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2007 Poets Pub Blasts off

The 2007 season of Poets Pub, held at the Angus Inn on Monday 5th February blasted- off with an extended open mic session. It was an opportunity for regulars to share new material and for newcomers to read in public for the first time. One newcomer shared her profound thoughts on the order of the universe, and another read from his collection of 46 Sonnets. Mr Beatty relayed that his vast collection has come over the years as he's jotted down his thoughts. Also in this time he has written two novels. We were delighted to have Mr Beatty share his life experience and sonnets with us. In keeping with the sonnet, Kyla-Jayne Rajah shared a short teaching in respect of traditional sonnet form. She discussed the merger of the Petrarchan and Shakespearean sonnet forms in Michael O'Leary's poem, 'Sonnet for a child.'

Wellington Icon, Mike Webber, shared his new poem entitled: 'A new anthem ("to tune of God Defend NZ,")' revealing a few homes truths about our kiwi culture. Including: "our meat pies are now quarter real meat / unlike blokes our girls have male streaks," and "students leave us with stolen loans / go to America with free mobile phones." Writing from more a factual perspective, Mary McCabe stated in her poem 'Coronation Street,' that 'Coro street is a drug / that keeps us addicted.' Stephen Douglas, the Convenor, shared musings from his poem 'lively stones,' saying: 'one greater than oneself / delights in lively stones.'

In fact the 2007 Poets Pub blast off seemed to reveal a collection of both eclectic and lively stones, as well as spattering poetic voices for all kinds of ears. Next time come along. Poets Pub desires to harvest a warm and inviting atmosphere. It's a place to grow and encourage poets from all levels, ages and walks of life. "We like new faces and new poems," says Stephen, "so come along to Poets Pub; share your poetry and meet other writers."

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