

Welcome to the AWM Online newsletter for October

Forum News

We had a great forum with Bronwyn Parry in September. She talked about how winning a competition can really help your chances of publication. She also spoke about the importance of online communities and writing groups in giving writers support and knowledge of the industry. If you'd like to read more, the [forum](#) is now posted in our archives.

Please note subscription to AWMOnline is required for forum access. Subscriptions start at \$19.95. See www.awmonline.com.au for more information.

Website News!

How do you like our new website! Anyone who received error messages thanks for your patience. We are hoping our new site will have no problems but if you are having trouble finding something or something doesn't work, please get in touch with us at techhelp@awmonline.com.au.

Blog

The [Speakeasy](#) blog is a great place for you to comment on news in the publishing industry. Head on over and have your say.

Recent news from the world of writing –

The Queensland Premier's Literary Awards were announced last month. The Fiction Book Award of \$25,000 was given to Helen Garner for her book, *The Spare Room*. The Emerging Queensland Writer - Manuscript Award of \$20,000 was given to Amy Vought Barker for her manuscript, *Omega Park*. The full list of winners is [here](#).

Richard Curtis has written a brilliant article over at [The Writer's Edge](#) about how necessary editors are to writing. It certainly warms the cockles of my heart to hear that people won't soon be able to simply publish their blog posts and random scribbles without first going through the editorial process.

Competitions and Events

Science Fiction Writers of Earth Short Story Competition: Science fiction and fantasy short story competition.

www.flash.net/~sfwoe

CLOSING DATE: 30 October 2008 Check with organisers via email to confirm closing date and competition details.

PRIZE VALUE: \$475 in total including publication of the winning story.

Paramount Publishing International Short Story Competition: Annual short story competition.

www.writingaustralia.com/comp.html

CLOSING DATE: 30 November

PRIZE VALUE: \$625 apportioned between 3 sections.

Fellowship of Australian Writers (Vic.) 2008 Literary Awards: 20 categories, national literary competition.

www.writers.asn.au/

CLOSING DATE: November - Check the website for the closing dates. PRIZE VALUE: Approx. \$9,000 apportioned across 20 categories.

Island of Residencies: Applications from published writers to spend three to four weeks in Tasmania working on a particular project.

www.tasmanianwriters.org

CLOSING DATE: 30 November 2008

For an application form email: admin@tasmanianwriters.org

Successful applicants will be posted on the website in March 2009.