleansbooks.com.au/>

Cooks Hill's Bookshop on Darby St, proprietor David McLean.

Newcastle and Hunter Valley Folk Club meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Wesley Fellowship Hall, 150 Beaumont St Hamilton. at 7:30pm. www.newcastlehunintervalleyfolkclub.org.au

For a listing of arts events in the Hunter go to www.hunterarts.org.au.

Matt Ward has informed us that **Skive online magazine** is now publishing poetry and articles as well as short stories <http://www.skivemagazine.com/>

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Poetry at the Pub

PatP Board Meetings are held at 6.30 pm on the third Monday of the month before the readings begin.

Members of PatP are invited to attend Board Meetings. Members may also address the Board with the leave of the Chair. Please feel free to come along and see how PatP is run.

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Poetry comes nearer to vital truth than history. - Plato

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Note that the web site is now being updated with the latest Sonnet!