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**From:** The Lighthouse Toowoomba

**To:** The Lighthouse Toowoomba

'Mr Chippa' is in The Write  
Gallery, and more!



### Welcome to Week 37 for 2023 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

And just like that the school holidays are over, Term 4 is already rocketing along, and in merely moments we will have to bid farewell to Chelsea and the remarkable exhibition that was The Secret Life of Seedpods. No doubt you too have been noticing all the glorious potential in the debris left by nature for us to ponder, and if you have gone one step further and enjoying 'co-creating with nature' as Chelsea has shown us how to, then we know you are as relaxed as we all have found ourselves!

And here we are diving in early in the newsletter to say **thank you** to Michelle Tickle, Rachel Wormald, Freyja Bensen, Dianne Mayne, the Ball family and a mysterious anonymous donor for reaching out during the school holidays to donate bundles and bundles of books. Already 200+ are out the door on their way to children in crisis at Manna House, and to the children staying at Emerge's new digs.

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Winners are grinners - and you can imagine how thrilled Eshel (adult) and Harriet (child) was to discover they had won the seedpod colouring-in competition. This little section of the gallery became the happy place for many during September, and it nearly needs to become a fixture for all exhibitions. We think The Write Gallery is a little bit of GOMA meeting the fabulousness that is Toowoomba!

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## Write Like An Author? Can do!

Brian Falkner led this band of aspiring writers through a holiday program, and each day they crafted their words to become the beginning of something. The children learnt to write stories like a published author, with a published author! The internationally acclaimed writing course for students aged 9-14 shows how to write stories the way authors do. Fingers and toes crossed they will be back June 2024. If you have an aspiring writer who may be interested? Email EOI 'Write Like An Author' to [hello@thelighthousetoowoomba.org](mailto:hello@thelighthousetoowoomba.org).

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[BOOK LINKS](#) and The Lighthouse Toowoomba



are proud to present:

## Mr Chippa and the Woodblock Carvers of Bagru

by author and illustrator Lee FullARTon

You say 'exhibition' - we say 'opportunity'!

With only four weeks to go until the official opening of our next exhibition, we are so happy share that there are still workshops available for school groups.

Lee FullARTon's exhibition 'Mr Chippa', featuring the wood block carvings from the artisans in Bagru, includes loads of interesting workshops and opportunities for adults and families. More information about the workshops is available upon request [hello@thelighthousewoomba.org](mailto:hello@thelighthousewoomba.org).

- [The Opening Night!](#) - Friday 2 November 5:30 to 7:00pm. Bookings required. Free Event.
- [School Workshops](#) - Available Wednesday 8 to Tuesday 28 November 10am. Bookings required. Free event.
- [Adult Workshop with Lee FullARTon and Sandyha Parappukaran](#) - Saturday 11 November 10am to 12noon. Booking required. Book Links Members \$20, Non-Member \$25. Limited places.
- Up Late with Mr Chippa! - Saturday 11 November Gallery open until 7:00pm. No booking, families welcome, FREE event.
- [Adult Workshop with Lee FullARTon and Catherine Parker](#) Saturday 25 November 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Booking required. Book Links Members \$20, Non-Member \$25. Limited places.

LEE FULLARTON + BOOK LINKS

OFFICIAL OPENING  
FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER  
5:30PM TO 7:00PM

THE WRITE GALLERY  
126 MARGARET STREET TOOWOOMBA

EXHIBITION CONTINUES UNTIL  
WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 3:00PM

*Mr Chippa*



# HELLO BABY!

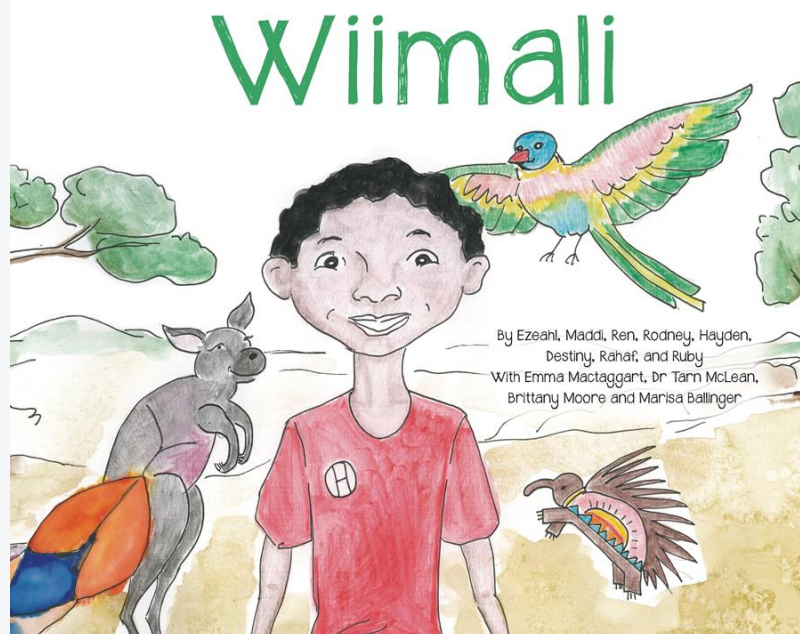


# 2024



## Why, Hello Baby!

The 2024 Hello Baby! Calendar will be launched to an enthusiastic audience on Tuesday 10 October World Mental Health Day. Given the focus on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, the generous support of the QCF, and knowing that new-born babies at the Toowoomba Base Hospital will receive a copy in their 'book packs' makes our hearts sing. Thank you to the budding artists who submitted for the competition, and congratulations to those selected by the independent panel of judges to be included. We look forward to sharing photos of the little ones with their certificates next newsletter.



By Ezeahl, Maddi, Ren, Rodney, Hayden,  
Destiny, Rahaf, and Ruby  
With Emma Mactaggart, Dr Tam McLean,  
Brittany Moore and Marisa Ballinger

## 'Wiimali'

by Ezeahl, Maddi, Ren, Rodney, Hayden, Destiny,  
Rahaf, and Ruby

Others are already falling for 'Wiimali' as much as we have! Belle Alderman from the National Centre for Children's Literature in Canberra said:

*'Simply stunning in every way! The language is rich (almost savoury!). There is a great sense of*

*apprehension, impending disaster with the text driving our every thought and moment of dread. I think I was actually holding my breath!*

*I've read a lot of bushfire stories, but this one? Totally mesmerising with words and images capturing each moment and each echoing the other. Please give my congrats to all the creators. Everyone should be extremely proud of this book. Thanks for sending me the words and images to experience.'*

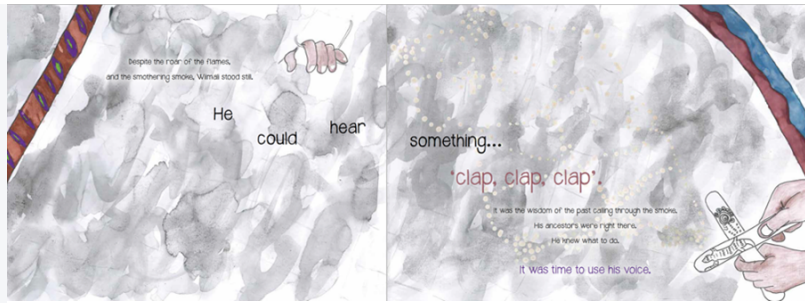
**ISBN: 978-0-9876346-9-6 - Book Launch Friday  
20th October 2023**

Wiimali is a Gamilaraay word and meaning 'to light fire' and has been used with permission. This gives you the gentlest of hints as to what this book is about! The book explores the ideas of place, of connection, and finding your voice in just in time to make a difference.

Wiimali lives in Toowoomba, and spends his days roaming the country with his friends. When they discover a grass fire started by a bolt of lightning, their perfect day quickly changes.

This remarkable book has been created by children from Harlaxton State School with support and guidance of The Child Writes Fund and the generous financial support of the FKG Group printing 1000 copies to be distributed for FREE to the children in the community.





## Need us to fill a gap in your creative practice?

If only we could bottle the banter from children as they move through the different spaces here at The Lighthouse Toowoomba - from the Podcast Den, the Youth Writers Centre, Mashed Theatre, to The Write Gallery. We are currently filling in the working whiteboard for Term 4 - there is something for everyone!

There are many opportunities for school groups to be involved as well, so please pass this newsletter on to your favourite teacher!

1. [Mr Chippa by Lee FullARTon](#) - for school groups in November
2. If custom-designed workshops are more your



jam, please simply email your request  
[hello@thelighthousewoomba.org](mailto:hello@thelighthousewoomba.org)

And for children after school in Term 4:

1. [Writing for Expression](#) - after school Mondays  
3:30 - 5:30pm
2. [Flip + Flop](#) - after school Tuesdays 3:30pm to  
5:00pm
3. [World Building](#) - after school Tuesdays 5:00pm  
to 6:30pm
4. Twinkles Book Club - every Wednesday &  
Friday mornings 9:30am to 10:30am
5. [Terese's Art Workshops](#) - after school  
Thursdays 3:45 to 5:15pm
6. [Family Workshop](#) with Lee FullARTon Saturday  
11 November 10am

Not forgetting that adults love being creative too:

1. QLD Writers Centre's 'Write Friday' - 10am to  
2pm - no booking required
2. [Natures Patterns](#) with Chelsea Baker Tuesday  
10 Oct 10am and 1pm
3. [Lee FullARTon with Sandyha  
Parappukkaran](#) Saturday 11 November 10am
4. [Lee FullARTon with Catherine Parker](#) Saturday  
25 November 5:30pm

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Illustration and Art Basics with the fabulous Terese Eglington kicked off the after-school workshops this week. The children loved learning about colour mixing and it is sure to be another fabulous term of fun.



And do you have any free workshops?

YESSSSS!

**Create New Worlds**  
FREE WORKSHOP FOR AGES 13-17  
[www.thelighthouseooomba.org](http://www.thelighthouseooomba.org)

**Flip Flop!**  
*write | edit then edit | write*  
workshops especially designed for  
9 - 12 year olds  
[www.thelighthouseooomba.org](http://www.thelighthouseooomba.org)



## WRITE YOUR STORY

## OWN YOUR STRENGTH

Navigate change and tap into creativity with story-telling activities across four workshops



Mondays  
October 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th  
starts at 3:30pm



The Lighthouse  
126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba



## Write Your Story, Own Your Strength

Write Your Story is a series of workshops offered after school, Monday's 3:30pm to 5:00pm for **FOUR WEEKS** starting Monday 9th October. They are children's Writing for Expression workshops, and it is an opportunity to explore Narrative Therapy Techniques with Tanya Vessey, designed specifically for children from upper primary/early high school.

Participants will learn techniques to navigate change and tap into creativity with story-telling activities across four workshops. Creativity and change happen consciously or unconsciously. Our response to creativity or change is the result of personal beliefs; this means that our beliefs create our response to change. The ability to adapt to change requires self-awareness and techniques to navigate what is beyond our control. **By using the structure of story to tap into creativity, these workshops address creating change to navigate challenges with a positive mindset and self-knowledge.**

**These workshops have been made entirely possible to offer free to participants because of a generous grant from VARIETY QLD.**



## Nature Patterns - Mental Health Week

Nature Patterns with renowned local artist Chelsea Baker (Session 1 at 10:30am or Session 2 at 1:00pm) will be two of a wide variety of events held around the state as part of Queensland Mental Health Week from 7-15 October 2023, which is very nearly upon us.

Mental health issues affect more than one in five Australians every year, so Queensland Mental Health Week provides an important opportunity for



people to think about the ways in which we can enhance our social and emotional wellbeing by building our personal resilience and support networks.

The 2023 theme '**Awareness, Belonging, Connection**' reflects the important factors that help people maintain positive mental health and wellbeing.

Funded by the Queensland Mental Health Commission, Queensland Mental Health Week is coordinated by CheckUP and delivered by a strong cross-sector collaboration. For more information on Queensland Mental Health Week and links to mental health support services, visit [qldmentalhealthweek.org.au](http://qldmentalhealthweek.org.au)

For 24/7 crisis support, call Lifeline on 13 11 14, or the Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467. In an emergency, call 000.

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## DATE CLAIMERS

Got your diary handy? Here are the '**one day only**' pop-up exhibitions in The Write Gallery in October!

**Concordia's 'Skateboards'** - Sunday 22nd October - for more information contact [John at Concordia](#)

**Changing the Narrative** - Wednesday 23rd October - for more information contact Susy and Adam at [Adapt Mentorship](#)

**The Yalari Art Exhibition** - Saturday 28th October 5:00pm - for more information [contact](#)

## Penny

These exhibitions all feature work by children. The Lighthouse Toowoomba is able to gift the Gallery to support their work at this point in their careers as creatives because of the ongoing generous support from our donors. This is actually what your donations enable us to do!



Yalari Year 10  
**'Pay It Forward'  
Art Show**  
with students from  
Scots PGC, The Glennie School and Toowoomba Grammar School

**28th October 2023**  
5pm - 7pm

All are welcome.

**Artist talks | Silent Auction | Raffle | Lucky Door Prize**

Variety of art for sale:  
student works, donated works, and beautifully painted gifts.  
Food and drink available.

Contact Yalari on (07) 5665 8688  
for further information.

Artwork by Naomi Buchanan



*The*  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
GUIDING CREATIVITY

SEASONAL ART MARKET

INTERESTED?

[CLICK HERE](#)

## Calling artists of all ages!

We are launching the SEASONAL ART MARKET  
and expressions of interest are due 1 January

2024. That may well seem like ages away, but if you are looking at the art accumulating in your studio, and you are BUSTING for an opportunity to sell you work, this could well be exactly what you are looking for. Basically, once a quarter we are hosting an art market for 20 days, with 10 artists, and each is allocated a portion of wall space in The Write Gallery, and there is no commission charged on sales.

Interested?

[There is a great deal of information to share, so click here to read on...](#)

## CLICK! Fundraising



Headshots at  
The Write Gallery  
*with Kat*

'Perfect for early graduates,  
employees, updating your  
LinkedIn profile'

**Friday 20 October**  
**10:30am to 2:00pm**

**\$99**

**[BOOK NOW](#)**



Single headshot sessions are normally \$250.



## Just one more thing:

We've said it before, but we really are blown away by the book donations we have received over the past few weeks. To think they will shortly be in the hands of children all over our region makes our heart sing. Special thanks to Glenda for quietly beetling away and getting them ready.



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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