INFORMATION FOR FOOD WRITING STUDENTS

Here is some preliminary information in preparation for your week-long intensive at the University of Adelaide, 9-13 February 2015. If you are coming from interstate the following accommodation options are recommended:

- Residential Wing, Royal Adelaide Hospital. You can have a single room, shared bathroom down the corridor, for about $25/night, or a more expensive apartment, single or shared. The advantage of the Residential Wing, apart from the bargain price, is the proximity to the University; disadvantages are the possibility of noise from other inmates and of discomfort in hot weather. I'm not sure how well the air-conditioning works. Please let me know if you have problems booking; sometimes it has to go through the University. http://www.rah.sa.gov.au/aboutrah/accom.php

- CWA Guest House. This is about 15 minutes from the North Terrace Campus, a pleasant walk through the parklands. The website does not give prices, but cost is reasonable. https://sacwa.org.au/about/accommodation/


A warning: Adelaide can be very hot in February. The teaching rooms at the University of Adelaide are air-conditioned, but you might need a hat.

I will send you a copy of the timetable for the week 9-13 February early in the new year, together with some preliminary reading. The description ‘intensive’ is not an exaggeration; I have scheduled a variety of lectures, seminars and workshops between 9.00 am and 5.30 pm each day. We will also visit the Adelaide Central Market; one of your assignments during the week will be to write a 500-w piece inspired by this visit. For details, see: http://www.adelaidecentralmarket.com.au/

For evening relaxation I can give you a few restaurant recommendations, and I will try to arrange one group dinner.


The text is available online from a number of online sellers, including Book Depository (around $Aus15, with free shipping from UK), and Amazon.com. A copy of the book will be available for consultation in the library reserve.

Bring your laptop if you have one, but if not you will be able to access computers in the library and in the computer labs.

For information about the University's wireless network go to: 
http://www.adelaide.edu.au/its/wireless/connect/

Your summer semester session for Food Writing A begins on 2 February. In the week before you come in Adelaide you will have some reading and writing tasks to complete in preparation for the week of study – more details in January.

In addition, I would like you to go to a library or newsagent, survey the range of magazines and choose one to which you would like to contribute. Imagine an article you could write for that magazine – a possible title and a brief summary, around 50 words. Think laterally – articles about food, cooking and eating can appear in many diverse publications, from magazines for brides and babies to magazines about travel and fishing. Your article proposals, and the research you will need to do to write them, will be workshopped during the week.

Finally, I would like you to scan and email your favourite piece of food writing, fiction or essay, memoir or journalism, 1-2 pages – or, if you can't decide on a single favourite, just a piece you admire. And if you don't have access to a scanner, bring it with you.

I look forward to meeting you in February.

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PS: If you have not yet sent your portfolio please do so as soon as possible.