Friday, August 15, 2008 / 6.00 for 6.30pm

David Brooks : The Balcony / Published by: UQP Launched by Craig Powell / Vrasidis Karalis

The Golden Boat: Selected Poems of Srečko Kosovel

(translated by Bert Pribac and David Brooks) Launched by David Brooks.

Venue: **Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe** Cost: Free RSVP: Gleebooks - 9660 2333 or **Request a place**

Widely regarded as one of Australia's quiet masters of poetry, David Brooks has completed his latest stunning collection, **The Balcony**.

Reflecting a career spanning twenty-five years, Brooks' fourth collection benefits from the strong narrative impulse of writing literary fiction, including The Fern Tattoo which was shortlisted for the 2008 Miles Franklin Literary Award.

The Golden Boat: Selected Poems of Srecko Kosovel

A collection of poems from the poet they call 'the Slovenian Rimbaud'.

"Kosovel died in 1926 at the age of 22, leaving nearly 1000 poems, some of them quite remarkable; he's seen as one of the founders of central European modernism but his work has never been properly introduced in English. He's arguably one of the last of the early twentieth-century major European poets to be translated, and there's been excitement about this publication. My Slovenian is - well, you couldn't even say parlous. The poems were translated by Bert Pribac, a Slovene poet and Australian librarian who lived in Australia for over 40 years, and who's been back in Slovenia for the last three. I cleaned up the poems, with Teja's aid and frequent consultation with Bert."