

Redact

The Society of Editors (Victoria) has pioneered an innovation in editorial training, a residential weekend course offering intensive study of processes and principles in a collegial setting. The course is titled Redact, meaning 'to put (matter) into proper literary form; to work up, arrange, or edit' (*SOED*, 1851).



The first Redact, held in October 2006 in Mansfield, Victoria, was voted a great success by the participants. Typical comments were: 'inspiring, practical and crammed with information'; 'a valuable, important weekend'; 'loaded with facts, processes, practical information and helpful class exercises'; 'hard work but informative and inspiring'; 'a wonderful opportunity to connect with other editors'; 'I have brought back with me a renewed enthusiasm for editing, as well as a cache of new knowledge and ideas.'

The program had broad appeal, designed to benefit both experienced and beginning editors, freelance and in-house. The sessions were conducted by senior lecturers from RMIT and Melbourne universities, who have extensive experience in the publishing industry. The focus was on collaborative learning, with the intention that the participants develop lasting friendships and networks.



Participants chose one of three specialties and worked in teams on a publishing project, taking it from raw MS to polished end-product. For the inaugural event the specialties were fiction, trade books and educational books. The society plans to conduct Redact once or twice a year, and future courses will cover a variety of topics, such as editing for the web, project management and children's books.

Redact 2007 will be held at Mansfield on 12–14 October 2007. Participants will choose from three strands, each delivered by a highly experienced editor and educator:

- fiction (Sarah Brennan)
- biography (Bryony Cosgrove)
- trade (Paul Watt).



Registration details are available from the Society of Editors (Victoria) website http://www.socedvic.org/cms/public_php/redact.php.

Professional Editors' Association

A new voice for the editing profession

You are invited to a free public meeting of the Professional Editors' Association (NSW) (Inc.) at Benledi (186 Glebe Point Road, Glebe) on Friday 21 September 2007, from 7.00 to 9.00 pm.

The PEA is a new forum for professional editors, which aims to promote partnerships with other editing and publishing groups, employers of editors, and allied professions including writers, designers and indexers. We're passionate about championing fair rates for editors, upholding professional standards and supporting the national accreditation scheme.

Please join us for an informal evening of information, networking, joviality and entertainment, as we launch an exciting new resource for our industry.

If you'd like more information please contact Pamela Hewitt (emend@iprimus.com.au) or Shelley Kenigsberg (shelley@skpublishing.com.au). We look forward to seeing you at Benledi.

RSVP for catering purposes to PEArsvp@gmail.com by Monday 17 September.

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