

# Sleepers In Somnia

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## Sleepers holds its first Salon


“There’s nothing like this in Melbourne – it’s like a mini literary festival!”


The first Salon was held last Thursday 11th September at Bar 303 in Northcote, which was packed, and the crowd, which was full of writers, publishers, poets, playwrights and authors, was super friendly. It was a great place to meet people and share anecdotes, advice and wisdom.


Guests, in order of appearance included:

- The band: Red Raku, featuring John Hedigan, Clare Bowditch and Marty Brown.
- Russell McGilton, reading from his travel book *Bombay to Beijing by Bicycle* and explaining the process he took before being accepted by his literary agent, Curtis Brown.
- Anna Hedigan took to the stage to give hot tips on how to apply for and eventually receive literary grants.
- Next up, Antoni Jach interviewed Adam Ford about neopulp, genre fiction and realist fiction.
- After the break, Kath Knapsy talked about her book on Chinese Traditional Medicine, *Food for Seasons*.
- Last up, Josh Kinal interviewed Shelley O’Reilly about her writing and being a writer.

The night started at 8pm and finished at 11.20.

 The next morning, Russell travelled to Sydney to talk with one of Australia’s largest publishers who is offering him a contract this week. More news in the next issue.

 Kath was the only speaker who suffered heckling. She pulled through in style.

 Beforehand, Shelley warned us that she would suffer from nerves. Yeah... right!

### Introducing...

Sleepers writing groups and Sleepers reading groups. Contact Sleepers or stay tuned for more information coming soon.



Russell McGilton reads from his forthcoming book *Bombay to Beijing by Bicycle*.



Antoni: So Adam, how many times have you talked about neopulp in public?  
Adam: Well, this will be my first time...

### Raffle prizes:

We would like to thank our prize-givers, including Macmillan for the Macquarie Concise Dictionary, Cinema Nova for the double passes, Crumpler for the funky bag, and Readings for the gift voucher.

Sleepers’ first Salon would like to thank the sponsors, HQ magazine. Everybody who attended the night received a free copy of the magazine, HQ, which stands for Highly Quotable.



Good luck to everybody who has submitted short stories for the HQ short story competition. And don’t forget to submit a short story (less than 3,000 words) for the Age short story competition, which closes on Friday October 3.



Anna Hedigan provides valuable information on “how to get the good stuff to support your writing”. For her handout with information on Grant writing 101, contact Sleepers.

The next Sleepers Salon is on October 9th and will feature more free haircuts as well as live music by Paul Huggett. Special guests include Eric Dando, Steve Grimwade and Brad Bryant. Stay tuned for more information.

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