

BORDERlands

News from across the border

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Dear members, subscribers, shareholders and friends of Borderlands....

First of all, again, I hope that you all have been able to end 2007 and begin 2008 in a happy, healthy and hopeful manner... To many of us, it certainly did feel as if hope was to be allowed in again after the Federal election and some of the early indications are that it was justified—however symbolic (and what’s wrong with that anyway?) Bali/Kyoto and ‘sorry’ can as yet only have been. At any rate, for lots of us activists for green or/ and Indigenous causes, at least some movement...! More often than not, though, I catch myself thinking how much I’d wish our own State of Victoria—especially its present Government—to become a little bit less of a replica of the Kennett Government throughout the 90s...remember...?

The present Newsletter is a little less of a ‘news’-letter than usually; the reason is that we thought it important to have everyone share in the memory of our tenth anniversary celebrations already two months ago; on the 21st of December 2007 about 70 people braved a rather stormy and wet Friday night and had a really good time in the Hall... Katheryn had set up the hall beautifully with help from Sharon, Deb, Kirsti and many more occasional helpers. There was a very impressive exhibition of our ten years, all the names of our partners over the ten years were strung across the hall, we had a booklet available with messages from lots of people who had been part and/or still are part of the adventure Borderlands has been about for ten years. People brought good food and drinks, there were many great things to be bought from the fair trade market stalls and from the second-hand book sale, and there was a lot of good talking, reminiscing—also about the friends we lost during the years—, hugging, and even planning as to what the next ten years may bring us...

So rather than collect—as per usual—bits of news from everywhere, we invite you to have a look at the included (or attached if you get this via email) booklet; and for those of you who haven’t been here for a long time, may it inspire you to drop in again; and for those of you who have never been here, come around and pay us a visit. One of the great things on the 21st of December was that about 15 people who were at the launch in 1997 were there again; and for 10 people it was the first time to visit... and so we go on... much love from me, Jacques

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

22d of February: Post-Graduate Conversations

23d of February: Start Academic Year *Oases* Masters Course

28th of February: Co-housing as a living option (with SLF)

29th of February: *ETWA* 1st (Olympic) Anniversary

1st of March: *oases* Breakfast:

Freya Mathews: *philosophy, activism, nature*

21st of March: Post-Graduate Conversations

26th—28th March: Community Development and Ecology: Conference at Angliss Conference Centre

1st of April: *ANTaR* Boroondara meeting

5th of April: *oases* Breakfast: speaker t.b.a.

18th of April: Post-Graduate Conversations

3d of May: *oases* Breakfast: t.b.a.

Newsletter Deadlines

This newsletter is to inform you of all the Borderlands happenings. We need your input! Please send articles or details of your latest events etc. (preferably in electronic format) to the Editor at borders@borderlands.org.au

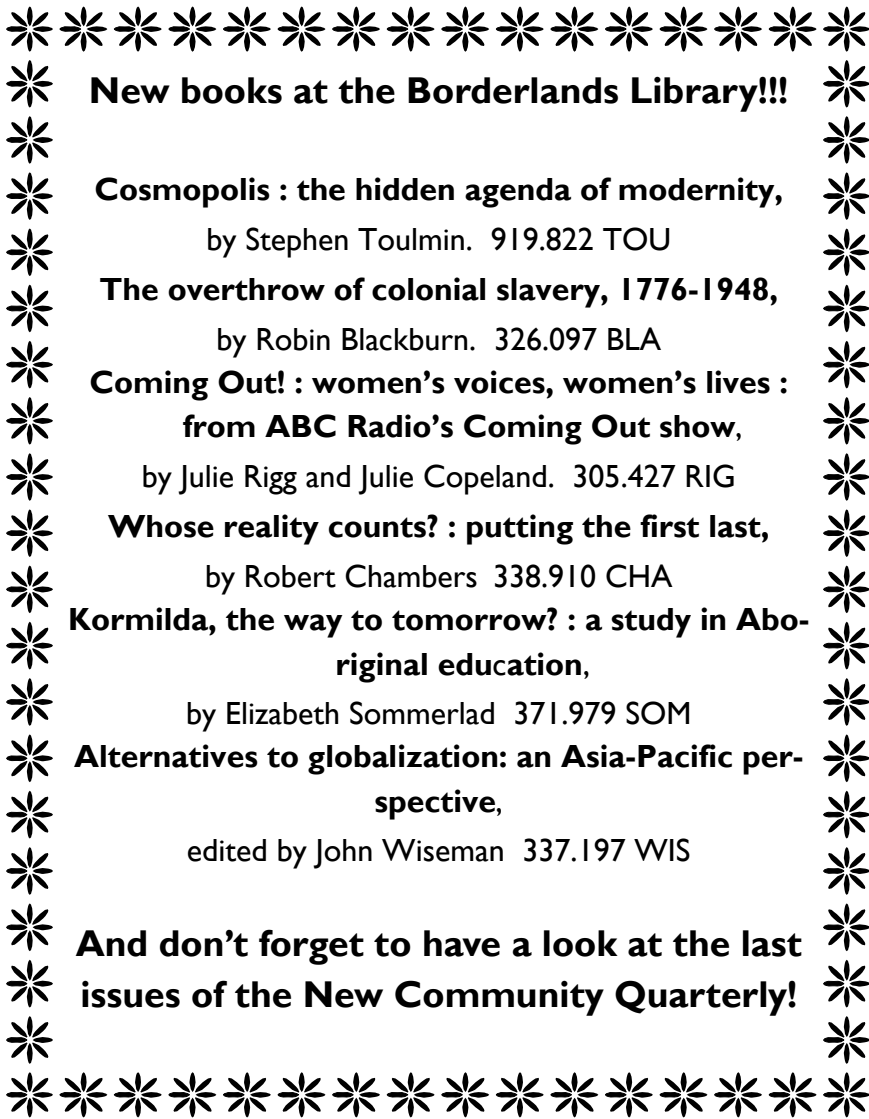
Deadlines for the four issues are:

March Issue: 20th February

June Issue: 20th May

September Issue: 20th August

December Issue: 20th November



New books at the Borderlands Library!!!

Cosmopolis : the hidden agenda of modernity,
by Stephen Toulmin. 919.822 TOU

The overthrow of colonial slavery, 1776-1948,
by Robin Blackburn. 326.097 BLA

**Coming Out! : women's voices, women's lives :
from ABC Radio's Coming Out show,**
by Julie Rigg and Julie Copeland. 305.427 RIG

Whose reality counts? : putting the first last,
by Robert Chambers 338.910 CHA

**Kormilda, the way to tomorrow? : a study in Abo-
riginal education,**

by Elizabeth Sommerlad 371.979 SOM

**Alternatives to globalization: an Asia-Pacific per-
spective,**
edited by John Wiseman 337.197 WIS

**And don't forget to have a look at the last
issues of the New Community Quarterly!**

**SLF/VicUrban Presentation on Co-Housing
at Borderlands/Augustine
Thursday Feb 28 @ 7:30 pm.**

If you were wanting to find out more about this wonderful housing concept, want to find ways to beat suburban isolation, outrageous housing prices, develop community,
come along and find out more!!!



**New Community
Quarterly**

NCQ is an Australian journal of community development with a history spanning 25 years. The website (www.newcq.org.au) provides information about the journal, including subscriptions, contributions and back-issues as well as an archive of all previous publications by issue and subject.

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Quote of this issue:

**OK, we've said sorry now—
well overdue! - now for res-
toration and compensation!**

In this issue....

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Community Development and Ecology: Engaging ecological sustainability through community development

26 - 28 March 2008

Melbourne (Angliss Conference Centre—555 La Trobe Street Melbourne)

Keynote Speaker

Dr Helen Caldicott- The single most articulate and passionate advocate of citizen action to remedy the nuclear and environmental crises, Dr Helen Caldicott, has devoted the last 35 years to an international campaign to educate the public about the medical hazards of the nuclear age and the necessary changes in human behaviour to stop environmental destruction. She is the Founder and President of the Nuclear Policy Research Institute (NPRI), headquartered in Washington DC. She has written for numerous publications, has authored seven books including *Nuclear Power is Not the Answer* and been the subject of several films. She has received many prizes and awards for her work, most recently the Lannan Foundation's 2003 Prize for Cultural Freedom, 19 honorary doctoral degrees and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Linus Pauling, himself a Nobel Laureate. The Smithsonian Institute has named Dr Caldicott as one of the most influential women of the 20th Century.

Invited Speakers

Cam Walker-National Liaison Officer for Friends of the Earth Australia

Emeritus Professor Jim Ife-Centre for Human Rights Education. Curtin University of Technology

Professor Chris Miller-Editor, Community Development Journal. An International Forum

Professor Mel Gray-University of Newcastle

Dr Jacques Boulet-Borderlands Cooperative

Dr Ingrid Burkett-Oceania representative and Vice President of the International Association for Community Development

Organised by Deakin University (Human Rights and Citizenship), Borderlands Cooperative and the Melbourne network of the IACD

oases –Masters degree in Integrative and Transformative Studies

Ever had the feeling that '*life-long learning*' isn't quite as simple as it's often made out to be? Especially when the only things on offer are just about adding yet another set of 'skills' to your already quite considerable collection, accumulated over years of learning and practice.

Like many of us, you're after something different... but don't know quite what...

oases – the Organic integration of the Aesthetic, the Spiritual, the Ecological and the Social - may just be the thing you've been hoping for... We offer an **accredited** program which goes beyond the confines of traditional disciplines and skills training, aiming at **personal and social transformation**. The course encourages the integration of multiple ways of knowing – social, emotional, spiritual, rational – through processes of collaborative learning and teaching, dialogue and self-reflection. We link 'real-world' experiences – personal and professional – with in-class discussion and academic work in a mutually supportive and collegial environment. We aim to develop '**higher-order**' abilities, helping professionals in a variety of fields to better deal with the contradictions all of us encounter in our working and everyday lives, together exploring ways of maintaining a degree of congruence between what we aspire to and what we're capable of given our living and working circumstances.

Ring us (9819 3239) for more information or for an appointment or come to an information session.... or have a look at our website www.oases.edu.au

BORDERLANDS COOPERATIVE

MEMBERSHIP, SHAREHOLDERS & SUBSCRIBERS FORM

Please return your completed form to Borderlands Cooperative, PO Box 3079, AUBURN 3123

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- Become a member, shareholder or subscriber
- Renew your membership

1. Your details

Name _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Email address _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

2. Membership/Shareholder. The primary activities of Borderlands are to provide consulting services, meeting spaces and to contribute to supporting ecological, social and cultural regeneration and sustainability through collaborative endeavors and critical inquiry.

All members of the Cooperative are required to be active members.

Active membership requires:

- For members payment of annual memberships fees **OR**
- For shareholders
 - ◊ Participate in at least one activity each financial year such as a meeting, or use the space or other resources of the cooperative **AND/OR**
 - ◊ Make a donation to further the activities of the cooperative

I wish to become a member or renew my membership by:

<i>Join</i>	<i>Sept–Nov</i>	<i>\$25/15</i>
	<i>Dec–Feb</i>	<i>\$18/12</i>
	<i>Mar–May</i>	<i>\$12/8</i>
	<i>June–Aug</i>	<i>\$6/4</i>

Payment of membership fee of \$_____ [Note: All memberships are due



for renewal on 1 September. For partial year memberships, see box at right.]

Purchase of _____ share(s) in the Cooperative at \$100 each.

Donation of _____

Total enclosed as cheque or money order _____

I would like to receive the newsletter by email post

(NEW MEMBERS ONLY) I agree to become an active member of the cooperative.

Signature _____ Date _____

Tick here if you **don't** want to receive emails on events or issues.

3. Newsletter only I do not wish to become a member or shareholder but would like to receive the newsletter.

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