

Mind Ventures

BULLETIN

LIVE AND LEARN

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The Electronic Age

Some recipients of this newsletter will have recently been sent a MindVentures electronic newsletter by email.

This printed newsletter that you're now reading repeats, in more traditional form, much of the information in the e-newsletter, including details of MindVentures programs coming up. We don't want to flood (notice I didn't say 'inundate') you with yet more paper; but hope that this printed note will serve as a reminder which can be read in a more relaxed way than the avalanche of emails which many of us receive and

which are coming to rival 'junk' printed mail. However, let us know if you would like us to stop sending it.

Conversely, if you **haven't** received an e-newsletter it may be because you haven't given us an email address – or you have eschewed use of email altogether. If it's the former, then send us your email if you like (though we'll keep sending the printed newsletter unless you request otherwise). If it's the latter, then rest assured you won't miss out on anything... we'll ensure that the printed newsletters will keep you fully informed about MindVentures.

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Programs coming up later this year and at the beginning of 2012 are summarised over the page. The next newsletter will contain details of other one-day courses scheduled in the first part of 2012 and short breaks after our sojourn in Launceston in February.

MindVentures programs

The first of the one-day programs in Brisbane later in the year is for those who enjoy reading and writing, as well as letting you meet people who are engaged in these activities – and also in getting the product 'out there'.

The program is coordinated by Interactive Publications (IP) Ltd, one of Australia's leading literary publishers not only of conventional books but also via other media in the brave new world of digital technology.

Have you embraced – or rejected – the electronic book? Either way it's a reality. Hear what the Director,

David Reiter, has to say about digital publishing (as well as publishing 'old-fashioned' books).

In the end of course it's all about writing. IP actually invites manuscripts and provides a range of services which (in their words) enable a writer to 'lift a manuscript from something promising to a title that will sell'. IP's Prose Editor, Lauren Daniels, will discuss this process.

The program will also introduce two of IP's Queensland-based authors – whose work has been published in the form of 'traditional' books: Ann Jones (whose memoir *Growing up in the Gulf*

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Whilst there is no cost associated with simply being on the MindVentures mailing list – you simply pay for individual programs as you enrol in them – in the case of one-day programs it is possible to reduce the cost of participating by subscribing. A subscription of \$267 entitles you to participate in any three one-day programs in a two-year period (plus claim a \$30 discount on any one short break that you enrol for during that time).

Country during WWII was nurtured and published by IP); and Barry Levy (whose work reflects the belief that novels can be works of fiction with a social message).

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Istanbul and Budapest

In November you can again hear from Susanna de Vries, well-received as a presenter of previous MindVentures programs on Venice and Tuscany.

On this occasion, in a presentation sub-titled 'Minarets, Mosques and Magyars', Susanna will focus on the different cultures of Istanbul and Budapest, centres of magnificent art and architecture.

Both having experienced a turbulent past, the cities offer much to the contemporary visitor. Did you know, for example, that Budapest was once subject to Turkish rule until the Turks were repulsed by the Hapsburgs?

Closer to home but further afield – Launceston, Tasmania

We should of course know more about our own backyard.

In February 2012 you can take a short break from the Brisbane summer and visit Australia's cooler parts by participating in the MindVentures short break in Launceston, Tasmania.

Here's an opportunity to visit (or re-visit) Australia's third oldest city, to explore its buildings and streetscapes dating from early Colonial and convict times, to visit the spectacular Cataract Gorge Reserve (unique in its proximity to a major city) and to see the nearby Tamar Valley and beautiful country around the city. Launceston is indeed an ideal base from which you can experience Tasmania

As with other MindVentures programs we will hear from locals about current issues (including of course the proposed pulp mill) as well as see all that is impressive around the city and surrounding country.

The program will be based at a boutique heritage hotel, close to the old seaport on the Tamar River and a short walk from both the city centre and the Cataract Gorge, and give you a genuine Tasmanian experience.

Launceston is surprisingly accessible (and quite cheaply so) with flights from Brisbane and the Gold Coast connecting via Sydney or Melbourne. There are even several direct flights.

We hope one or more of these – or future – programs will serve the purposes which initially attracted you to MindVentures. If you haven't participated in a MindVentures program why not give it a trial? To those of you who have taken part in previous programs, and our many 'regulars', we look forward to seeing you again.

Bill Richmond

PROGRAMS COMING UP...

Short Breaks with a Difference

Programs over 3 to 5 days providing an insight into the environment and people of the region in which they are based. Cost includes a specially devised program of activities, high quality accommodation, all meals, transport that is part of the program and the services of a MindVentures host... together with sunset drinks before dinner every night.

LT552 – LAUNCESTON AND THE TAMAR VALLEY

(12-16 February 2012) – from \$1395

Noted for its beautiful old buildings and streetscapes dating from early Colonial and convict times, Launceston is the nation's third-oldest city with a current population of around 100,000. In addition to exploring the city itself (including the adjacent spectacular Cataract Gorge) the program will include visits to the Tamar Valley to the north and the beautiful county westwards towards Deloraine. Based at a boutique heritage hotel close to the old seaport on the Tamar River and a short walk from both the city centre and the Cataract Gorge this program will give you a genuine Tasmanian experience.

One-day Courses...

Lectures and discussions led by expert presenters, which allow you to explore a wide range of subjects in the company of a small group of people who enjoy learning and discussion. The cost for full-day programs is \$99, which includes a substantial buffet lunch and refreshments. Generally held at the University of Queensland from 9.30am to 4.00pm

LP553 – LITERARY PUBLISHING IN BRISBANE (8 October 2011)

A day for those who enjoy reading and writing... meet with and hear from the Director and the Prose Editor of one of Australia's leading literary publishers, Brisbane-based Interactive Publications Ltd (IP). IP publishes a range of digital titles as well as conventional books and offers a range of tailored author services to (in their words) 'lift a manuscript from something promising to a title that will sell'.

The program will also include sessions with two of their Queensland-based authors: *Ann Jones, whose memoir is titled Growing up in the Gulf Country during WWII; and Barry Levy, who will discuss the way in which novels can be works of fiction while at the same time conveying a social message.*

IB554 – ISTANBUL AND BUDAPEST: THEIR ART AND ARCHITECTURE

(12 November 2011)

Another day with Susanna de Vries (well-received presenter of previous MindVentures programs on Venice and Tuscany).

The focus of this program will be two other centres of culture, Istanbul and Budapest. In presentations sub-titled 'Minarets, Mosques and Magyars' we will be taken on a virtual tour of both cities and hear about their history and art.

If you would like further information about any of the above programs you can obtain an Information Sheet by:

- visiting our website www.mindventures.com.au and click "What's On Offer"
- phoning us on 07 3878 4077 or
- sending an email – mindventures@mindventures.com.au

To speak to a real person (who will either answer the phone or get back to you as soon as possible) simply give us a call.