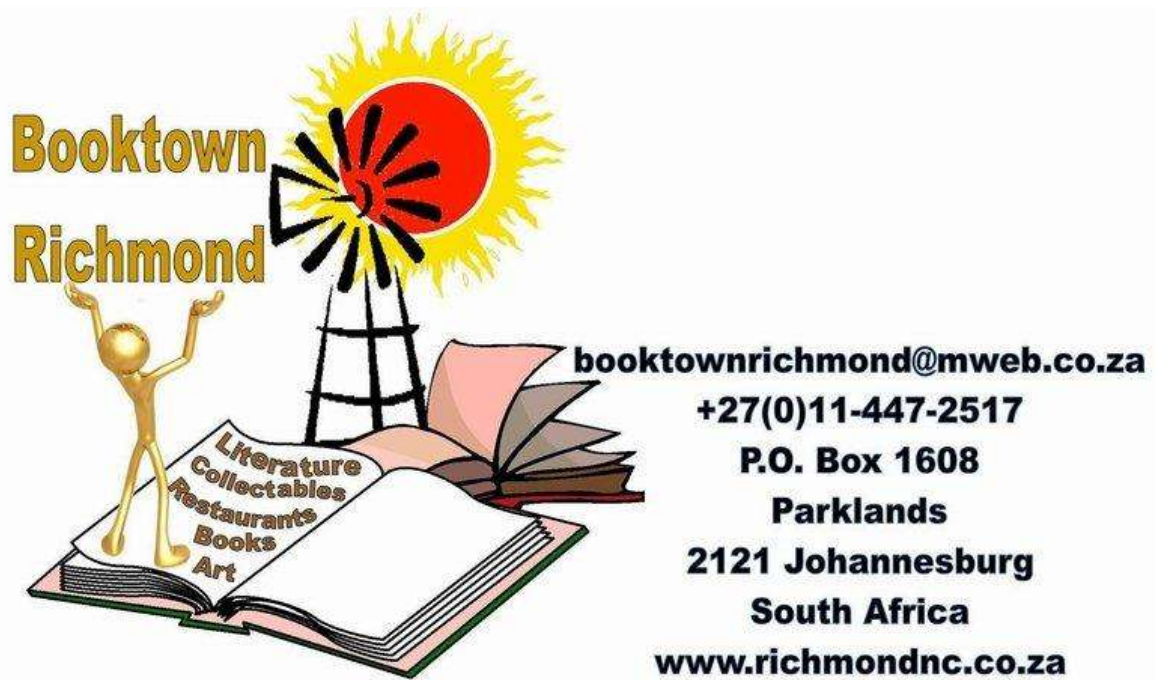




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Booktown Richmond's 6th Anniversary

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BOOKTOWN RICHMOND SEPTEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

It is time to honour past and present friends of Booktown Richmond.

First up - congratulations to Mongane Wally Serote who was awarded the Golden Wreath Award. This is truly a most prestigious award given to world famous poets for their contribution to poetry and history. Dr Serote now joins the ranks of such famous past winners as Pablo Neruda, Ted Hughes and Seamus Heaney. This is indeed illustrious company indeed!

Congratulations also to Michiel Heyns for winning the Sunday Times Literary Award earlier in the year.

To Anton Harber - you did not crack the nod with *Diepsloot* for the Paton Award after being on the shortlist, but you can be proud to have won the Recht Malan Prize for best non-fiction book.

Ingrid Winterbach must be smiling all the way to the bank after winning the R200 000 prize in the Groot Afrikaanse Romanwedstryd for her novel *Die aanspraak van lewende wesens*. Congratulations Ingrid, can't wait to lay my hands on your new book which I believe is about to hit the shelf.

Fanie Naude took South Africa by storm over these last few months with his critically acclaimed book *Alfabet van die voels* which has thus far won the Jan Rabie- Rapport

Prize for a debut work as well as the UJ Prize for a debut work. We are very anxious to have Fanie speak to the Clan in Richmond.

Deon Meyer continues to defy the critics who say crime does not pay!!! Congratulations on winning the R20 000 Nielsen Booksellers Choice Award for *7 Dae*. Deon beat off some of the greatest books published in the last year, including Paton Prize winner Hugh Lewin's *Stones Against the Mirror*; Paton Prize Finalists Mandy Wiener for *Killing Kebble*; McIntosh Polela for *My Father, my Monster* and *Bylevelde* by Hanlie Retief as well as Dana Snyman's greatest work thus far, *Hiervandaan*

But I must also dwell a while and thank Deon Meyer, for he instructed Jonathan Ball Publishers that he wanted to hold the National Launch of *7 Days* at Booktown Richmond. And I don't know what dirt he has on the accountants because not only did they agree to have the launch at BoekBedonnerd but they are sponsoring a road trip in a luxury coach for a group of journalists and 4 lucky winners to our festival, overnighing at Philippolis, that Stellenbosch of the Free State, and then staying for the duration of our festival. Thank you Jonathan Ball, you are the kind of publishers we like!!!

So our heart -felt thanks Deon for supporting all that we do in Booktown Richmond. Hoping you enjoy your time at BoekBedonnerd. With the threat of fracking one never knows if your beloved Loxton or Richmond will be around in ten years time.

Some of the Off Broadway activities taking place of the BookBedonnerd weekend will keep certainly keep you out of trouble and fully occupied. Mike Norris, our mural artist will be painting two more, large wall murals making Richmond even more eccentric. We are well on the way to truly becoming fully fledged a Picture Booktown.

Once again William Humphreys Art Gallery in Kimberley will be hosting "Richmond Filums" as well as holding art workshops, music and entertainment for the kids of the village. Dave Chislett, writer, performer, and creative artist will be holding an interactive workshop with the kids on the Saturday morning which looks like a great addition to the line-up of activities WHAG always provides. They will also be showing adult Filums (No not that sort of adult Filums!) in the late afternoons all to take place in the Richmond Town Hall on Loop Street.

In addition there will be showings of vintage filums at the Krip next to the Marina Guest House on Pienaar Street.

The Richmond Horse Museum will be open from early until late and it is well worth the visit. It houses a superb collection of antiques and a plethora of equine related artefacts. Admission is free to all visitors over the book fair so take advantage of this once in a lifetime offer!!!!

Chris Shelton, local book dealer and our resident bushman and angler, will be taking conducted walking tours up to the Vegkop Boer War fort which overlooks the dorp. He will give a running commentary of the events happening around the old fort before, during and after the Boer War: Departure for sundowners on the hill from the Supper Klub at around 6:00pm. Chris can be contacted for bookings at 083-600-1962.

MAP South Africa will be hosting exhibitions from their collection of art works and will be focusing on art as it relates to both books and storytelling. They always put on such a polished show and should not be missed. They will be open for the entire duration of BookBedonnerd and into the evenings so stroll on down the road.

MAP will also once again, for which we are very grateful, be hosting the book restoration and recovery workshops sponsored by the National Library of South Africa. Please contact Jenny or Mandla for information regarding these workshops.

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There has been feverish activity between Johannesburg and Richmond as are in the process of launching the construction of a 60km walking trail from Richmond which will include a foot path outlining the endemic but highly endangered Riverine Rabbit. This trail and the Riverine Rabbit will eventually be visible from Google Earth much as our famous richmondnc.co.za website is visible on Google. The geo-artists envisage that the trail and the rabbit which will bisected by the N1 Highway will serve to indicate our deep concern and anxiety about the survival of this rare species but equally our ability to survive as citizens of the Karoo in the face of the horrific onslaught to our environment should the exploitation of shale gas be allowed to proceed. Watch this space for details.

Last year there was quite a bit of stress at the various eateries in town with the huge rushes at lunch and in the evening. If you are a group or in a rush please contact the restaurant in order to reserve in advance. All restaurants are on the Richmond web site.. www.richmondnc.co.za

This promises to be the best BoekBedonnerd on record as we enter our 6th year and our 5th Festival. We look forward to seeing you in the dorp, the more so in the lovely Karoo springtime!

Accommodation is, as you are no doubt aware, at a premium during the weekend of the Book Festival, so if you would like to camp or trailer, the Richmond Country Club...a.k.a. the Grys Paleis will have all the facilities you will require. Please contact Johan at the Club at 053-693-0311 (4-6pm) or booktownrichmond@mweb.co.za

The local farming community will be providing lamb and mutton in whatever configuration required. This is one of the best products in the world and can be ordered in advance, pre-packed per your instruction and deep frozen. Bring a cooler box and pack it up before your return home. Call Johan Bezuidenhoudt at: 082-557-0227 or bez2@webmail.co.za to place your order.

Below is the latest programme.....

Darryl / Peter

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY

9.00 - 9.15 - **Peter Baker** - Welcome

9.15 - 9.30 - **Denise Gilden** - *The Dream*

9.30 - 10.00 - **Hector Kunene** - *Through the tunnel & other poems*

10.00 - 10.30 - **Anton Schoombee** - *Philigraphy / Signature Collecting*

10.30 - 11.00. TEA

11.00 - 11.30 - **Anni Snyman** - *Riverine Rabbit Land Art Project*

11.30 - 12.00 **Todd Collins** - *Till the cows come home*

12.00 - 12.30 - **Cyril Hromnik** - *The Chain of Dravido - Quena Temples at Geelbek, Moordenaars Karoo*

12.30 - 1.00 - **Omeseye Bolaji** interviewed by his biographer **Hector Kunene**

1.00 - 2.00 - LUNCH

2.00 - 2.30 - **Solly Dangor** - *Achmat David's Cape Muslim Afrikaans*

2.30 - 3.00 - **Chris Nicholson** - *Wagner and Hitler*

3.00 - 3.30 - **Syddha Essop** - *Karoo Kombuis*

3.30 - 4.00 - **Nico Moolman** - *The Boer Whore*

FRIDAY

9.00 - 9.30 - **Deon Meyer** - *7 Dae*

9.30 - 10.00 - **Welma Odendaal**

10.00 - 10.30 - **Andre Pretorius** - *Eilande en enklaves*

10.30 - 11.00 - TEA

11.00 - 11.30 - **Jeanette Ferreira** - *Oorlogliteratuur: Die Grensoorlog en die Boereoorlog*

11.30 - 12.00 - **Sarah Lotz** - *Why writing pulp fiction isn't a crime*

12.00 - 12.30 - **Paul C. Venter** - *Storm tref die Karoo: die maak van n TV-reeks op n klein dorpie*

12.30 - 13.00 - **Alexander Strachan** - *Dwaalpoort*

13.00 - 14.00 - LUNCH

14.00 - 14.30 - **Mike Nicol** - *Death of the main manne : killing your darlings*

14.30 - 15.00 - **Dan Wylie** - *Don MacLennan*

15.00 - 15.30 - **Lana Boonzaaier** - *Spore oor die Veld (Great Train Journeys of SA)*

15.30 - 16.00 - **Evette Weyers** - *Wat die hart van vol is*

SATURDAY

9.00 - 9.30 - **Deon Meyer** - National Launch of *7 Days*

9.30 - 10.00 - **Achmat Danghor**

10.00 - 10.30 - **Fanie Naude** - *'n Alfabet van die voels*

10.30 - 11.00 - TEA

11.00 - 11.30 - **Gwen Fagan** - *Roses at the Cape of Good Hope*

11.30 - 12.00 - **Karin Brynard** - On being a man in the land of murder and mayhem: a talk on *Onse Vaders*, a thriller

12.00 - 14.00 - LUNCH

14.00 - 14.30 - **Ashwin Desai** - *Shakespeare on Robben Island*

14.30 - 15.00 - **Darryl David / Philippe Menache** - *A Platteland Pilgrimage : 102 Country Churches of SA*

15.00 - 16.00 - **David Kramer**

16.00 - 16.15 - Closing

