

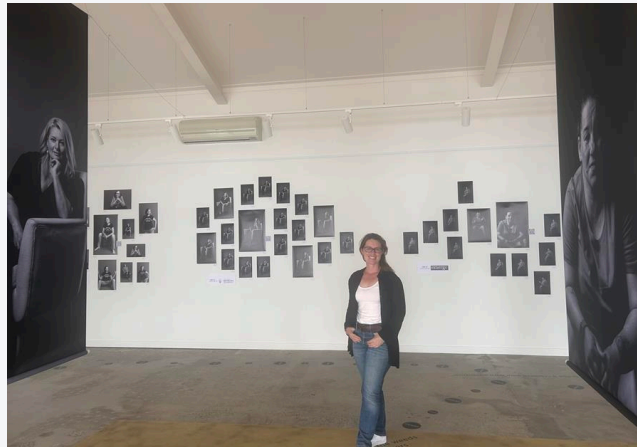
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2024 - Celebrating!



Welcome to Week 7 for 2024 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba

Happy International Women's Day!

The theme of International Women's Day (IWD) in 2024 is - Inspire Inclusion and Inclusivity - all are our jam at The Lighthouse.

To all the wonderful women in our orbit and beyond we see you, we hear you, and we support you! Our celebration of IWD started tonight with the opening of Kat Lynn's exhibition 'Empowering Women', which continues until the end of March. As part of her exhibition The workshops organised are formidable, and there is literally something there for everyone.

This edition of The Beacon is all about IWD and the fabulous females who lift up The Lighthouse and it would be remiss not to mention that our 'operating' crew of two at 126 Margaret Street are fabulous females themselves!

Emma will be wrapping up the day with a zoom meeting with teachers from around the world (Taiwan, Hungary, Tanzania, Greece, Myanmar, Vietnam, India, Italy, Indonesia, Brazil) as they discuss their plans for International Read to Me Day March 19!

ACROSS THE SKY
INTERNATIONAL READ TO ME DAY!
MARCH 2024
CELEBRATION

Our wonderful world-wide ambassadors are educators, authors and life-long lovers of reading. They are so proud to be part of this movement to ensure children all over the world have the opportunities and learnings that reading - and being read to - can bring us all

GLOBAL AUTHORS AND EDUCATORS

Agatha Bodi Author - Greece	Marian Grafko Author - USA	Emma Macgregor Author - Australia	Ruthy Bumschandran Principal - India
Enal Fatusowati Author - Indonesia	Michael Lacey Freeman Author - UK/Italy	Dary Dacanay Teacher - Philippines	Die Yu Teacher - Taiwan
Yerissa Okamoto Author - Japan	Lameck Ebeus Dugumvu Ambassador - Tanzania	Kiki Xynta Teacher - Greece	Margherita Boscu Rosanna Bruno Sibilo Desiofrank Teachers - Italy
Ce Jay Author - Philippines	Donall Gyongyi Tothosi Baln Teacher - Hungary	Nguyen Duc An Teacher - Vietnam	Derrick Myers Teacher - USA
Dung Nguyen Teacher - Vietnam	Hu Ngoi Teacher - Vietnam	Anurata Aryal Principal - Nepal	Zuzun Tian Teacher - Myanmar

EMPOWERING WOMEN
VISUAL CONVERSATIONS
an exhibition to inspire, empower and ignite

8th - 28th MARCH 2024
The Lighthouse Write Gallery
126 Margaret Street Toowoomba

Sponsored by
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This project has been supported by Toowoomba Regional Council

**Empowering Women!
Opening tonight!**

Visual Conversations is a photography

exhibition highlighting the courage, strength, and determination of women in our local community, with the goal of sharing stories of resilience and inspiring other women to find their inner voice.

Everyone has a story to tell, and it is the tapestry of these stories that make up our communities. Our stories have the power to transform our thinking and bring people of all walks of life together.

The portraits are each supported with the artist's reflection - an insight into the emotional and mental processes experienced when photographing such raw and profound emotion.

Kat Lynn's EMPOWERING WOMEN will be at The Write Gallery in March. **It's not to be missed!**

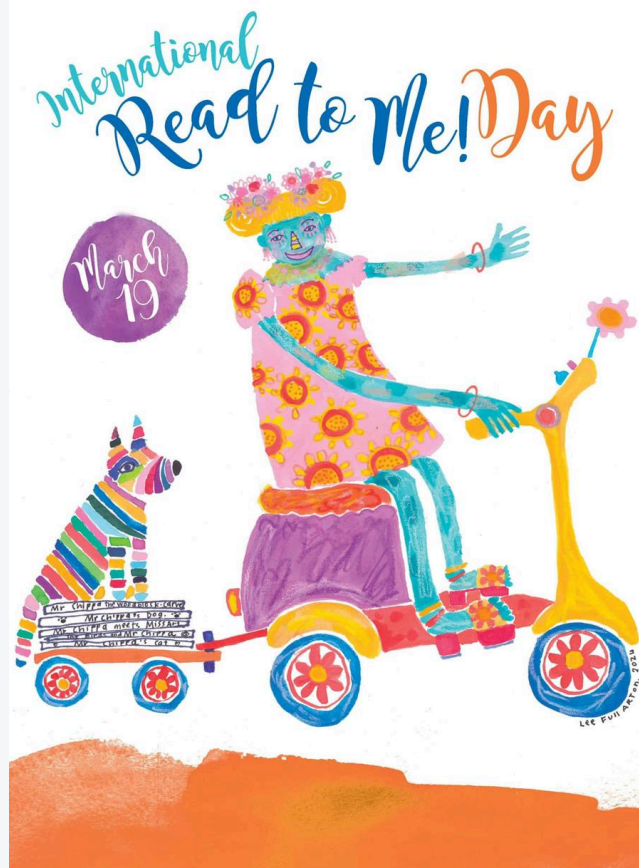
As always at The Lighthouse, this is an event for schools to be involved in with FREE school visits. Check if these dates work for you and your students:

<https://calendly.com/thelighthouseoombaa/empoweringwomenexhibition>



IWD gifts for girls!

Thanks to the wonderfully generous and always supportive author Jane Smith who donated a series of her fabulous Carly Mills books to The Lighthouse on International Women's Day. Another super example of women supporting women. We appreciate you Jane! These will be gifted to children in a school group visiting this month.



Who are you reading to on 19 March?

We just love everything about this fabulous art created by Australian illustrator Lee Fullarton for International Read to Me Day! We know you are smiling as much as we were looking at

this colourful, creative and joyful image which celebrates the magic of reading together!

It is imperative we all play our part in this village and do whatever we can to encourage every parent and carer to **READ ALOUD TO YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY.**

Who are you going to read to on March 19?



You are invited to the Curators Talk for

Bungaree's Farm

5.30pm Friday 15 March

In this talk, renowned Aboriginal curator Djon Mundine will speak about *Bungaree's Farm*, featuring contemporary Aboriginal audio, video, performance and installation art. The exhibition explores the legacy of Bungaree, the first person known to have been called an 'Australian' and was the result from workshops led by Djon.

Bookings are essential | Phone 131 872 or email info@tr.qld.gov.au to book your place | RSVP Wednesday 13 March

Exhibition on display until 24 March 2024

Bungaree's Farm was commissioned by Mosman Art Gallery. Its tour to Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery is supported by Haymans Electrical, Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art and the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF). The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Toowoomba Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.



Image: Travelling Bungaree 2015 / performed by (BLAH) Douglas, Karla Dickens, Amala Groom, Warwick Keen, Peter McKenzie, Djon Mundine, Caroline Oakley, Bron Stewart, Leanne Tobin and Jason Wing / developed with the assistance of Andrea James / video 5:46 mins / © the artists

Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery

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tr.qld.gov.au/trag
@ atrartgalleries

Free Admission

Gallery Hours
Open Wed to Sun 10.30am-3.30pm
Closed Mon, Tues & public holidays





Congratulations Tiff Spary!

The Lighthouse would like to congratulate Base Service's Tiff Spary for her Zonta Woman of the year award for 2024 at the Zonta Club of Toowoomba International Womens Day Lunch.

BASE stands for 'Build-up, Accept, Support and Encourage' and they provide support and assistance to individuals and families who are experiencing or are at high risk of homelessness.



We take HELLO Club VERY SERIOUSLY... we do. Honestly. We do. Sarah and Ammer are working very very very hard...



Illustrators in training!



To the magnificent team at The Margaret Street Gallery **CONGRATULATIONS, JUBIILATIONS, CELEBRATIONS** tonight for your official opening. Leica was beaming as she showed us her work, as were the other artists. A brilliantly conceived cooperative initiative, one we truly hope thrives as it should!

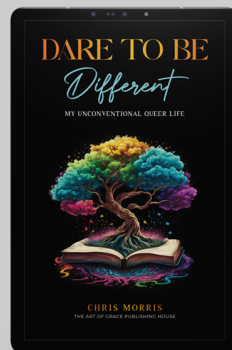
BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

BOOKS EMPOWERING AND INSPIRING!



Surrounded by the fascinating photographs of sensational women at The Write Gallery's exhibition by Foodie Shots and Sonny and Kat photographer, Kat Lynn, who has generously shared the space with Word Fest Toowoomba for words from other strong women, we invite you to an irresistible evening of conversations.

- Friday, 15 March 6:15pm - 8:00pm



Daring to be different

One of the courageous women of Kat Lynn's exhibition, Chris Morris, has recently written a brave and honest account of her lived experiences.

Dare to be Different': My Unconventional Queer Life' is Chris's

first major publication.

The book is full of emotions that are both heartening and inspiring. Writing Dare to Different was therapeutic for her to heal and may help others questioning who and what they are in this forever changing world. Their own identity. It has been a journey of frustration, fear, discovery and then victory.

On Saturday 23 March Chris Morris will be available to chat with, ask questions and to understand why she waited 62 years to tell her story.



Cultural Kaleidoscope is a special exhibition coming in April, featuring 8 very special children's books. Lucky for us, some of the very fabulous authors will be 'writers-in-residence' in The Write Gallery, and you can pop in, ask them to read their book, and enjoy a wonderful array of activities designed to delight.

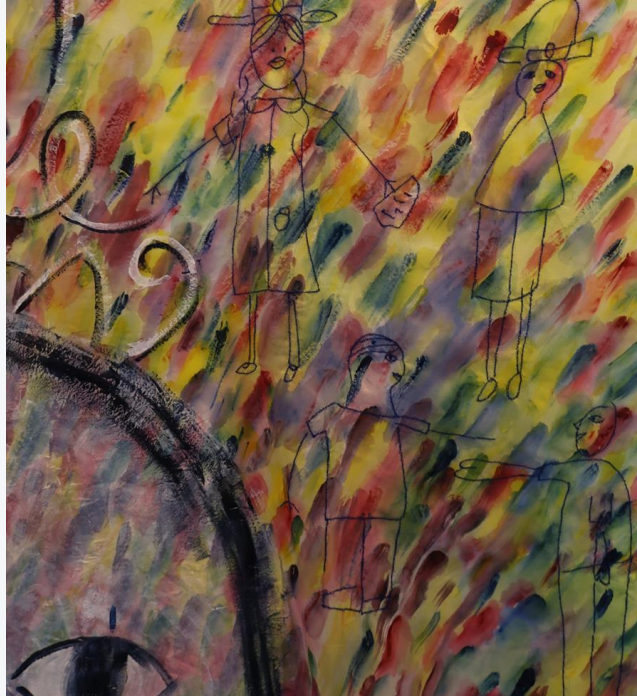
PERFECT SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

10am to 3pm Wednesday 3 April Lee Fullarton

10am to 3pm Thursday 4 April Irena Kobald

10am to 3pm Friday 5 April Irena
Kobald

10am to 3pm Saturday 6 April Megan
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Made TO Move

Workshop 20th April 10 am – 2pm

“Made to Move” is an exciting new idea for Toowoomba region’s aspiring young visual artists working with artist and art teacher, Nadine Reynolds.

Nadine Reynolds is an Art Teacher and artist. Her current work “Affect/Effect” exhibition is currently at Toowoomba Regional Council’s Rosalie Gallery in Goombungee (March 6th – 28th). Her responsive, kinetic work features contemporary stitching embedded in traditional painting and is about the effect we have on each other.

The Workshop will be held At “The

Write Gallery” The Lighthouse
Toowoomba on 20 April between
10am-2pm.

Cost \$25 (Scholarships available for
financial hardship. No questions
asked.)

20 Junior artists will have the
opportunity to work with Nadine to
create work for the “Made to Move
“exhibition in the Write gallery at The
Lighthouse in November This
year. [Apply here today.](#)

But wait!

**There is more from Empowering
Women...**

**the month long exhibition means
showcasing literacy in many other
forms...**

The flyer features logos for 'The Lighthouse Guiding Creativity', 'momentum MENTAL HEALTH', and 'EMPOWERING WOMEN VISUAL CONVERSATIONS'. The main title is 'SETTING HEALTHY PERSONAL BOUNDARIES' with the subtitle 'Register to attend this free 45min session'. An illustration shows a person sitting on the floor with a large red pencil and a circular boundary around them. Below the illustration is the text 'Setting Healthy Personal Boundaries' and 'Register your interest now at: admin@momentummentalhealth.com.au Thursday 14th of March from 11am The Lighthouse ~ The Write Gallery 126 Margaret Street'. At the bottom, a quote reads: 'Healthy personal boundaries are the limits you place around your time, emotions, body, and mental health to stay resilient, solid, and content with who you are.'

SPECIAL EVENT

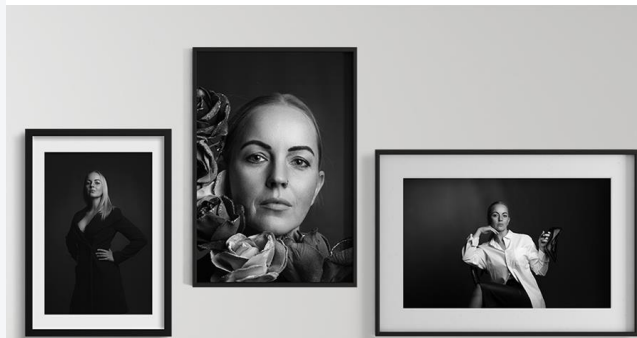
Soundbath & Reiki

SAT 16 MAR 3.00-5.00PM

at THE WRITE GALLERY of THE LIGHTHOUSE
126 MARGARET ST TOOWOOMBA



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EMPOWERING WOMEN
VISUAL CONVERSATIONS

ART PORTRAITS

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bubbles,
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MARCH

10:30 AM - 01:00 PM
The Lighthouse Toowoomba,
126 Margaret ST

FOR REGISTRATION & FURTHER INFORMATION:

(07) 4602 9990 workforcepositive.com



Mastering Your Relationship with Money

As part of the Empowering Women: Visual Conversations Exhibition, money expert, Melissa Meagher will be running a workshop “Mastering Your Relationship with Money”.

This is a high-impact and interactive workshop for motivated and dynamic women who want to develop a beautiful and respectful relationship with money AND fall in love with their finances (YES IT IS POSSIBLE!)

Friday, 22nd March 2024, 9:00am to 12noon





Katy Woods
@the.water.dancer

Alex Stalling
@alexstallingart

EMPOWERED

COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING

Thursday 14 March 6-8pm
\$25pp materials supplied

Empowering Women
Exhibition by Kat Lynn
The Lighthouse Write Gallery

EMPOWERING WOMEN
VISUAL CONVERSATIONS

The poster features a woman in a black, long-sleeved, form-fitting outfit performing a dynamic, backbending pose. She is positioned in the lower half of the frame against a plain, light-colored wall with a window frame visible on the left. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, sans-serif fonts.

Join our Life Drawing Workshop for a hands-on experience! Learn to sketch real-life models and enhance your drawing skills. Perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike, our sessions provide practical tips and a fun relaxed environment where creativity flows freely.

We have a wide range of materials for you to play with and explore different styles and techniques. You can also bring your favourite tools if you wish. This workshop will offer multiple costumed poses and possibilities as Katy & Alex takes you on a journey of celebration of form, space and

movement.

[Book Now](#)



Twinkle, twinkle are you a star?

Our TWINKLES program is bound to get you feeling *clucky* (little people and picture books...🥰) so if you are looking for a wonderful opportunity to get involved we are always on the lookout for anybody who can:

- [be a reader](#)
- [bring a reader](#)
- [give a book](#)

Contact [us](#) at hello@thelighthouseoowooba.org.au



The Write Gallery - The Lighthouse Toowoomba
126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba CBD

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Gosh... there's even a cheeky peek at
something very wonderful for
September... Shiny Happy Ideas
Show... Curious?



Coming this Spring!

Petals! February is nearly done and at this rate Carnival will be upon us before we know it.

We are beyond excited for the exhibition we have locked in at The Write Gallery as part of the beloved Carnival! Local artist Anna Battle is bringing us her **absolutely glorious "The Shiny Happy Ideas Show"**

This vibrant and immersive art exhibition will be hosted in our very own The Write Gallery and will be a key stop on the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers program. This month-long event showcases the colourful and uplifting works of local artist Anna Battle. Anna's artwork embodies a philosophy of embracing life's richness and finding joy in everyday moments. Through her bold use of colours, floral motifs, and expressive style, Anna invites viewers to explore themes of

happiness, positivity, and mindfulness.

The exhibition offers a diverse range of art pieces, including paintings, sketches, and mixed-media works, all reflecting Anna's unique vision of a brighter and more vibrant world. Visitors to "The Shiny Happy Ideas Show" will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Anna's artistic universe, experiencing the transformative power of art to uplift spirits and inspire creativity.

We'll be singing from the rafters about this in coming edition of the Beacon, but **put a big fat flower around September in your diary because this even is guaranteed to put a SPRING in your step!**



One very last thing...

Did you know the The Child Writes Fund supports The Lighthouse! As a registered charity, and being included on the Register of Cultural Organisations, a tax deductible receipt for donations can be issued, and the focus then can be doing all we can to ensure 'every child in Australia reads, writes, and creates with confidence'.



The Lighthouse Toowoomba
126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba, 4350

We acknowledge the First Nations storytellers of the land on which we work and tell our stories. We respect the ongoing relationships with water, land, and story by the people of this place, their elders, their ancestors, and their emerging leaders. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

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