

Welcome to the June 2009 Edition 23 of the Online Newsletter for The Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) Inc.

**Exciting news** – last month we mentioned that **Annie Eyres** became the NSW Guild's **Archivist!!!** She is now joined by **Maggie Newlyn** as her assistant. Thank you both.

## STORYTELLING SPECTACULAR – WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE

The Ken Benn workshop attracted 25 keen and enthusiastic attendees. They were very impressed with Ken's ability to pass on his knowledge and skills. One attendee, Stephen Martin, emailed the following accolade: *I attended the Ken Benn workshop, a good laugh, just what I needed with what is happening in my life at present.*

*I went home refreshed, happy and believe it or not, enlightened. A couple of points I picked up on, being a teller of history. A big thanks to Ken and the persons involved in setting up the workshop. Well done.*

**Sunday's Tellers Tea at the Hughenden** also drew a large crowd. They were right royally entertained by Ken Benn, Mary French, Warren "Arch" Bishop, Annie Ayers and Beryl Eyers. Many thanks to all involved especially Ken Benn for travelling all the way from New Zealand.

## The Guilds next exciting event:

**Sunday 21 June – Tellers Tea** – Stories to warm the heart with **Ebba Bodame** and **Christine Carlton** plus open mic.  
2.00 - 4pm at The Hughenden Arts Hotel, 14 Queen Street, Woollahra (Paddington end).  
Cost - \$20 which includes Devonshire Tea. Pay at door – doors open 1.30pm. Details will be posted on the website shortly ([www.storytellersnsw.org.au](http://www.storytellersnsw.org.au)).

## Forthcoming events

**Saturday June 20 - Storytelling Workshop with Jo Henwood** at the WEA, 72 Bathurst Street, Sydney. 9.30am – 4.30pm. Learn communication skills to work storytelling magic, not just for children but in any field which entertains, educates, heals or persuades. Cost: \$99; Conc \$89. Phone 9267 6988 for bookings.

## JULY

### Important Event of the Year *If you care, you will be there!*

**Saturday 11 July – Writers Centre, Rozelle – 9.30 – 4pm** - New members please note - location and public transport details can be found on our website.

[www.storytellersnsw.org.au](http://www.storytellersnsw.org.au) under "About Us".

#### Program for the day

9.30am – 12.30pm – AGM and accreditation\*\* for **Ebba Bodame**  
12.30 – 1.30pm – Traditional stone soup story with **Christine Carlton** and choice of soups for lunch  
1.30pm – 4.00pm – Workshop – Storytelling with Props with **Kiran Shah**

The AGM is your opportunity to actively support the Guild and have your say. All office bearer positions will become vacant. Please consider standing for one of these positions -  
President Vice-President  
Secretary Assistant Secretary  
Treasurer Assistant Treasurer  
Editor Assistant Editor  
On-line & Website Editor & Assistant Public Officer

We're also seeking members to assist with the following roles:

- Graphic Designer
- Events Organiser / Head Events sub-committee
- Publicity and Promotions Officer
- Fund Raising Officer & sub-committee members
- Accreditation Officer

If you're interested in any of the roles above and would like further information before the AGM please contact Vivienne Ward on 9362 1383 or email [vivward@senet.com.au](mailto:vivward@senet.com.au).

## More Storytelling Events

**July 24 – 26 - Australian and New Zealand Gathering of Storytellers**  
Join Storytellers from all over Australia to discuss the vital issues concerning the future of Storytelling in Australia.

### NOT TO BE MISSED

Registration forms have been sent to all members.

Further details of this important event can be found on our website - [www.storytellersnsw.org.au](http://www.storytellersnsw.org.au) – or email [brisbanebuzz@yahoo.com.au](mailto:brisbanebuzz@yahoo.com.au).

**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)

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### BRUSH UP YOUR MEDIEVAL STORIES!

**Sunday 8 November 09 – 2.30-5.00pm**  
The Guild has been invited to participate in a fund raising event for the Australian Ballet at Fairwater, the home of Lady Mary Fairfax, 560 New South Head Rd, Double Bay.

Fairwater will be transformed into a medieval village square and garden with a host of artisan stalls, food houses, theatre, street performers & Storytellers. Medieval stories for adults only.

**If you would like to be part of this exciting event contact Sue at [suestory@tpg.com.au](mailto:suestory@tpg.com.au)**

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**Got any good spooky stories? (True of course)**

Australia's famous Folklorist Warren Fahey will be happy to add any spooky stories on his website [www.warrenfahey.com/superstitions.htm](http://www.warrenfahey.com/superstitions.htm)  
On this website you can read more about apparitions and things that go bump in the night.

**Storytelling Festivals around the World**

Check out our website for updates at [www.storytellersnsw.org.au](http://www.storytellersnsw.org.au)