

## Dando sometimes Preston Bryant Grimwade Hall

The October 9, 2003 Sleepers Salon

Deadlines are tough in October. For students and academics, exams are looming and assignments are due. The corporate world is waking up earlier every morning with the fast realisation that the Christmas slow-down is around the corner (with so many unticked points on that 2003 to-do list!) And let's face it, it's hard to leave the house when it's windy and rainy outside. But October 9th was one of those nights that was worth leaving the house for.

Checkout the cast and crew of the October Salon...

• **Brad Bryant**, winner of the HQ short story competition (1996), Vogels' shortlister (2001) and runner-up (1999), answered questions about the life of the writer.

• **Eric Dando**, bestselling author of *Snail* (Penguin, 1996) interviewed by biographer and freelance journalist, **Edwina Preston**.

• **Steve Grimwade**, RRR FM co-presenter, RMIT teacher, *Going Down Swinging* co-editor and founder of Freedom Press, interviewed by **alicia sometimes**, also co-editor of GDS, co-presenter at RRR FM, and a leading Melbourne poet.

• **Simon Hall**, recently published in – amongst other things – the Cardigan Press anthology, 'Normal Service Will Resume' read from his monologues and poetry.



Eric Dando - revealing all about a glowing trip to the Tote with his mum.

### Sleepers showcases Heat At next month's Salon...

To celebrate the release of *HEAT 6*, Sleepers' November Salon is proud to present **Dorothy Porter and Andrea Goldsmith** in a live onstage interview. Stay tuned for more information.

*HEAT 6* literary magazine features Dimitri Kakmi, Delia Falconer, David Bennett, PhD, Chris Andrews, Alex Skovron, Paul Mitchell, Hugh Tollhurst and Elizabeth Campbell as well as more fabulous writers.

Where: Bar 303, 303 High Street, Northcote  
When: Thursday 13th November at 8pm

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Eric Dando, Edwina Preston and Brad Bryant are all smiles for Simon Hall.

Before the performances and at the end of the night, we were serenaded by **Paul Huggett**, who moonlights as the Executive Officer of Edmund Rice Camps Victoria. We dedicated the October Salon to the staff and students of the VCA.



If Becks can do it... Product placement Preston and Dando-style.



Punters enjoying their free copies of HQ magazine.



Big Sleepers thanks to Holly for filling in at the very last minute on the free haircuts.



The amazing Simon Hall keeps punters wowed and rolling in the aisles.

We'd like to congratulate...

- Russell McGilton on the Penguin deal for Bombay to Beijing by Bicycle
- J M Coetzee on the Nobel

Sleepers would like to thank the following raffle givers: Nova cinemas, Stella Vassiliou, Eureka Street and Macmillan Publishers.

Sleepers would also like to thank HQ magazine, who sponsored the October Salon.

**HQ**



Steve: "What was the question again, alicia?"



### Post-It Note Poetry Competition

The theme of the Post-It Note Poetry competition was ginger. During the competition, ginger biscuits were served, courtesy of the Koala brand biscuit company.

The winner is... "Annabel Harnington"

I spent five minutes with ginger once.  
And I fell through storeys of sound.  
I picked myself up at the bottom and looked around.  
The world was red and I was blue.



Former Post-it Note poetry winner Florence Nulens judges the competition.

Other entries to the Post-It Note Poetry competition:

My cat is a ninja  
-anon

G is for biscuit  
I don't like REM  
that much.  
re-use this post-it  
note. Please.  
-anon



Brad: "...and if you're the partner of a writer, don't ask them if they want to come and watch Rove when they're writing, 'cause chances are they will..."

Sleepers is proud to raise a glass to: Modern Writing Press, Going Down Swinging, RRR FM's 'Aural Text', HEAT literary journal, HQ magazine, Cardigan Press, Eureka Street magazine, Overland literary journal, Visible Ink and Babble spoken word nights, and Vulgar Press.

