

**BRONTË  
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# Australian Brontë Association Program for 2018

This year is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Emily's birth.



We meet in Sydney five times a year. Meetings are held at the **Castlereagh Boutique Hotel** (near Town Hall Station) at **10:30am**, though we serve morning tea from 10:00am. Those who wish to do so, have a light lunch at the hotel. At each meeting, a paper on some aspect of the Brontës' life and work is presented. There is a meeting charge of \$5 (members and non-members).

## Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March

### *Gypsies in Europe* – Souha Korbatiéh

Heathcliff is referred to as “*that gipsy brat*” and Rochester masquerades as “*the Sybil*” in his own home “*to tell the gentry their fortunes*”. Souha will examine the history of the gypsies in Europe and what such references tell us about the central characters, themes and issues of both novels whilst highlighting the plight of marginal classes and the dangers of romantic imaginings.

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

### *Siblings: Emily and Branwell* – Cindy Broadbent

A look at the sometimes strained relationship between these two siblings.

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July

### *Reacting to Wuthering Heights* – Susannah Fullerton

Many of us fall in love with Emily Brontë's great novel as teenage readers. But how do our responses to the book change as we grow older. Do we fall out of love with Heathcliff and Cathy? Do we see more or less in it than we saw before. Join Susannah Fullerton for a talk and discussion about *Wuthering Heights*.

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September

### *Emily Brontë and Romanticism* – Christine Alexander

## Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November

### *Brontë Tourism - A Place for Anne?* – Roslyn Jolly

The Brontë tourist industry is in overdrive with the bicentennial celebrations of the siblings' births. Major events took place in the UK and around the world in 2016 to mark Charlotte's 200th birthday, and the celebrations for Emily in 2018 will probably be on a similar scale. What will happen in 2020 for Anne? My talk will discuss the extent to which Anne has historically been remembered or overlooked in Brontë tourism, and will suggest ways in which her life and achievements can and should be commemorated.

## December **ABA/Dickens Christmas Lunch**

Details of date, time and venue will be announced later.