

### President's Report - September 2014

#### Hi everyone!

Well, here we are approaching another Annual General Meeting. They seem to come around very quickly, don't they? This year we are holding it on 23 September, which is a Tuesday, at 6pm in the Function Room at the SJ Community Resource Centre.

Last year's AGM was such a success, we have decided to stick with the same format and again not have a speaker, so, when the formalities are completed and the new Committee is in place, we will go straight to the refreshments and celebrate another successful year with a party!

And it certainly has been a successful year – the monthly book sales still bring in lots of clients and, therefore, steady increases to the Friends bank account. This enabled us to hold several events during the year all of which have been winners. With funds from our augmented bank account we purchased two comfortable chairs for the Young Adult section of the Library and it is a pleasure to regularly see young people snuggled up in them, engrossed in a book!

Friends volunteers are helping the Library in many other ways, such as the Books on Wheels service to housebound clients; the SJ Remembers oral history project; and the Adopt a Shelf project. If anyone is interested in taking part in any of these projects, Lisa, the Library Manager, is happy to talk to you about it.

If anyone would like to nominate for a position on the Committee, you can obtain a nomination form from the Library enquiry desk or you may have already received one by email. We look forward to seeing all of you at the AMG / party!!

Regards to all,



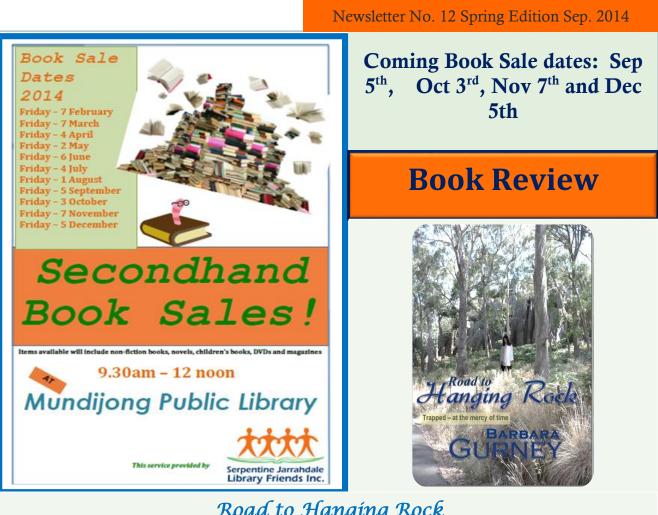
Jan Skillington – President Serpentine Jarrahdale Library Friends Inc

# What's on (a) the Library?

- September 3 Literacy and Brain development for children by Sue Fielding Communicare
- September 10 Probus meeting presentation on E-resources by Lizelle and Siobhan
- September 17 Baby Massage wit Janelle Van Kalken
- October 9 Geochaching talk by Wendy Lang
- October 11 SJ Community Wellbeing Expo (by SJ Wellness group at the Byford Hall)
- **October 14** Bibbulmun Track talk by Charmaine Harris.
- October 15 Drive Safe talk for Community safety Month
- **October 22** Write Along the Highway, introductory talk with Rebecca Laffar-Smith.

November Is Write Along the Highway month. Each Tuesday – Write-in 2-7pm

- November 18 Writer's workshop with Lee Battersby 10am-12 noon
- **November 26** Write night–combining with other libraries at South Perth
- **November 12** Baby Massage with Janelle Van Kalken



# Road to Hanging Rock

#### By Barbara Gurney

This is an enthralling and powerful story of what might have happened to Miranda and Marion, the two girls who disappeared in 1900 in Joan Lindsay's book, Picnic at Hanging Rock. In this modern day story Michael and Rebecca experience the rock's supernatural pull in different ways, whilst also being drawn to each other.

The story begins when Michael is researching his family's relationship to the Rock leading to an experience which causes him to question his future. Whilst driving near the turnoff to Hanging Rock, Rebecca experiences an isolated storm which severely batters her car, leaving her shaken. She later finds herself drawn to Michael and is compelled to discover why.

As the book's blurb explains – "Timeframes collide and bring together fantasy, romance and intrigue ......and is a heartwarming story highlighting friendship, strength of character and determination".

The ending is quirky and unpredictable. A great read – I couldn't put it down!

Jan Skillington

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# From the Library Manager's Desk.....

Thank you and congratulations to the Friends members and committee who helped on SJ Community Fair day. It was great for the library to be part of this well attended community event.

Thanks too for a very successful OGM with Linda Moore. Thank you to Lizelle for presenting the library report.

Special Thanks to Jan Skillington and Rob Richings who are doing so much work on the Oral History Project. Their attention to detail and professionalism is creating a great collection. If you wish to know more or be a part of this project please speak with Jan.

We have been utilizing Facebook to promote our events and would like to increase our presence in the community. If you or your family and friends are on Facebook, please "like" the page to help raise our profile.



Coming soon to all public libraries in W.A., will be a state-wide subscription to E-audio and E magazines, similar to the eBooks already available. This is an initiative between State Library Western Australia and the Public Libraries network of WA.

You may have read that the Shire have increased the funds for the library for the next 12 months.

Most of the extra money will be allocated to library events and programs with some money allocated for purchasing library resources. The majority of our resources come from an allocation of State Library funding. The shire allocation helps to fill gaps or buy special stock to suit our customers.

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Regards

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### **Your Committee Members**

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