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Boekbedonnerd X

25, 26, 27 and 28 October 2017



October 12, 2017.

Cock-a-doodle-doo Karoosters,

The spring rains have certainly come to the High Veld and to Durban-by-the-Sea while alas the poor Cape is still parched and having to brush their teeth with wine...ag shame, but we pray for rain for the Mother City sooner than later.

On the political front we bumble along while the discussion seems how to fix a systemically corrupt government, whereas we should be planning for a bright new era once we have had a full on and democratic change in government. The coffee shops are going to be frenetic with debate in the coming weeks. We are confident that as always South Africa will pull out a sunny blue sky after the worst of storms. We will just have to keep on truckin' in our Chevrolet!

BookBedonnerd X is going to be a big one! We can feel it in our bones hundreds of kilometres away in Joey and in Howick. All the guesthouses have said how they are inundated with queries from people wanting to attend. But they are full. Richmond really needs the hotel in Pienaar Street to be operational by 2018. However, if you really want to attend contact the Information Office who might know of farmstays about 20km out of town though. Alternatively, the towns of Victoria West and Hanover are only about 60km away from Richmond.

But back to 2017, our tenth anniversary. Lots of announcements. Firstly, all writers attending the SA INDEPENDENT PUBLISHERS AWARDS GALA DINNER, please remember you need to book with Peter Baker on pcbaker@mweb.co.za , or call 011-447-2517. This is a very well attended event and one of the highlights of the book festival. If you don't want to go hungry on the night when kitchen staff will be under huge pressure, please book!

Secondly all accommodation has been allocated. I will circulate this list privately to all writers on Sunday.

Thirdly acclaimed poet Fanie Olivier is offering Poetry Workshops over breakfast for the duration of the festival. This is a wonderful opportunity for the truly committed. Classes will start at 7.30am and finish in time for the first talks. But at least you will be energized after your breakfasts at Die Supper Klub and the Richmond Café. Please call / contact Peter to book. If your poems are good enough we will afford you the opportunity to read them out at the closing!!

Fourthly we need your old spectacles. (No no nurse I said slip off his spectacles!) All writers will not be allowed into guesthouses until I have your spectacles for Richmond's fledgling Museum of Optometry. In phase 1 we are working on a Spectacle Museum and we need all you famous writer's spectacles just in case you win the Nobel Prize years from now. Athol Fugard has already said he will donate his eyeballs to the museum when he moves on to the Great Karoo in the Sky.

Attached below you will see the latest programme as up to date and accurate as it can be bearing in mind the state of mind of all of us. The village will be holding its annual Kerk Bizarre (sic) in the church grounds,

Lastly there is great excitement about our Richmond Open House session after lunch on Saturday. It is going to be especially moving to see the running of the first Darrel Conolly Richmond Mile from one end of Loop Street to the other. We are giving a R1000 first prize so it will be a very serious race. This had always been a dream of Darrel Conolly, a man synonymous with all things bookish in Richmond who sadly passed on a few months ago.

There will be a shorter race for the youngsters, also with a prize of R200 and a fun wheelbarrow race for the farmers, (or anybody else with a wheelbarrow and a wife) pushing their wives! Once again the local kids have gone overboard in preparation for the Richmond Annual Karretjie Concourse d'Elégance. And then all writers are going to have to participate in what we are calling THE RICHMOND DRAG. We realize that the average age of writers is 85 plus, so we will start you off at the Old Age Home and end at Die Huis van Lich ten Schaduw. BUT...BUT...YOU HAVE TO BE DRESSED IN OUTRAGEOUS ATTIRE. THE WEIRDER, THE MORE ECCENTRIC, THE BETTER. Bring your dresses from the 50's. Bring you walking sticks. Men, as Ashwin Desai will tell you, bring out the 'Pottermari' in you and don that sari! Women, dust off those hip hop dresses you have from the 60's. I am already eyeing my wife's pink bra for the occasion. So let your hair down and lets do this tenth anniversary in style.

Throughout BookBedonnerd there will be plenty of stuff going on to keep you busy, over and above the usual stoep sitting anywhere you can find a chair on a stoep on Loop Street. Please look at the P.S after the programme below, but suffice to say there will be exhibits at the wonderful MAP Gallery opposite the town hall, book binding and restoration workshops, poetry readings, films and talks at the Horse Museum which will be open to all throughout the week, with a special wine & cheese and ancient films of famous long gone poets reading their works. On Thursday evening we shall be hosting world famous Steel String Guitar and Bluesman Doc Maclean at the BTRHQ Old Library. Architect Dave Clemens will lead a Richmond walkabout pointing out all the interesting buildings we are so lucky to have kept and preserved in the town. John Donaldson will also be hosting a Boer War in Richmond talk, walk about and beer drinking session sometime over the week....he is at present MIA (missing in action) somewhere in Albania!

We pride ourselves that we have managed through the generosity of our writers and presenters as well as a small donation from the NCPG Department of SAC, to offer free admission to everything on the programme with the exception to the Friday evening presentation wine & cheese at the Horse Museum. They, Johan Tolken and Co. have done a fantastic job in keeping the unique museum open and vibrant. It is the pride of Richmond dorp. They are asking for a donation of R50 for the evenings offering which is well deserved and they have our support.

BoekBedonnerd to the core,

Over and out.....

Darryl & Peter

BoekBedonnerd 2017 Programme

Wednesday 25th October 2017

- 9.00 – 9.30 – MIKE NORRIS – ARTIST ROUND THE BEND
9.30 – 10.00 - CICELY ANNE VAN STRATEN – A MISSING MADONNA
10.00 – 10.30 - IGNO VAN NIEKERK - LIGHT ON LEADERSHIP
10.30 – 11.00 – MATTHYS STRYDOM – STORIES TEEN MY MUUR
11.00 – 11.30 – TEA AT THE SUPPER KLUB
11.30 – 12.00 – LOUISA SCHOLTZ – SIRKEL VAN ONS LIEFDE
12.00 – 12.30 – LUTHANDO LUCAS – I AM
12.30 – 13.00 – HEATHER COSTARAS – HOW HEATHER GOT HER HAT’NESS
BACK
13.00 – 14.30 LUNCH
14.30 – 15.00 ELKARIEN FOURIE – VAT JOU HELE HART – CHINESE
ODYSSEY
15.00 – 15.30 – RINA THERON – SANDVELDKOS: KOSNOSTALGIE EN
STORIES VAN GISTER
Wine tasting sponsored by Springfield Wines
15.30 – 16.00 – KAY DE VILLIERS – YEOMEN OF THE KAROO
16.00 – 16.30 - ATHOL WILLIAMS – INVITATION (POETRY)
18:00 INDEPENDENT PUBLISHERS BANQUET AT THE SUPPER KLUB
BOOKING ESSENTIAL
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Thursday 26th October 2017

9.00 – 9.30 – HELENE OPPERMAN LEWIS – BRITAIN'S BASTARD CHILD

9.30 – 10.00 – EVELYN GROENINK – MURDER INC. – THE MURDER OF DULCIE

SEPTEMBER

10.00 – 10.30 – MADINE SWART – FLORA SE GEHEIME TAAL

10.30 – 11.00 – JOE SPIRIT – THE BOOK OF JANE

11.00 – 11.30 – TEA AT THE SUPPER KLUB

11.30 – 12.00 – ANDRIES BEZUIDENHOUT – THE HISTORY OF PICTURES

12.00 – 12.30 – ANTOINETTE OLIVIER – HAIKOES - OPTELKLIPPES

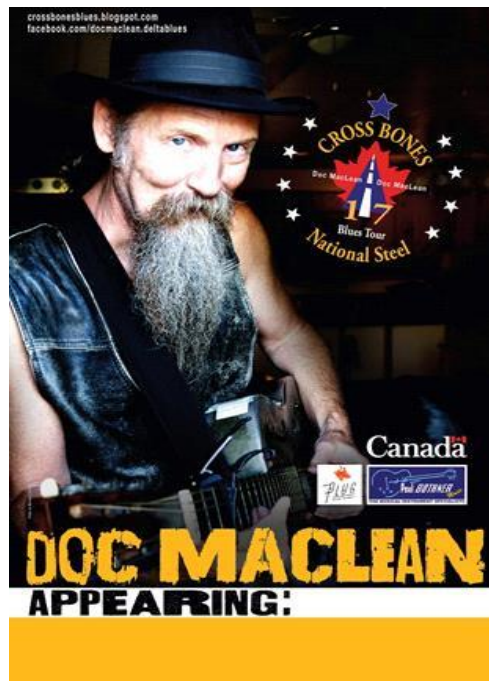
12.30 – 13.00 – BARRY PIENAAR – FREDDIE BOY –(INGE LOTZ MURDER)

13.00 – 14.30 – LUNCH

14.30 – 16.30 – FILUM SCREENING : VIR DIE VOELS

18.00 – DOC MACLEAN STEEL GUITAR CROSS BONES TOUR
(Bring your party shoes!)

And wine tasting sponsored by Hawksmoor Wines & Mark Borrie



Friday 27th October 2017

9.00 – 9.45 – ERNS GRUNDLINGH – EL CAMINO

9.45 – 10.00 – CARA-LEIGH O'SHEA – SHADOW WIZARDS

10.00 – 10.30 PAUL AVENANT - KOEDOE

10.30 – 11.00 – DONVE LEE – SCARS THAT SHINE (SYD KITCHEN)

11.00 – 11.30 - TEA AT THE SUPPER KLUB

11.30 – 12.00 – TONY JACKMAN - foodSTUFF

12.00 – 12.30 – ASHWIN DESAI – REVERSE SWEEP

12.30 – 14.30 – LUNCH

ORGAN RECITAL AT THE KERK

14.30 – RICHMOND ARCHITECTURE WALK ABOUT FROM SUPPER KLUB

14.30 – 15.00 – EDDIE BLIGNAUT – KAROO CHUCKLES

15.00 – 15.30 – CLINTON DU PLESSIS – AANTEKENINGE TEEN DIE SKEMERUUR

15.30 – 16.00 – FANIE OLIVIER – GEDAGTENISSE : ONTHOUGEDIGTE OOR VRIENDE

16.00 – 16..... ANDRIES 'ROOF' BEZUIDENHOUT : MINI CONCERT

And wine tasting sponsored by Strandveld Wines and Holger Eckoldt

18.30 – WINE & CHEESE RICHMOND HORSE MUSEUM (Films, Poets, and History
with Johan Tolkin)

Saturday 28th October 2017

9.00 – 9.45 – KARINA BRINK – THE FIFTH MRS BRINK

9.45 – 10.30 – ROSEMARY & ROBERT FORRESTER – TARA THE TERRIER

10.30 – 11.00 – NAOMI MEYER - WEB

11.00 – 11.30 – TEA AT THE SUPPER KLUB

11.30 - 12.00– ANDRIES BEZUIDENHOUT – COSATU

12.00 – 12.30 – IRMA DE KLERK – VIR DIE VOELS

12.30 – 13.00 – ASHWIN DESAI – STATE CAPTURE
OFFICIAL CLOSING

13.00 – 14.30 – LUNCH

Richmond Open House

07.00– RICHMOND TOWN WALK AND CYCLE FROM 5 TO 40 KM

14.30 – 14.45 – YOUNG RICHMOND UNDER 15 QUARTER MILE RACE R200 FIRST
PRIZE

14.45 – 15.00 – FARMER'S WHEEL BARROW RACE (OR ANYONE ELSE WITH A
WHEEL BARROW) PUSHING HIS WIFE

15.00 – 15.15 - KARRETJIE CONCOURSE D'ELEGANCE

15.15 – 15.30 – WRITER'S ECCENTRIC DRESS UP DRAG UP WALK

15.30 – 16.00 DARREL CONOLLY RICHMOND MILE RUNNING RACE R1000 FIRST
PRIZE

Post scripts

IN ADDITION TO THE TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS AT THE OLD LIBRARY ON LOOP STREET, THERE WILL BE THE KERK BAZAAR, ARCHITECTURAL AND BOER WAR WALK ABOUTS.

MAP ART GALLERY AND THE RICHMOND MUSEUM WILL BOTH BE PUTTING ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISPLAYS.



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THE NATIONAL LIBRARY RESTORATION SERVICES WILL BE CONDUCTING TWO FULL ON WORKSHOPS IN BOOK CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

THERE WILL BE A FANTASTIC ORGAN RECITAL DURING THE LUNCH BREAK ON FRIDAY SO BRING SOME PAD KOS AND A GLASS OF WINE.

ACCLAIMED POET FANIE OLIVIER WILL BE HOLDING POETRY WRITING WORKSHOPS OVER BREAKFAST AT THE SUPPER KLUB & RICHMOND CAFÉ. PLEASE RSVP WITH PETER pcbaker@mweb.co.za or 011-447-2517

SUNDOWNERS AS USUAL EVERY EVENING ON VEGKOP.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON IS RICHMOND OPEN HOUSE: RACES, DEMO'S, MARKETS, AND MUCH MUCH MORE.....

