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A new Australian author unearthed as part of a joint Manuscript Development Program between Hachette and Qld Writers Centre

Kate Eltham, the Director of the QWC, is pleased to announce that emerging novelist Phillipa Fioretti has secured a two-book publishing contract with Hachette Australia through the Hachette Australia and Queensland Writers Centre Manuscript Development Program.

This program is part of a three-year joint initiative between Hachette Australia and QWC that gives emerging writers the opportunity to develop their manuscript with a publisher from Hachette. The most successful manuscripts will be signed up for publication by Hachette Australia.

Publisher Bernadette Foley says: *'This is an exciting program for everyone involved. It gives us the opportunity to work with new writers to help them develop their manuscripts, and to demystify the publishing process.'*

'We are always looking for new Australian voices, and we were delighted by the high standard of the writing by the participants. The works we selected were original, engaging and each told a strong story. Phillipa Fioretti's manuscript for her novel, "The Book of Love", is funny, entertaining and beautifully written. I can hardly wait for people to start reading and talking about it when we publish it in time for Mother's Day 2010.'

In November 2008, eight emerging writers spent a week together at a retreat location on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

The participants worked to develop high-quality manuscripts in consultation with Bernadette Foley and Vanessa Radnidge, publishers at Hachette Australia.

Published author Kim Wilkins, literary agent Sophie Hamley, and President of the Australian Booksellers Association, Fiona Stager, were also involved to provide feedback and advice.

Open to emerging writers, the Hachette Australia/QWC Manuscript Development Program works with authors who are unpublished in novel format or with no more than one published work.

This national program is a three-year partnership initiative of Hachette Australia and Queensland Writers Centre, and is supported by Arts Queensland.

The next Hachette Australia/QWC Manuscript Development program will run in November 2009, with applications open for general fiction mid 2009.

For details on the 2009 program, contact Queensland Writers Centre on 07 3839 1243 or visit www.qwc.asn.au.

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