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Hello to all PerfEx Members. Whereas progress on the Cultural Infrastructure front has been somewhat slow since our May Newsletter, we are excited to report on the new PerfEx Literary Awards amongst other happenings.



Sunset Committee

In May the Architects employed by the Council to develop a Master Plan for Hanging Rock produced their first version. This included Performance and Exhibition space.

In the ensuing months this plan has been discussed with the Hanging Rock Sunset Committee (on which PerfEx has representation) and a range of other interested parties with a view to the plan being amended to better reflect the various needs. We are expecting to hear at any time that it is ready for our next review, when it will then go on public exhibition. Obviously the Cultural Infrastructure Sunset Committee cannot do much until this new plan is released.

It is also worth noting that work on the first element of the Hanging Rock development has commenced, namely the enlargement of the Library and Wollongong University Campus facilities.



PerfEx Batemans Bay Literary Awards

Early in July, Lyn Brown, the proprietor of Brown Books and ABC Centre in the Batemans

Bay Village Centre (formerly Angus and Robertson) and Jean got together and the result is the birth of the PerfEx Literary Award, open to writers in the south east ABC radio listening area.

A quick committee decision was made to support this venture, partly in order to broaden PerfEx's presence in the community. Given the launch was scheduled for the first week of August a lot of work was required in a short period of time.

The initial competition is a short story (no more than 1000 words) with the title "Seaside".

PerfEx Batemans Bay Inaugural Literary Award

2011 Open Short Story Competition (1000 word) – theme "Seaside"



CLOSING DATE
For entries is 14th October 2011
Winners to be announced at the 'Seaside Carnivale' Batemans Bay on 20th November, 2011

PRIZES

- First Prize**
Brown Books & ABC Centre book vouchers to the value of \$500
- Second Prize**
Brown Books & ABC Centre book vouchers to the value \$100
- Third Prize**
Brown Books & ABC Centre book vouchers to the value \$75
- Fourth Prize**
PerfEx Encouragement Award of \$50
- Fifth Prize**
Harper Collins ABC Books' Package Encouragement Award

PerfEx is proud to announce the three judges:

Anna Valdinger
Commissioning Editor for the fiction list for Harper Collins and responsible for building up its list of Australian fiction writers. Anna's involvement is a rare opportunity for entrants to have their work read by a Publisher; a normally near impossible situation.

Judy Thomson
Long-time resident and hard-working Batemans Bay community identity, Judy has had three books published and is working on her fourth.

John Maneschi
Born in Italy, John is an active participant in Batemans Bay community life and the published author of four books.

Entry Forms and Guidelines are available from Brown Books & ABC Centre in the Village Centre, Batemans Bay, www.perfex.org.au and also High schools and Libraries



Partners



The judges for the competition are two local authors, Judy Thomson and John Maneschi, who will jointly determine a shortlist of around ten entries, and Anna Valdinger,

Commissioning Editor for the fiction list at Harper Collins, will determine the final winners from this shortlist. (To have an editor from a Publisher such as Harper Collins is a tremendous coup!)

There will be five prizes in total, donated by Brown Books and ABC Centre, PerfEx and Harper Collins, with the major prize being a \$500 book voucher from Brown Books. Also the winning stories will be read out on ABC SE Radio, Bega by delightful local professional storyteller, Anna Jarrett.

There is a \$10 entry fee for each entry to cover administrative expenses and entries close on October 14th. The winners will be announced at the Batemans Bay Seaside Carnivale on 20th November. If any of our members wish to enter the Entry form and Guidelines can be printed from the PerfEx website.

Deputy Mayor Chris Vardon launched the competition outside the bookshop on 5th August as scheduled in conjunction with the "Knit In" event that day. Ian Campbell from ABC breakfast radio was present and he interviewed Chris and our President Jean on live radio about the competition. Also present were the Shire's Cultural Officer, Monika McInerney, and Councillors Rob Pollock, Lindsay Brown, Allan Brown, Chris Kowal and Graham Scobie.

The other sponsors and supporters who are assisting these Literary Awards take place are:

- The Eurobodalla Shire Council,
- The Village Centre,
- The Bridge Plaza,
- Westpac,
- Local Government Super,
- ABC Radio, and
- Print Central.



"PerfEx Presents....Come Wine with Us"

In our May Newsletter we announced the formation of a PerfEx Social Committee. The group had their first event "PerfEx Presents ...Come Wine with Us" scheduled for Friday 23rd September. However, for various reasons, the event is now being postponed

until March. We'll have more details for you later. You can check the website for updates.



Brochure

The decision was taken earlier this year to produce a PerfEx brochure which informs the reader of what PerfEx is trying to do and what it has achieved to date. There is also a Membership Form included.

The design has been completed and 1,500 copies have been printed. A number of these are being distributed in local libraries, the Batemans Bay Tourist Centre, the Shire Council Foyer and various businesses including Brown Books, the Bay Book Shop, Bay Office Supplies and Monets Restaurant.

If any of our members is aware of an outlet which would be beneficial please contact a Committee member who will provide copies for distribution.

Committee

We are very pleased to welcome new member Penny Gerner to our Committee; she has taken on the role of Publicity Officer with gusto and some of you may have already heard her on the radio!



Bereavements

Since our last Newsletter there have been the deaths of two Batemans Bay residents with whom PerfEx has been involved.

Hugh McClintock died after a tragic accident. He and his wife Margaret were foundation members of PerfEx and on Hugh's 80th birthday last year they attended the Bay Players

production of Cabaret which was a PerfEx fundraiser.

Don Mitchelmore, who died of cancer in July, was one of the founders of the Bay Players. He was also the Batemans Bay Community representative on the Cultural Infrastructure Sunset Committee and worked closely with us to achieve our goals.

PerfEx has expressed its sorrow to the wives of Hugh and Don.

Please feel free to contact any of us should you wish to discuss anything, have any ideas or suggestions. Don't forget to keep up to date at www.perfex.org.au



Until next time, we wish you all well,
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