

# Soul healing verse

A SERIES of events, including the death of his father, divorce from his first wife and separation from his family, were the inspiration for Wynnum poet Paul Dobbyn's latest self-published book.

The book is actually two separate titles with flip front openings, one featuring a collection called *Soul Healing Afoot* and the other collection called *Dead Dad Bye*.

Dobbyn says the poems are a reflection of the tough personal times he experienced in the 1990s.

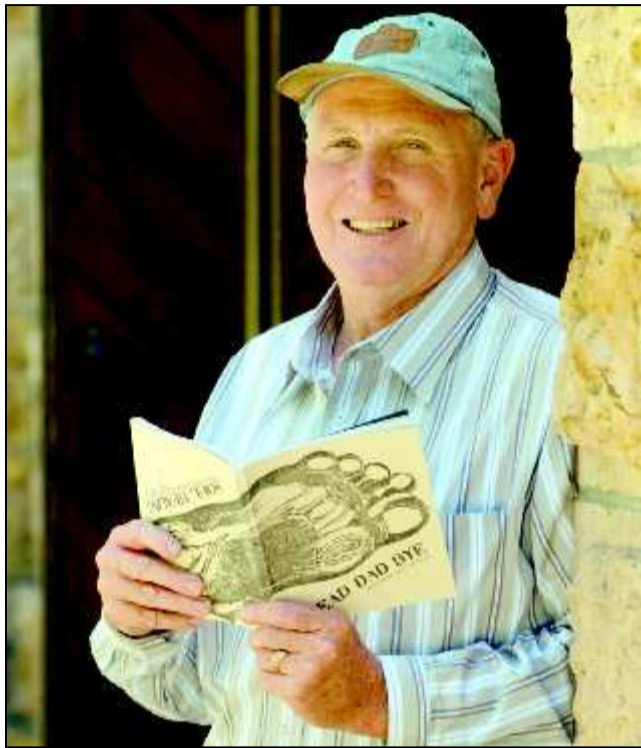
It's lino-cut illustrations, by artist Gemma O'Brien, reflect the "stark and deeply etched" nature of the verses.

Dobbyn says he felt oddly closer to his father after his death.

"At times I mused, ruefully, on how I spoke to him much more," he said.

"Later it was a painful but ultimately cathartic exercise to collect these poems, which I'd written in post-dad landscape of my life in the 1990s, as I wandered around trying to make sense of who I was.

"This sense of journey and self-reconstruction, to me the flipside of the pain of loss, gave me an almost optimistic sense that a soul



■ Deeply etched ... Wynnum poet Paul Dobbyn.

healing was afoot," he said.

A journalist with the Catholic *Leader* newspaper, Dobbyn has written poetry for many years and was twice highly commended in the Tom Collins Poetry Prize in Western Australia in the 1970s.

The book is being printed by Queensland's oldest publishing company,

Watson Ferguson, established nearly 140 years ago. Mr Dobbyn will launch his book with Ms O'Brien at 5pm on Sunday at Ahimsa House, Horan St, West End. The book will sell for \$20.

Paul Dobbyn can be contact by phone on 3901 0099 or email paul.jennifer@optusnet.com.au.

## Gig guide

Wednesday, November 26

**What:** Hummers & Strummers open mic night  
**Where:** The Manly Hotel  
**When:** 7pm

Thursday, November 27

**What:** Don Whitaker (noon); Jenny Balmer (7.30pm)

**Where:** Wynnum Manly Leagues Club

**What:** OZ Karaoke  
**Where:** The Manly Hotel  
**When:** 7pm

**What:** Funderstruck Karaoke

**Where:** Waterloo Bay Hotel  
**When:** 7pm

Friday, November 28

**What:** Damon Riley  
**Where:** Wynnum Workers Club  
**When:** 7.30pm

**What:** Andre Meiring

**Where:** Wynnum Manly Leagues Club  
**When:** 7.30pm

**What:** DJ Dance Party  
**Where:** The Manly Hotel  
**When:** 10pm

Saturday, November 29

**What:** Sarah McMonagle (1pm); Neil 'Squzzy' Taylor (7pm)

**Where:** Wynnum Manly Leagues Club

**What:** Ricky Taite (2pm); In Collins Class (8pm)  
**Where:** The Manly Hotel

Sunday, November 30

**What:** Steve Tannock  
**Where:** Wynnum Manly Leagues Club  
**When:** 2pm

**What:** Jocks 'n Kilts (1pm); NightOwl Karaoke (5pm)

**Where:** The Manly Hotel

**What:** Stars on Stage Karaoke

**Where:** Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club  
**When:** 5pm

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Returned Services League

**Christmas Luncheon**

**11am, SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 2008.**  
RSL CLUB, 174 Tingal Road, Wynnum.

Admission by ticket only (on sale in RSL Foyer)  
**TICKETS SALES CEASE ON 4 DECEMBER, 2008.**

Wynnum Sub-Branch members with female partners and widows of deceased members only.

**\$15 ALL INCLUSIVE**

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**Saturday 6th December 2008**

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