

THE SONNET

*All meetings take place ON MONDAY NIGHTS at the Northern Star Hotel, Beaumont St Hamilton, **now commencing at 7.30pm.** All meetings include an open reading bracket. Gold coin donation requested.*

16th of January Theme night - Janus

In ancient Roman religion and mythology, Janus is the god of beginnings and transitions, thence also of gates, doors, doorways, endings and time. He is usually a two-faced god since he looks to the future and the past. The concepts of January and janitor are both based on aspects of Janus.

Upcoming Program

30th of January (5th Monday) Kit Kelen

Christopher (Kit) Kelen is an Associate Professor at the University of Macau in south China, where he has taught Literature and Creative Writing over the last ten years. The most recent of Kelen's ten volumes of poetry are After Meng Jiao - responses to the Tang poet (published by VAC in Chicago in 2008, a volume of Macao poems Dredging the Delta (published in 2007 by Cinnamon Press in the U.K.) and God Preserve me from those who want what's best for me (published by Picaro in Australia in 2009). In 2007 Kelen was the winner of Westerly's Patricia Hackett Prize.

20th of February Mark Liston

19th of March 6pm AGM Guest TBA

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

News

Australian Poetry has chosen **Mark Liston** as the inaugural Café Poet at Sprockets in Hunter St. His residency is for six months.

Not satisfied with winning the Newcastle Poetry Prize, Australian poet **Mark Tredinnick** has won \$50,000 for the Montreal Poetry Prize. "This is a bold, big-thinking poem, in which ancient themes (especially the theme of our human relationship with landscape) are re-cast and re-kindled," commented the competition's sole judge, former U.K. poet laureate Andrew Motion.

Cecilia White was one of the finalists in the third annual Cricket Poetry Award competition, in which twenty poems were selected to be publicly read by actors on the 15th September 2011. Not only that, she won best poem! The top four poems were chosen and re-read on the 6th October at the Cricket Art Prize opening event, Members Pavilion, Sydney Cricket Ground. She was also allowed to walk on the SCG under lights!

Dael Allison has a publisher for her Fairweather poems. Ralph Wessman, who produces the lit mag Famous Reporter out of Tasmania, will publish them through Walleah Press. She plans to launch the book in April 2012.

Jan Dean has had her poem about the Maitland Jewish cemetery published in Wood Brick Stone: the Making of the Hunter (Catchfire Press); it was awarded second prize.

Self-promotion Corner

Clark Gormley, one half of **Nerds & Music**, has a new Nerds & Music CD '*Courage in the Face of Absurdity*' available for \$20. Clark is performing regularly at Club Sandwich Cabaret at the Royal Exchange, Bolton St Newcastle. The next show is on Friday the 3rd of February, and the theme is Chinese New Year. He is also performing his original songs at the Newcastle and Hunter Valley Folk Club at Wesley Hall, Beaumont St on Saturday the 4th of February.

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.

Eunice English has started has a blog they can keep up with my doings on at: www.euniceenglish.wordpress.com. 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>. Karen now has a website in addition to the blog and that copies of the monthly *About the Central Coast* ezine can be downloaded from it: <http://www.synergybiznet.com/AboutTheCentralCoast>
For more about **Peter Langston**, go to <http://sixninespoetryabouttheauthor.blogspot.com/>

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.

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Check out our Facebook page or web site <http://www.poetryatthepub.com>

Judy Beveridge is coming to Hunter FAW on Wednesday 1st Feb to enlighten and inspire us.

The fee is \$20 for non Hunter-FAW members. Starts at 10.15 AM until midday.

Sydney Junction Hotel, Beaumont St Hamilton.

Please contact Jan 49 549 895 for further details and book your place.

A great opportunity to hear and learn from one of our finest poets.

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 2012 Henry Kendall Poetry Award

To enter and learn more go to www.centralcoastpoets.com.au

Closing date is 14th February 2012. It not only guarantees the winner \$500 but also publication in the CCPI's anthology and from that, who knows, fame and fortune! This competition attracts entries from established poets to humble first timers and is this year judged by one of Australia's most respected poets, David Musgrave.

2011 PATP Anthology *Mood Tsunami*

How much are the amazing 2011 Poetry at the Pub Newcastle Anthologies?

No of books	Cost of books	Postage	total
1	\$8	\$3	\$11
2	\$16	\$5	\$21
3	\$24	\$5	\$29
4	\$30	\$10	\$40
5	\$38	\$10	\$48
6	\$46	\$10	\$56
7	\$54	\$10	\$64
8	\$60	\$10	\$70

How can I order some if I'm not going to be able to get to the pub?

You can email Catherine at clk14@wildmail.com

How can I pay for them, if I'm not going to be able to get to the pub?

You can send the money by cheque or money order to:

Poetry at the Pub, PO Box 416, Hamilton NSW 2303

Or pay by bank transfer: please identify your payment as PATP Anthology. The account details for PatP are:

Poetry at the Pub

Newcastle Permanent Building Society

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Membership of PATP

Membership is a mere \$5.00 per annum.

Membership is due at the beginning of the calendar year. As a quarter of the year has already gone, This allows you to:

- submit poems to our anthology (but you need to have read at the pub in the last year be eligible)
- attend our crazy madcap committee meetings
- be part of the wacky committee

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.

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 6.00 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 is the breath and finer spirit of all knowledge
- William Wordsworth

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