



MUD LITERARY CLUB Inc.

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Clear as MUD: May 2014 MUD Literary Club Newsletter

MUD Literary Club newsletters keep our members informed of progress with our funding and support initiatives for both the Ubud Writers & Readers Festival literary festival and Adelaide Festival's Writers Week – and promoting events that MUD members can participate in. For further details, check our website at www.mudliteraryclub.com

Adelaide Writers Week, MARCH 2013

MUD funding enabled sponsorship of two important writers at Adelaide Writers' Week for 2014 – sensational Adelaide writer Hannah Kent (her debut novel *Burial Rites* is an international best seller) and the legendary Frank Moorhouse, novelist, journalist, screenwriter and essayist, perhaps best known for winning the 2001 Miles Franklin Literary Award with his novel *Dark Palace*. MUD's support was noted prominently in festival programs.

In addition to appearing at Writers Week, both of these writers featured as guest speakers for the MUD literary luncheon at Penny's Hill Winery, McLaren Vale, on March 2 – a gala event that was held in the midst of Writers' Week. Both authors entertained a large audience of MUD members and guests with interviews revealing insights into their writing life.



LEFT: MUD-sponsored authors Frank Moorhouse and Hannah Kent signing books for MUD members at Penny's Hill.

RIGHT: Guests enjoying the Signature Sunday lunch at Penny's Hill, McLaren Vale.



It is worth noting that Frank's novel *Cold Light* took out the \$25,000 Premier's Award for the Adelaide Festival Award for Literature, and he also won the \$15,000 fiction prize during Adelaide Writers' Week in 2014. For Hannah, a Hollywood movie of *Burial Rights* will soon be in production, the book has been short listed for the Stella Award, and awarded the Indie Prize for Best Debut Novel.

It was also lovely to see MUDmate Richard Flanagan (who MUD sponsored at Ubud in 2013) make contact with several MUD members during his appearance at Writers Week. MUD member David Sly completed a strong MUD presence in the Writers' Week program, as he chaired three authors' sessions, including Alexander McCall Smith – and promoted MUD's cause to festival audiences from the podium.

JULY 2013

MUD is pleased to announce that its third mid-year cocktail function will be held on Friday July 18, at MUD coordinator Sue Tweddell's home in Hyde Park. A special guest author will be attending this intimate cocktail function – a delightful and informative literary gathering that proved especially popular with the crowd that attended last year. Further details of this prestigious members-only event will be sent to MUD members soon.

As the result of a strategic planning meeting undertaken by the MUD committee in February, the MUD events calendar will now focus on four major events each year, timed to maximize information and benefits for MUD members. We will now stage Signature Sunday lunches featuring MUD-sponsored authors after Adelaide Writers' Week (after Mad March, at Penny's Hill cellar door) and after Ubud Writers and Readers Festival (in November, at Yalumba Winery), with two members-only events being a mid-year cocktails evening with a guest author as speaker, and a private MUD breakfast with selected authors attending Adelaide Writers Week. These events will keep MUD members in touch with our key sponsorship activities and in contact with the fabulous authors that we sponsor.



LEFT: MUD Club's David Sly interviews Adelaide Writers' Week Director Laura Kroetsch during the Signature Sunday lunch held at Yalumba Winery in November 2013.



RIGHT: MUD Guests enjoying the outstanding Signature Sunday lunch.

UBUD, OCTOBER 2014

MUD is already planning its activities for the 2014 Ubud Writers and Readers' Festival, being held from Wednesday October 1 to Sunday October 5. Negotiations are underway with UWRF organisers for MUD sponsorship of a headline writer and an emerging writing talent, who will be announced soon. Media releases will soon be forwarded to MUD members regarding the extensive program for this coming festival. Discounted three-day passes will be available for MUD members, and a special dinner for MUD attendees and sponsored writers will be organised. Information regarding accommodation will also be available through MUD coordinator Sue Tweddell at info@mudliteraryclub.com



LEFT: UWRF Festival director Janet De Neefe and MUD-sponsored Australian author Richard Flanagan during a panel discussion at the 2013 Ubud Writers and Readers Festival.

MUD MEMBERSHIP, RENEWALS AND FINANCES

MUD's membership continues to grow at a steady rate – especially as a result of recent successful events – enabling the organisation to continue planning its ongoing financial assistance for both the Ubud and Adelaide literary festivals. Financial members should note that their annual payment installments are due on the anniversary of their sign-up date. Therefore, many are now due, so reminder notices for payment will be dispatched from the MUD Literary Club treasurer to ensure our accounts remain buoyant.

- **MUD's AGM** will be conducted on August 13 at 7pm, which will include nominations for all committee posts, as per our constitution. Please email info@mudliteraryclub.com for more information.