

Sleepers In Somnia

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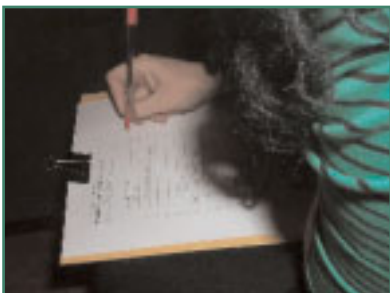
Sleepers Christmas Salon Lit-A-Rivia!

The final Salon of the year was a literary trivia night. There were five rounds of trivia and in between there were bonus points awarded for those prepared to stand up in front of everybody and perform in the Speeling Wasp and Articulades.

The final round (and highlight) was Improvetry, which had select members from each team get up on stage blindfolded, with either an object in their hands or a mysterious taste in their mouth, and make up poetry on the spot. Needless to say, this was hilarious.

There was champagne for the winning team, which was made up of Kate Stones, Paul White, Adam Ford, Alex Eather and Anna Hedigan; there was also a random prize draw, and the following awards...

The Funniest Person on the night Award went to Simon Hall, for being both kinds of funny.



The first Sleepers Keepers awards went to Jodie Webster and Steve Smart for their contribution on the night, and for their support and ongoing enthusiasm over the last five months.

Zoe and Kate Stones performed their Country Christmas Carol *Starlight Ridin'* and quite a few people chuckled.

Thanks to everyone who was prepared to make a complete fool of themselves. We had immense fun watching. Let's do it again some time.

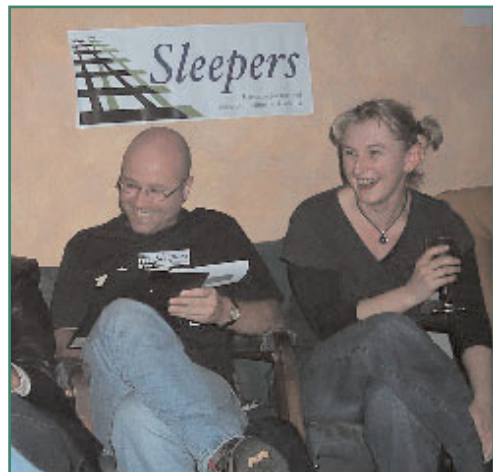
Locations we have loved 2003:

- Good Morning Captain
- The Tote
- The Lambsgo Bar
- Bar Open
- The Labour in Vain
- Bar 303
- The North Melbourne Townhall Pub
- Queen
- The Ute
- The Union
- The Old Colonial
- Nick's house
- Castlemaine
- The airport
- Tassie
- The Blood Bank
- Tattoo Magic

Sleepers in 2004

The Sleepers office will be open over Christmas but there will be no Salon in January when we will be in planning and forecasting mode, brainstorming our programs and adventures for 2004. We're looking forward to getting our teeth stuck into the New Year.

Of course, we're still reading manuscripts, and office visitors are always super welcome. Swing by for a coffee or some holiday nibbles.



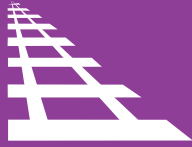
Russell "Bombay to Beijing" McGilton and Sleepers Keeper Jodie Webster.



Emily Zoey Baker with her white teeth in Improvetry. Lou suitably grinning.

Be seen at...

- **Voiceworks** launch at Kent Street, which is a bar on Smith Street, at 7pm on Wednesday 10th December.
- **Babble** at Bar Open on Brunswick Street, featuring the delightfully deadpan Simon Hall, at 8.30-9ish this Wednesday 10th December, \$5.
- **Going Down Swinging** launch at the Old Colonial on Brunswick Street at 8pm on Thursday 11th December for \$10 with a copy of the magazine.
- **Overload** Benefit gig at the Overload office – 169 Johnston Street this Saturday 13th December from 7pm.
- **RMIT's School of Creative Media** Information Night to introduce the Master of Creative Media (Creative Writing, Multimedia, Photography, Film and TV Production, Screenwriting) on Wednesday 17th December from 5pm 'til 7pm at the Large Auditorium, Level 1, Building 94, Cardigan Street, Carlton South – RSVP to gaye.swinn@rmit.edu.au



Round-up of 2003

Lou: I feel like...
 Zoe: A list?
 Lou: Yes. Exactly. Let's do one together.
 Zoe: Oh, how unusual. (sarcastic half-looks) OK.
 Lou: Well, there's been plenty of David Bowie...
 Zoe: Bowie?
 Lou: Ch-ch-changes (lopsided stupid grin).
 Zoe: (lopsided stupid grin) OH! Yes, there have been many changes. I like the bit about how we quit our real jobs and started our own company.
 Lou: Uh-huh. And I cut my hair.
 Zoe: That was very lopsided.
 Lou: (ignoring previous) You got Frog (Zoe's dog).
 Zoe: Yes. And you went crazy.
 Lou: Well, you were looking so lonely out there.
 Zoe: OK, OK – what was a highlight?
 Lou: At the Salons?
 Zoe: Anywhere.
 Lou: Oh. (sighs just audibly) I think I'll keep it to just the Salons...
 Zoe: Why?
 Lou: Because there are too many.
 Zoe: OK. Well, start there. At the Salons.
 Lou: Oh God, that's so hard.
 Zoe: ... <



Lou: OK, OK, well there was Dorothy Porter and Andrea Goldsmith interviewing each other on stage. That was a giggle. Discussing and arguing about prose versus poetry. Yes, that made me very happy.
 Zoe: Yes, yes. And then there was Simon Hall reading his monologues and short stories. I think he's a bit mad...
 Lou: Absolutely he is. In his own inimitable way.
 Zoe: There was Adam Ford talking about neopulp.
 Lou: (pause) You know what? I'm listening to us, and this sounds like a plug.
 Zoe: In what way?
 Lou: How we're using the feature performers' surnames and explaining to each other what they were performing.
 Zoe: ... When we know very well what they were doing at the Salons, and who they are by their first names...
 Lou: This is a low narrative effect. This was such a cheap tactic.

To Read:

The latest HEAT magazine, *Happy Days*, has been receiving fantastic reviews (see *The Saturday Age*) and we're rapt about it.

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Manuscripts please

Send us your best words, accompanied by a biography, synopsis and an SSAE. Send anything that will fill us with delight. Make us laugh, make us cry.

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Gaye Swinn all abuzz in the Speeling Wasp.

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Graham waxes lyrical over the object challenge in Improvetry

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