Welcome to our inaugural Westerl-e, our quarterly e-newsletter on events at Westerly.

Westerly volume 56:1–
Due for release June 2011!
The next edition of Westerly features poetry, articles and review essays from both established and beginning authors. Volume 56:1 also hosts a small section on Dennis Haskell, following the symposium held in his honour earlier this year.

Upcoming Events

Literature and Culture in the Asia-Pacific Region:
Symposium 4-7 December
The digital revolution affects literature more than any other of the arts. This symposium seeks to investigate the implications of the digital revolution on literature and culture in the Asia-Pacific region. Click here for more information

Inaugural Randolph Stow Annual Memorial Lecture:
(With St George’s College)
This event is currently in the planning stages. It is anticipated that it will be the first annual event in Western Australia celebrating Australian literature and its cultivators. More details will be provided closer to the date.

Honorary Research Associates - John Mateer:
John Mateer will be giving a reading in Egypt at the El Gouna branch of the Library of Alexandra, on June 24, with the novelists Bernice McFadden (USA), Anne Marcella (France/USA) and Rezinat Mohammed (Nigeria). His latest book Southern Barbarians has just been published by Giramondo. Mateer and Tony Hughes-d'Aeth will be in conversation together on August 23 (time TBA), at the Christchurch Centre for Ethics.

General News

A.A. Phillips Award presented to longstanding members:
Delys Bird and Dennis Haskell were recently bestowed the A.A Phillips Award to merit their ‘long period of excellence in editing Westerly.’ The Association for the Study of Aus-
Australian Literature presents the award for significant contribution to Australian literature. More details can be found on the ASAL website.

**Digitisation of Westerly**
The Westerly Centre together with CAL, are working on a project to digitize the entire published collection of *Westerly Magazine*. Every issue since its beginning in 1956 will be available online in its original format and fully searchable. It will be available to the public free of charge through UWA’s Reid Library and Westerly. It is hoped the digitization will be completed mid-year.

**Westerly Centre Director awarded ARC Discovery Projects Grant:**
Associate Professor Kieran Dolin has been awarded $152,988 by the ARC to span from 2011 to 2013. A/Prof Dolin will complete a study on ‘Australian Literature after Mabo’, examining how Australian culture has changed since the Mabo native title case in 1992.

**Grant presented to Chair of Australian Literature:**
Winthrop Professor Philip Mead has been awarded an ARC grant of $214,000 to complete a work titled ‘Monumental Shakespeare: a transcultural investigation of commemoration in 20th-century England and Australia’. The grant spans a period of three years (2010-2012).

**Dennis Haskell interviewed by Sally-Ann Jones:**
UWA’s Sally-Ann Jones recently interviewed Dennis Haskell on his childhood in Sydney, family-life with his wife and two children and his impressive career as an English professor. The interview preceded the symposium held in honour of Haskell’s career, which took place in February of this year. Click here to read the interview. ABC Radio National also interviewed Haskell at the beginning of the year. Click here to listen.