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WRITING IN THE VINEYARD Short Writing Workshops With Mark Tredinnick

Mark Tredinnick launches three new one-day writing courses to be held in the Bluemetal Vineyard at Mt Misery, near Berrima, in the second half of 2009.

1. 26 August 2009, **THE LITTLE RED WRITING WORKSHOP**—a short course in grace, based on Mark's *The Little Red Writing Book*, for everyone who writes and wants to do it better.
2. 23 September 2009, **POETRY AT MT MISERY**—a gentle crash course in poetic forms and techniques for beginning poets and poets looking for inspiration (and some good wine).
3. 14 October 2009, **A LITTLE BIT OF GRAMMAR IS A DANGEROUS THING**—a short course in grammar for writers who'd like to know more about the inner life of sentences. Based on Mark's *The Little Green Grammar Book*.

Mark has been running the Cowshed Classes for the past couple of years from his retired dairy in the Southern Highlands. Those classes continue—the next one starts 5 September. But the shed is small, and the demand for short courses in style, grammar and poetics is, it seems, large. Hence these new workshops to be held in the Bluemetal Vineyard, among the eucalypts on Mt Misery. There's more room at the vineyard. Not to mention the inspiration of the setting and the prospect of a glass or two of award-winning wine.

Mark is an experienced and much-loved teacher; as ever, the workshops will blend inspiration, technical instruction, exercises and readings.



The fee, **\$200 plus GST**, includes tuition, materials, morning and afternoon tea, and a stylish lunch, and, of course, a glass of wine. **Places are limited so bookings are essential.**

Next year, Mark's planning some be additional workshops at Mt Misery: **Keeping it Real** (creative nonfiction); **Write Where You Are** (nature writing); and **Write to the Point** (functional and business writing). And a two-day residential workshop in poetry.

Mark Tredinnick is an award-winning poet and the author of *The Blue Plateau*, *The Little Red Writing Book* and other books. His honours include the Newcastle Poetry Prize, Blake Poetry Prize and the Calibre Essay Prize.

Find out more about Mark, the cowshed and Mark's teaching at www.marktredinnick.com.au. For information on Bluemetal Vineyard, visit www.bluemetalvineyard.com

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