

# Mockingbird Lounge News



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## BOOK CLUB BOOK REVIEW

**Eucalyptus by Murray Bail**

**By Glenys - 2nd Tuesday Book Club**

Discovering a book or author that you would otherwise never encounter has got to be one of the joys of joining a book club. Eucalyptus won the 1999 Miles Franklin Award and the Commonwealth Writers Prize so I anticipated a good read. I really enjoyed the novel and it reminded me of both *The Orchid Thief* by Susan Orlean and *The Collector* by John Fowles. You may find, as some group members did, that the character of the daughter is underdeveloped and weak. Ellen is submissive and has taken over the role of her 'invisible' mother. Set in rural New South Wales during the 1950's the group felt it belonged in an earlier time. When Holland sets a challenge 'to win the hand of his daughter' the story becomes, for me, more of a traditional fairytale but set in an unfamiliar landscape. I wanted to know whether Ellen would go along with the plan or whether fate would intervene in some way. Would she rebel at the end or would she appease her father?

Although we all agreed that it wasn't 'The Love Story of the Year' as quoted on the cover I found this to be a beautifully written novel that I think will benefit from a second read.

MOCKINGBIRD LOUNGE: For those who haven't discovered us yet, we are a second-hand book shop and coffee lounge on Broadway in Glenelg South. We have four rooms lined with books for sale; a great range all in near-new condition. We have a kids section with toys and books and a shelf full of board games waiting to be played. We serve tea and coffee and a range of homemade food and drinks and sell local art, stationery, cards and handmade gifts.

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## Artist Profile - Sally Danbury



Sally Danbury is a marketing consultant and pilates instructor by day.

In between this and motherhood, painting features at some degree.

She studied Fine Art at Edinburgh College of Art and went on to graduate at PGC level majoring in cultural policy and management.

She has sold several works internationally, most famously to Elton John's ex-wife!!

Her painting flow over recent years has been intermittent, yet there is always a canvas or two 'on the go'. 2013 will bring an added gusto to her work and her goal is to focus on still-life that translates well onto the wall of the home, and latterly her biggest love, the human form.

She is known to have an eye for capturing a likeness in her subjects. Sally's favourite medium is acrylic, using primer and also mixed media.



## ALL- MALE BOOK CLUBS!

After many requests for a men's only book club we are putting the call out! We are offering a day time group that meets on a **Tuesday at 2pm**, once a month. The group selects the books they read from our collection of over 120 titles and each person borrows a copy for the month. The cost is \$10 per person per month, which includes a tea or coffee at the meeting. **If you're interested please get in touch!**

As of MAY Mockingbird Lounge will be **CLOSED MONDAYS**. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes and hope that you will visit us: **Tuesday - Sunday, 9am-5pm**