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Coffs Writers Chronicle

Early this month, a few matters, in the interests of notice.

Christmas Lunch: 6th December, 11.30am. The price confirmed at \$25/ head at their end - so only \$12.50 personal payment. Sorry for the confusion.

We will keep with tradition, and each buy a \$10.00 gift to go under the tree. I'm working on a fairy to go on top of it.

The Shearwater Café were surprised to learn they were closing, so I guess not, or just yet. So the social meeting will go ahead there on the 16th. You are all welcome to look around at alternative locations, but understand that for every 3 people that want X location there will be 4 who want Y, so we can't please everybody.

I also asked for input relating to preference of the 3rd Wednesday or Thursday, again it won't please everyone.

We don't meet again at the Cavanbah until the 7th February 2018, another year. However it would be appreciated if you were to reflect on the following: We have the room for 2 ½ hours. Of that there are certain formalities need to be included, I have made an effort to keep this to a minimum, 8-10 minutes. If each member reads for 6 minutes and there are 12 members wishing to read, that's an hour and a quarter gone. A guest speaker 15 minutes, and I haven't allowed for searching for your document, followed by your glasses.

Last Wednesday was all about time and schedule, a speaker for 15 minutes, so yes we can have a speaker, I have asked Roslyn Cousins from the library to come and talk to us about the research facilities they offer, some free. Research is important to fiction just as much as to memoir writing. We shouldn't be a closed group, we should look at ways of stretching ourselves to become better writers. Including speakers and writing exercises.

As we get a bigger group and more readers, the importance of a timetable and adhering to it becomes vital. I found a piece of software that will project a clock onto the screen, this may be a useful aid to keeping on track.