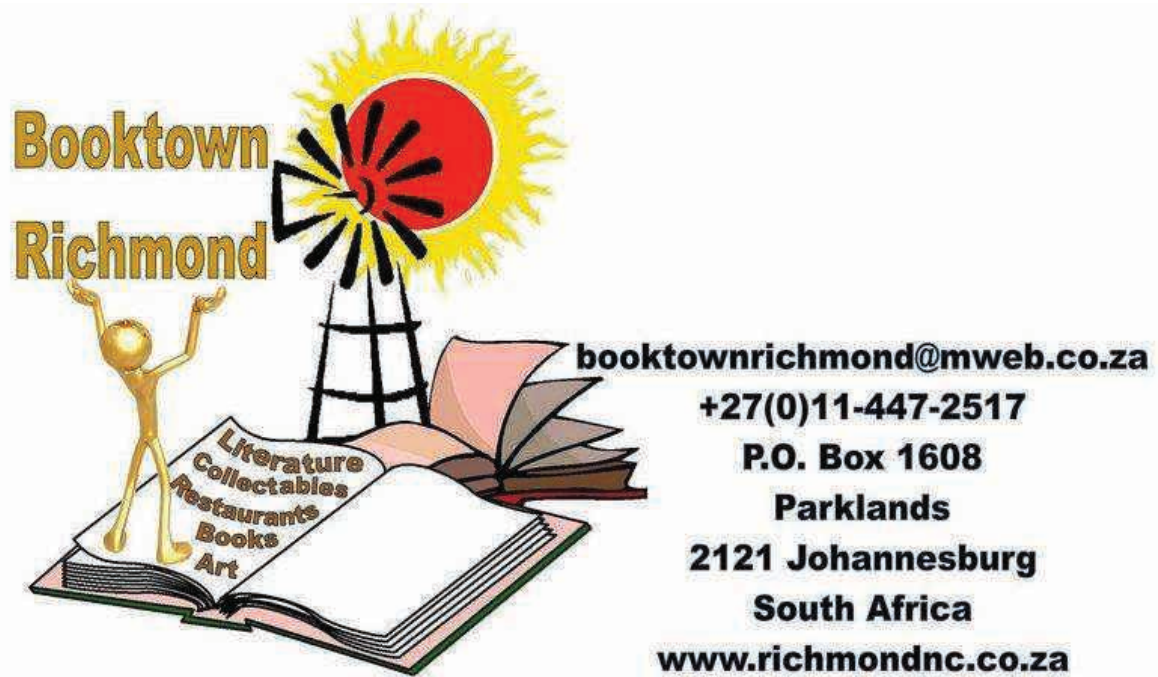




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Booktown Richmond's 6th Anniversary
BookBedonnerd V October 25,26, 27, 2012

August 24, 2012.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Two months. Eight weeks. Fifty some days and counting!!

BookBedonnerd V is almost upon us. And our line up is looking HOT!!!

Mind you, Richmond made national headlines for being snowed under in July. The N1 highway between Beaufort West and Richmond was closed for three days, and the dorp was full to overflowing with bodies in every bed and on the floors of the guest houses as well as the Grys Paleis; the village was bursting at the seams and Arctic cold. Bitter winds blew the flags on Vegkop stiff as boards.

I was on my way back from the Breyten Breytenbach Festival in Montagu and I was perversely thrilled that every route to Howick was closed!!! Never before have I experienced my heartland in all her bridal splendour. The snow covered fields and road ways were sights I will remember for the rest of my days; mind you Peter says this ain't nothin'...only a sprinkling of white stuff. But for we born and bred South Africans, especially those from the tropics like me, it was all pretty hectic.

Attached you will find our first version of our programme. Can I please ask all speakers to contact me with the exact title of their talks and would you please also confirm

which nights you will need for accommodation. I would really like to tie all of these matters up as soon as possible.

Mike Norris, our mural artist is also busy planning his next two murals. This will bring to six the number of murals we have painted this last year in our quest to paint ourselves into the history books as the only Picture Book Town in the world!!!

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. 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.

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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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

And finally if you would like to order some really super Genuine Karoo Lamb, in whatever cuts or quantity please contact Marie Urtel at 053-693-0003 or 082-898-9794 well in advance.

See you later,

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PROGRAMME

Thursday

9.00 - 9.15 - Peter Baker - Welcome

9.15 - 9.30 - Denise Gilden - The Dream

9.30 - 10.00 - Darryl David - Jozi

10.00 - 10.30 - Anton Schoombee - Philigraphy / Signature Collecting

10.30 - 11.00. TEA

11.00 - 11.30 - Meredith Kempthorne

11.30 - 12.00 Todd Collns - Till the cows come home

12.00 - 12.30 - Cyril Hromnik - Were Indians the first colonists in SA

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

1.00 - 2.00 - LUNCH

2.00 - 2.30 - Ferial Haffajee

2.30 - 3.00 - Solly Dangor -

3.00 - 3.30 - Sydda Essop - Karoo Kombuis

3.30 - 4.00 - Nico Moolman - The Boer Whore

FRIDAY

9.00 - 9.30 - Deon Meyer

9.30 - 10.00 - Welma Odendaal

10.00 - 10.30 - Andre Pretorius

10.30 - 11.00 - TEA

11.00 - 11.30 - Jeanette Ferreira - Boereoorlogstories

11.30 - 12.00 - Sarah Lotz

12.00 - 12.30 - Paul Venter

12.30 - 13.00 - Alexander Strachan

13.00 - 14.00 - LUNCH

14.00 - 14.30 - Mike Nicol

14.30 - 15.00 - Craig Mackenzie - Bosman in Johannesburg

15.00 - 15.30 - Lana Boonzaaier

15.30 - 16.00 - Evette Weyers

SATURDAY

9.00 - 9.30 - Deon Meyer

9.30 - 10.00 - Achmat Danghor

10.00 - 10.30 - Fanie Naude

10.30 - 11.00 - TEA

11.00 - 11.30 - Gwen Fagan

11.30 - 12.00 - Karin Brynard

12.00 - 12.30 - TBA

12.30 - 14.00 - LUNCH

14.00 - 14.30 - Ashwin Desai

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

