

**Welcome to the August 2009  
Edition 25 of the Online Newsletter**

Report on 16<sup>th</sup> AGM

**Your new Committee:**

President- Christine Carlton  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Annie Evers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Ebba Bodame  
Secretary - Sue Alvarez  
Asst Secretary - Maggie Newlyn  
Treasurer - Stanley Cribb  
Asst Treasurer - Stephen Martin  
Membership Secretary and  
Magazine Editor - Marion Nicholson  
Asst - Michelle Falston  
On-line Editor- Kiran Shah  
Country Representative  
- Eve Hoffstetter  
Foreign Correspondent- Ian Henry  
Public Officer- Diane Minter  
Archivist-Annie Evers  
Asst Archivist- Maggie Newlyn  
Member – Barbara Castledine

Vivienne was thanked for doing an excellent job as President over the past 4 years; her many contributions to the Guild will be listed in the Spring edition of "The Storyteller Magazine" along with her report and the Treasurers report. Welcome to our new President Christine Carlton, and the new committee. Big thanks to all the above, and to Dianne Minter for doing such a splendid job as the Returning Officer.

**Vacancies on the Committee**

We are still looking for a graphic designer, publicity officer and a webmaster, so please contact Sue at [suestory@tpg.com.au](mailto:suestory@tpg.com.au) if you wish to be a part of this highly energetic committee.

Congratulations to Ebba Bodame on achieving her Accreditation. The audience was transported to a magical world in 'The Magic Porridge Pot' and shown the harsh realities of Australia's Gold digging days in Ebba's choice of 2 very contrasting stories.

We also had a special treat, with visiting Storytellers and Guild members, from USA Ian Henry and Eve Watters. We were privileged to hear both tell stories, and Eve also accompanied herself on the Celtic Harp. Christine Carlton whetted our appetites with an Aussie version of stone soup, which was followed by delicious soups for lunch courtesy of Vivienne and Leigh. The afternoon workshop **Storytelling with Props, with Kiran Shah** was very hands on and informative, and enjoyed by 35 lively participants.

**The National Gathering of Storytellers** from all over the country at the end of July was a wonderful connection for about 30 interested people with all states represented. Sessions ranged from Community and Cultural Development projects, harnessing the wonders of IT audience development, alliances with other countries, tapping into funding and most important how to stay connected and share information. The most exciting outcome of this gathering was an agreement to work towards a national website.

**August Events**

**August 15 at 7.30pm**  
**Stories Arising from the Flames**  
**with Ebba Bodame, Jonathan Drew**  
**and Musician Christian Lillicrap**  
**at the Kamaroi Rudolf Steiner School**  
220 Forest Way, Belrose  
Tickets \$25 full, \$20 Conc. \$12 Students  
Bookings at Kamaroi (02) 9450 1651

**Tellers Tea at Hughenden Arts Hotel**  
**14 Queen St, Woollahra**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2-4pm**  
**Travellers' Tales**  
**Featuring Sue Alvarez, Andrew Kwong**  
**and Stephen Meagher**  
Journey with them as they tell their original stories set in Australia, China, Japan and NZ  
Costs: \$20 includes Devonshire Tea.  
Sorry no concessions.  
Doors open 1.30pm

**August 28-30 - Workshop**  
**"The Powerful Art of Listening"**  
Details: ph 0417065664  
[www.playbacktheatre.com.au](http://www.playbacktheatre.com.au)

**September Events**  
**Next Guild Workshop**  
**Saturday 19 September**  
**9.30am -4.00pm**  
**at The Hughenden Arts Hotel,**  
**Woollahra**

Morning session will include: Presentation to Ebba Bodame, mini workshop with Annie Evers, afternoon workshop with Eve Hofstetter, Eve's workshop is designed especially for parents of pre-school children, but new storytellers, early Childhood Staff and Children's Librarians **welcome**. For full details: see our next Online Newsletter.

**Visiting Overseas Storytellers**

Delighted to announce that two world famous Aussie Storytellers are returning to Australia from mid-December to end March. **Francis Firebrace**, an ex-Guild member, who now lives in UK and **Adrian Beckingham**, an ex-pat who also lives in UK.

Check out their websites:  
[francisfirebrace.com](http://francisfirebrace.com) and  
[themanfromstorymountain.org.uk/](http://themanfromstorymountain.org.uk/)  
Watch this space for further announcements.

**Do you want to know more about storytelling?**

A free informative Newsletter is available at: [www.howtotellagreatstory.com](http://www.howtotellagreatstory.com)

**October 8-9 Melbourne**  
**Celebrating Story Conference -**  
**Approaching Change one story at a time'**

A conference on Organisational Storytelling.  
[www.conferenceonline.com](http://www.conferenceonline.com)