**BWI Membership Report - Year Ended 31 December 2018**

I am pleased to report to the Ballarat Writers Inc Committee and Members that at the end of 2018 we had a total of 109 members.

For those of us who enjoy numbers and percentages:-

Female members 79 72.47%

Male members 30 27.52%

Renewed Members 54 49.54%

New Members 55 50.45%

Full memberships (waged) 26 23.85%

Concession 54 49.54%

Junior 2 1.83%

New Residents 10 9.17%

PWE 17 15.59%

Members joined via Trybooking 72 66.05%

“ “ “ Mail 30 27.52%

“ “ “ Cash 7 6.42%

Post Codes represented

2031 1

3031 1

3037 1

3218 1

3220 1

3250 1

3272 1

3331 1

3340 2

3342 2

3350 59

3351 1

3352 3

3355 9

3356 7

3357 3

3359 1

3363 5

3364 2

3373 1

3444 2

3458 1

3460 1

3483 1

3555 1

Our Membership Fees for year ending 2018 were retained at:-

* $30 Full (waged member)
* $20 concession (includes Students and Seniors)
* $10 Junior (12 to 17 years inclusive)
* FREE Federation Uni PW&E student currently enrolled
* FREE New Resident Offer

Our Members Nights were held on the last Wednesday of each month (except December) at The Bunch of Grapes Hotel in Pleasant Street, Ballarat. We have enjoyed guest speakers, our own members’ readings, Book Exchanges, Lucky Door Prizes, raffles, excellent food and drink, Finger Food catering for our Christmas Breakup Evening, and many laughs, good social interaction, and feelings of ‘belonging’.

I urge our members to talk about BWI and encourage others to come along and join us for writing, fun, and social opportunities.

I thank the committee and our members for their enthusiasm, friendship, and support. It has been my pleasure to be able to contribute to the well-being and progress of Ballarat Writers Inc.

PM (Phil) Green

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