

Subject: The Beacon #12 The Lighthouse Toowoomba Newsletter

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Welcome to Week 26 at The Lighthouse
Toowoomba.

It's been another fourteen days of creativity,
collaboration and crap...

We had a funny anecdote at the QCF Grant
Recipients Morning when one of our little artists in
the Hello Baby competition explained very
earnestly to Councillor Geoff McDonald the
nuances of her works which involved a bird poing
on a rock!

Tarn McLean has been working her absolute
magic in The Write Gallery and we are so excited
to share her botanical beauty with the community.

We are bubbling away with our workshop development and collaborating with some wonderful people over the coming months on programs involving fashion, music and the Quirky Lecture series and fundraising workshops called 'Creative 101'.

We would also like to apologise for an error that occurred in our last newsletter where we used the incorrect name for Aunty Deb when we referred to her as Aunty Barb - Emma keeps raving about the two of them and she can't believe her luck at having the opportunity to spend time with both of these incredible women!



QCF hosts grant recipients at The Lighthouse

Have you heard of the Queensland Charitable Fund (QCF)? It is a leading State and National trust fund providing an enduring income stream to charities. This year alone it distributed \$4million dollars to QLD charities and its next round of applications are open soon!

The local representatives include Chair Geoff McDonald and Derek Tuffield and on Tuesday 30 August QCF hosted a morning tea at The Lighthouse recognising some of their 2022 regional grant recipients.

It was a wonderful morning hearing updates on the amazing projects they are undertaking to support their local communities, like Emerge and Hope for our Children. The Lighthouse Toowoomba were amongst the grateful grant recipients and we received a certificate acknowledging this.

It was also the perfect opportunity to then present the winners of the 5 categories of the Hello Baby competition, where children aged 8 and under were asked to show us what the 5 Ways to Wellbeing actually looked like to them. To have a child's view of what it is to be active, to keep learning, to be connected, help others and to be aware is special indeed and you are welcome to view these images which are on display in the Rabbit Hole until the end of Mental Health Week in October.

Many thanks to Geoff McDonald for TRC, Chair of the TRCF and MC for the day and to the other grant committee members Claire Torkington, Keith MacKenzie and Derek Tuffield for their support!



St Stephen's Pittsworth Visit

We had the most wonderful visit from Grade 3 and 4 from St Stephen's School Pittsworth last week. It started with an exclusive treat preview of Tarn McLeans Botanicals and a Q&A with the artist herself. The children's questions were truly insightful and they honestly were the most delightful group of young creatives. For some of them it was their first time in a gallery and their excitement was palpable.

We then moved into The Rabbit Hole where Bronte and Emily kept with the Botanical and Insect theme and ran through workshops on symmetry in nature and descriptive chatterboxes. We very much hope to see these wonderful students and their teachers back again soon.



Book Week 2022

Miss Jennings was incredibly relaxed as our life-drawing model for Emma's Book Week visit at Toowoomba Anglican School this year. How does this work with writing you may well ask? Well, mark making (the practice associated with drawing) is the first step and one that preschoolers are incredibly relaxed exploring. This is our 'Character Building' workshop which is equally applicable to all year levels (and adults!) – it's just that we ask participants to add more and more words the older they get.



Botanicals - A Review

By Amanda Digweed.

Botanicals is a journey of floral abundance. From the fine art zodiac series of still life and flying insects to the contemporary flora and fauna of the seven continents, Tarn McLean has delivered a plethora of beautiful imagery. Addressing the concept of identity, various depictions of botanicals native to Australia and the seven continents are represented in paintings, drawings, and fabrics. A

delightful collaborative work with First Nation Gomeroi Woman, Melanie Waters, addresses the coming of together of two cultures through the flowering sandalwood. Botanical art has a long history from a scientific need to document the natural world to adorning an environment, the flower has a universal language. This exhibition is timed superbly to coincide with the Carnival of Flowers and is a must-see.

Opening times for The Write Gallery Sat Sun 10am to 3pm, Tues - Friday 10am to 5pm or Monday by appointment.



Miss Miller and her merry gang

Miss Miller's is continuing to inspire the imaginations of participants of her masterclass and we can't wait to see what wonderful tales emerge at their graduation on Friday the 23rd September.

HEYWIRE

Do you know a young person with a great story to tell?

The annual ABC Heywire Storytelling Competition is now open!

Do you know of a young person with a great story to tell, living in regional Australia? The ABC is calling for stories from young people aged 16-22 for the Heywire Competition! This annual storytelling competition showcases what life is like in regional, rural and remote Australia. 33 winners, chosen from right across Australia, will work with ABC producers to see their stories featured on the ABC. They also receive a place at the Heywire Regional Youth Summit, where winners come together to discuss how life could be improved for young people in their communities. Entries close September 16th!

Who will you encourage to enter?



Hello Baby Calendar

A huge thank you to USQ's Amanda Digweed for curating the 2023 Hello Baby Calendar. We cajoled her to come out of The Write Gallery and select artists from the category winners of the Hello Baby competition, using the following criteria: 'Needs to reflect Toowoomba and the community (sport, parks, gardens, learning, friendship, water, pets and family).'

Known for its parks and gardens, Toowoomba has many features that suit active family orientated activities and making connection to community through recreational and educational pursuits. Amanda commented 'We can see in the children's work how family and community are central to their wellbeing.'

Congratulations to **Harriet Kahler, Edward Halcombe, Stirling Bryce, Grace Bradshaw, Amy Lemin, Isabella Taylor, Lucy Rickuss, Elke Carroll, Evie Dundin, Claire Hinze, Skylar Keane, Toby Alchin and Eve Symonds.**

These children will be invited to revisit their original entry. (Image above by permission Harriet Kahler age 4).



One Way Library

Happy Birthday! Each month, the relentlessly dedicated team from the Department of Child Safety choose books as birthday gifts for children in their care. This is one example of the many very worthy recipients of the books you continue to donate (thank you!) to the One-Way Library. Rehoming preloved books is proving to be one of our favourite jobs!

Dates For Your Diary:



Botanicals

Tarn McLean

Fairies + Flowers Workshop

especially for 12 - 15 year old creative botanists

Wednesday 21st September

10:00am - 2:00pm

The Write Gallery

126 Margaret Street Toowoomba

Piano Fingers



Book Links AGM + Lunch
Saturday 8th October
12pm to 5pm
The Write Gallery
126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

Upcoming Workshops:

Botanicals by Tarn McLean

Free workshops! We are taking bookings for class groups on the following days:

- **Early Learning or Primary Sessions** Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th of September from 9am
- **Upper Primary or Secondary School** Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th of September from 11am

If you would like specific details about the links to the curriculum etc, please contact us

hello@thelighthousewoomba.org to make a booking, and include: **Botanicals** in the subject line + preference for date / time.



INSTAPOETRY

Do you use social media for self expression in a modern setting?
Are you looking for a way to incorporate social media expression into a career path?

Learn how to:

- * workshop your ideas
- * respond to artworks
- * **create your own instapoetry moment**

You will also receive a certificate of attendance for your resume
A real life research project and poetry workshop especially for 15-17 years old...

MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

THE LIGHTHOUSE. THE WRITE GALLERY. 126 MARGARET STREET.

PLEASE REGISTER

[HTTPS://DRCT-THELIGHTHOUSEWOOMBA.PROD.SUPPORTERHUB.NET/EVENTS/INSTAPOETRY](https://drct-thelighthousewoomba.prod.supporterhub.net/events/instapoetry)

Instapoetry 19th September : Register Here



BRISBANE CHILDREN'S WRITERS FESTIVAL

8 OCT 2022, 9:00AM - 4:30PM
QUEENSLAND WRITERS CENTRE

Brisbane Children's Writers Festival: a one-day festival jam packed with workshops, competitions with prizes, and fun activities for writers in grades 7-12. This year's theme is Dreams - explore your creative potential!





Unsupervised!

A huge thank you to our fearless Chief Operating Officer who took the reins for Book Week #bookweek2022.

Emily was completely unsupervised for the week, and we couldn't be happier with the resulting contribution!

If you missed any of the wittiest, cleverest, funniest book reviews ever shared head back to <https://www.facebook.com/ToowoombaTheLightHouse>

And just one more thing...

We're famous! Look out for us in the latest edition of The Field Guide - out today, Friday 2nd September. A big thankyou to the Toowoomba Regional Council for supporting the media reach of this event.





Thank you!

There is no way we could do what we do without the incredible support of the community. Mark Ross (amazing builder!) spent the afternoon with us helping with the installation for Botanicals. Whilst it was outside his usual scope of works, he still approached each request with a wry smile, expertise, and a great sense of humour. Thank you also to the indefatigable team of Isabella Barber and Libby Forster. They were tireless creating the floral montages, soft furnishings and design of the exhibition. (We won't tell you that Libby's puppy 'Daisy' was part of the crew as well!)

Lanyards plastic slips needed!

Thank you for the overwhelming response to our lanyard call out...we got so many straps! Now all we need is the plastic to go with it. If you have any inserts lying about or know of any corporations with some to spare please send them our way.



youBelong

Would you like to support women from migrant and refugee backgrounds to learn to drive in Toowoomba? Can you spare an hour or more a week?

Competent English language, literacy and numeracy (LLN), and a driver's license are just some of the skills that will transform the life of a newly settled refugee, equipping them with the skills they need on their journey towards integration, independence, and success.

We'd love you to join our team of driver mentors to support this goal! You will need to hold an open licence (min 12 months), be 25 years or over, and have or be willing to obtain a Blue Card. Student participation is assessed by a driving school to

ensure competency and training is provided for mentor, as well as a vehicle.

Please contact Catie Brennan at youBelong, on 0402 623 878 to find out more.



We've Got Spring Merch!

The Lighthouse merchandise range is growing - just in time for spring! We now have our very own flower presses for sale so you can preserve your posies and create some floral fabulousness.

We've also added Shadow Puppets and Notebooks to our offering. So pop in and say hello and pick yourself up some goodies! The fresh mountain is flying out the door...

Orchestra of Wilderness:

An Exhibition by

Frida Forsberg

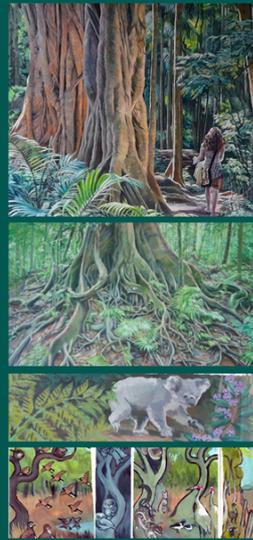
Friday 4th to Saturday 13th of November
2022

Opening Friday 4th * 6.00pm - 9.00pm

THE WRITE GALLERY

126 MARGARET STREET, TOOWOOMBA

[facebook.com/FridaForsbergArtwork](https://www.facebook.com/FridaForsbergArtwork)



Twinkles Book Club

Every Wednesday and Friday wonderful volunteers share the joy of reading to the communities youngest future leaders at Twinkles Book Club!

There is no need to book, just pop in anytime between 9am and 10am



We would love to hear your stories or reviews!

We know we live in a community of creative people. If you have any stories or reviews that you would like to share in

our newsletter we would be thrilled to read them! We love short pieces that are appropriate for a general audience. Please submit them to media@thelighthouseotoowoomba.org



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