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Opportunity knocks for author

By GREG ELLIS

WOLLONGONG businessman and careers advisor Brian Horan has launched a novel called *New Windows of Opportunity*.

Mr Horan is the chief executive and principal counsellor of Careers Academy, which offers virtual careers counselling locally, nationally and internationally. His new book is designed to inspire teenagers to find their passion and purpose in life and to fulfil their potential.

Mr Horan has interwoven principles of personal growth throughout the book to encourage teenagers by emphasising how their past does not have to dictate their future.

New Windows of Opportunity is a story focused on four characters who live in a small coastal hamlet.

Mr Horan said their backgrounds and upbringing initially influenced their choices in life, but in the process of discovering elementary life principles, their choices, and ultimately their destinies, begin to change.

In the story the four



Write stuff: Brian Horan officially launched his new book, *New Windows of Opportunity*, at Wollongong City Council recently. Picture: DAVID TEASE

friends meet again at the age of 30. A reflection on their teenage years exposes the secret factors that affected their choices.

Mr Horan said the novel was designed to provide personal growth principles as well as hope for teenagers and young adults.

He hopes it inspires them to have the courage to design their own destiny and ultimately live their dreams.

New Windows of Opportunity has also been written to engage readers with the characters.

At the end of the book the reader can enter into a writing competition.

Mr Horan said the website www.newwindowsofopportunity.com was also designed so readers, teachers, group leaders, educators and counsellors could access chapter and topic-

based resources.

Before writing the book Mr Horan had 26 years' experience educating teenagers.

He has worked in the public and private school systems as a teacher and also spent two years educating unemployed youth as an employment training instructor for Mission Australia.

He has also been a careers advisor for 17 years.