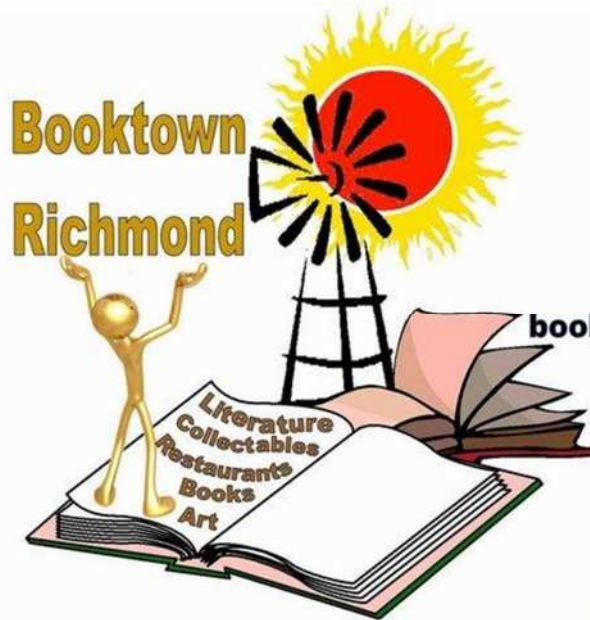




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BOOKBEDONNERD AUGUST 2013 NEWSLETTER

We are edging ever closer to the greatest show in the Karoo, BookBedonnerd VI, and we can sense the excitement building amongst bibliophiles. And when you look at our line-up, you will certainly agree – it looks like a mouth-watering prospect!!!

At Booktown Richmond we pride ourselves on being dedicated to the Karoo, and for finding those unique books which no festival in the land has hosted. This year, as part of the bi-centenary celebrations around David Livingstone, we have managed to get an acceptance from Julie Davidson, the author of the book *In the footsteps of Mrs Livingstone*. In this book Davidson resurrects from the cracks of history, one of the forgotten women of South African, Mary Moffatt. It is fitting that Julie should speak in Richmond because the Northern Cape was the home of Mary Moffatt.

Other writers we are proud to boast about is Sindiwe Magona. You may or not be aware that my lovely wife is not the most literary of individuals, but when she told me she cried when she heard Sindiwe speak on television. I made it my mission to track her down.

Etienne van Heerden, one of the greats of South African literature, makes a long overdue visit back to Richmond. Close on his heels will be his UCT colleague Sonja Loots with her mesmerising novel *Sirkusboere*. What a book is all I will say for now!!!

Vying for the title of most famous literary couple, will be well known literary personalities Don Pinnock and his wife Patricia Schonstein up against the couple who are Karoo Bedonnerd – Chris Marais and Julie du Toit. I can tell you now Chris & Jules will be in our last session on Saturday, so please make sure you keep R250 odd aside for the follow up to Karoo Keepsakes. This is a must get book. Buy one for the car, buy one for the toilet, buy one for the bedroom – it's that good!

Denis Beckett returns to Richmond in a very secretive mood. No matter how much I ask him for the title of his book, he remains the most elusive writer to pin down. But I hear it is something big.

Dianna Ferrus is finally on our menu for BookBedonnerd and although it has been a 7 year wait, we are certain that it will show to have been well worth the patience.

Talking about worth the wait – a biography of Thomas Pringle. Finally!!! Thank you Randolph Vigne for making the effort, at your age, to travel the 600km to Booktown Richmond.

These are only a few of the highlights Karoosters; in the weeks ahead we will profile all the writers. But it is a great line-up, so please make your way down / up to Richmond and experience first-hand what all the fuss is about this little Karoo town that re- built itself on books!!!

We are thrilled that we shall have some really great entertainment on offer at the old Library...BTR HQ...Luna Paige will be performing on the Thursday and Saturday evenings. She is a real star and you can get a glimpse of her in action on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhpPpzojOTY> and on her web site www.lunapaige.com Tickets will be on sale from Peter or Darryl and at the door...R100 a pop.

So the list of speakers without yet a finalized programme we are proud to say the following are on their way to the little dorp for BookBedonnerd VII

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THE LINE UP:

- 1) Archie Dick
- 2) Peet Coetzee
- 3) Sonja Loots
- 4) Heather Dugmore
- 5) John Costello - The Wild Coast
- 6) Paul Miles
- 7) Etienne van Heerden
- 8) Danie Marais
- 9) Finuala Dowling
- 10) Sindiwe Magona
- 11) Francois Griebenow
- 12) Liz Gunner
- 13) Fred Khumalo (tbc)
- 14) Patricia Schonstein
- 15) Don Pinnock
- 16) Louise Heckl
- 17) Chris Marais and Julie - Karoo Keepsakes II
- 18) Andy Capostagno
- 19) Johan Bezuidenhout
- 20) Denis Beckett
- 21) Julie Davidson - in celebration of Douglas Livingston celebrations - a biography of his wife, Mary Moffatt
- 22) Ilse Salzwedel
- 23) luna Paige - musical interpretation of famous poems
- 24) Kobus Moolman - poet
- 25) Dianna Ferrus -poet
- 26) Des Armstrong - Role of Irish in Anglo-Boer War
- 27) Robyn Rohm - Bird Island
- 28) Alwyn Roux - Marlene van Niekerk se Memorandum
- 29) Wessel Ebersohn -The Classifier
- 30) Craig McKenzie - Herman Charles Bosman
- 31) Eenkantland - Dana Snyman in onderhoud met Jannie Uys, seun van Oom Theunis Uys(skrywer van Eenkantland). Namakwalandse folk songs deur Sakka Stone
- 32) Randolph Vigne - Thomas Pringle biography

