



***Carindale Writers' Group Meeting
9th April 2009***

Members present: Io - Jeff - Dorothy - Josie - Debby - Chip - Brian - Leslee Anne - Marilyn - Gary

Dorothy --Read chapter on *Wardrobe Children*, The was from her autobiography for 1944, as a young girl. Deelie and Byrd family visit the O'Reilley's, cousin for Deelie's father. They live in Surrey Hills in a terrace house, which is far plainer and has deteriorated much more than their house. Makes Deelie, her older sister and younger twins feel much better about their own very plain Sydney house. Laced with descriptions of the times and interesting observations by the children, especially their descriptions of a neighbourhood brothel and that the girls 'entertained men and made them happy' as an explanation of the place where all the girls lived.

Io read a chapter from her emigrants to Australia story called *New Directions* entitled *Colonisation of a New Nation*. It covers the passage of the Anne Gales to Australia. She captures the feelings and atmosphere of the 1840's with poignancy.

Debby read a short piece about a child, called *A piece of String*. Good use of Gaelic terminology. Interesting discussion of the word for Parliament in her story-- 'Teashoch'. Brian mentioned--'Tinwall', an old English Parliament.

Marilyn read an exercise from previous meeting, 'He'd never seen anything like it before...'

No writing assignment for meeting of 23 April. But group will continue to read Australian immigration/culture stories. Bring any new or revised pieces to read.

Chip circulated a questionnaire asking whether CWG members read the newsletter online and whether they read the computer column. All present answered yes to both, with one exception. That person said she just didn't read a lot of her email online, because much of it was blocked by Hotmail.