

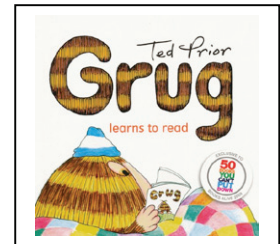
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This newsletter is a little rushed in its writing and printing. Just back from the Sydney Quilt and Craft Expo where we had a fabulous time and won best small stand for our Sock Monkey display (yippee!), I've discovered we've almost run out of time to write and mail this letter out to you. This newsletter's main purpose is to highlight three fabulous upcoming events at Morpeth over the months of July and August. We would love you to come along...

'Grug' Children's Book Series Signing with author, illustrator Ted Prior.



**Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July, Morpeth Gallery.
Times: 11am - 1pm & 2pm - 3pm. Free Entry.**

If you are in your thirties, or have children in their thirties, it's a sure thing that you grew up with Grug! Now you can introduce your children/grandchildren to this delightful Australian character...

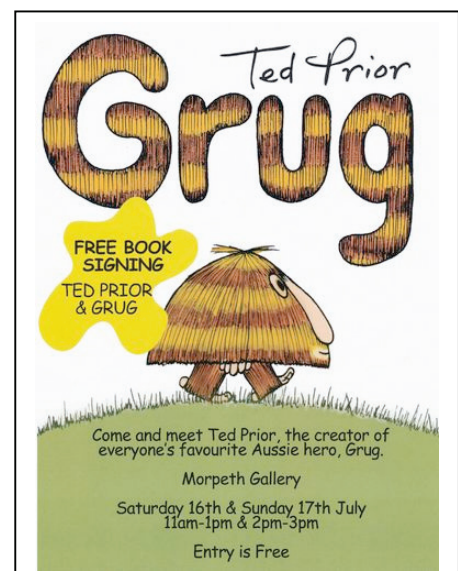
"Grug began his life as the top of a native Australian Burrawang tree. Resembling a small, striped haystack with feet and a nose, he is fascinated by the world around him and solves everyday problems creatively and without fuss. When for example dancing instructions are too difficult to understand, Grug invents his own dance and calls it "The Grug".

Novocastrian Ted Prior worked as a police officer and an art teacher, teaching at Newcastle TAFE for many years. He began to write and illustrate the original series of *Grug* books in 1979. As a result there's a whole generation of thirty something's in Australia who grew up loving *Grug*!

Grug then went out of publication in 1992, skipping a generation, before being published again from 2009. *Grug* now has 30 adventures in the Australian bush along with his friends Snoot the Echidna and Carla the python snake. Children are now discovering *Grug* for the first time. Babies and toddlers are fascinated with the bright pictures and adventures of *Grug*. They soon learn to read using the *Grug* stories.

Stories include *Grug and His Garden*, where *Grug* discovers a snail eating his garden, so he plants more so they can both be happy; *Grug Goes Fishing*, *Grug Plays Soccer*, where *Grug* and friend *Cara* the carpet snake play a game, and *Grug visits the Circus* and is inspired to create his own circus tricks. Recent editions include, *Grug Goes to Hospital* and *Grug Learns to Fly*. There's even a plush *Grug* toy with a board book and CD to introduce your children to *Grug* for the first time.

We are very excited to have Ted Prior visit Morpeth Gallery! Over the weekend of 16th & 17th July Ted Prior will be in residence at Morpeth Gallery, to sign any books purchased in store. (Just \$5 each.) View some of Ted's original artworks from the *Grug* series. *Grug* may even make an appearance. We would be happy to mail order your *Grug* books to you. Postage no matter how many copies you buy, just \$7.



This same weekend you are in for a double delight, as South Coast artist John Vander will also be in residence at Morpeth Gallery. His exhibition, upstairs in the landscape wing of the Gallery is,

'Hunter Valley Revisited'.

Open from Thursday 14th July-Sunday 17th July 10am-5pm daily.

Originally from the coal-mining town of Marcinelle (known as the Black Country) in Belgium, John migrated to Australia in 1969 and promptly fell in love with the place and it's people. 42 years later John has the same passion for his adopted country. Careers as a crop dusting pilot and in finance eventually gave way to his passion for art and John has been a full time artist since 1976 with the support of his wife Frances.

John's studio in the picturesque village of Stanwell Park on the South Coast of NSW (where the spectacular cliff side road drive is) keeps him busy, but for the past 18 months, John has been completing paintings on another area of Australia he loves dearly – the Hunter Valley. John loves to paint historic towns and settings in the charm and nostalgia of the 19th century. He accurately sketches every building in the street before he starts his final work. Then a little artistic licence comes into play – the removal of bitumen to replace it with a dirt road, or perhaps he'll change the time of day, so the light is just right. The structure of the scene is always true to life.



The result is 53 original artworks that present a charming snapshot of our heritage villages and country towns. Some geese at Krinklewood Vineyard also caught John's eye on a trip to Broke and feature in this exhibition. For such an acclaimed artist, John's original artworks remain affordable. He has also released many prints and a perpetual calendar, which will be available for sale over this week. John will be delighted to meet you, have a chat about his adventures in the Hunter and sign artworks and prints for you.

Morpeth Weird & Wonderful Novelty Teapot Exhibition & Teacosy Challenge.

Open 11 days from Thursday 18th – Sunday 28th August, 2011.

10am - 5pm Daily. Morpeth Gallery, 5 Green Street, Morpeth. Free Entry.

In half a page, I can't tell you much, but we've got some fabulous new creations for you to admire. There's a very cute Alpaca Tea for Two set, or perhaps you'd prefer a zebra or a giraffe? Pocahontas, Snow White, an angel and an astronaut teaset for one or two, will feature along side the animals of Bremen, Germany made famous in the children's fable.

The Eiffel Tower will compete with the Leaning Tower of Pisa for your undivided attention, as we take a trip around the world to Australia's favourite holiday destinations with Central Coast teapot maker Gail Steele. Moulin Rouge, New York, Pyramids in Egypt, Red Square, Moscow...

English made novelty teapots remain firm favourites, as do traditional Japanese teaset and others with an old world vintage feel, florals, chintz, miniatures, modern – there's a teapot to make everyone their favourite cup of tea. Just under 4,000 teapots will be on display and for sale. We'll have tea tasting, and tastings of sweet treats to eat with your tea, tea accessories, a floatilla of tea towels and oh my, wait until you see the teacosys!

Entries have already arrived from various states in Australia, vying for a \$500 grand champion first prize, as well as \$100 category voucher prizes. We'd love you to have a go and enter your own teacosy. Contact us for an entry form or download from our website www.campbellsstoremorpeth.com

We've listened to your feedback and this year the teacosy's will be featured on the ground floor of the Ginger Beer Factory – no stairs to climb to view this year's entries. Add this date to your diary – it's an event not to be missed. See You Soon,



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