



The Lighthouse Toowoomba

Happy Easter to those who celebrate, and we hope that this copy of The Beacon finds everyone preparing to relax over the long weekend.

As this newsletter comes to life, there is a group of children upstairs furiously debating the merits of raining tacos versus dancing watermelons. Its these kind of debates that make The Lighthouse Toowoomba come alive, and these children are just some of the 18 kids who have been involved in the Write A Book In A Day workshop from The Kids Cancer Project. The two books produced by these workshops will become part of online library that you can find here:

Write A Book In A Day Library

The children were also interviewed by the team from Foxtail Production and a show reel is being created for The Kids Cancer Project to promote the Write a Book in a Day Competition. Perhaps your children would be interested in entering a team?

Enter the Competition Here!



Amy Redunz's Mindful Monday series of workshops were held in the beautiful space that is The Write Gallery. You are welcome to hire the gallery for workshops even as is an exhibition hanging as it certainly is an inspiring and generous space.

Book a Space Here!



We talk about it again in this newsletter but letting you know that Emma launched the truly inspiring video production from Wellways - Carers Gateway at a cinema event at The Strand. There is a series of workshops being created just for young local carers, so if you know of a child who would be interested, please contact Tammy Conway at tconway1@wellways.org

DRESS UP **DRAW** **DEVELOP**

IT'S CHARACTER BUILDING!

A 7 WEEK WRITING AND ILLUSTRATING WORKSHOP IN TERM 2

MONDAY 4:00PM - 6:00PM
MAY 9TH THROUGH UNTIL JUNE 20TH

CARER GATEWAY PRESENT
A WORKSHOP SERIES OF CREATING CHARACTERS AND SHORT STORIES FOR YOUNG CARERS 7+ YEARS.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS MUST BE YOUNG CARERS REGISTERED WITH WELLWAYS CARER GATEWAY PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE EVENT. IF YOU ARE ALREADY REGISTERED WITH US, YOU DON'T NEED TO REGISTER AGAIN. TO REGISTER WITH WELLWAYS CARER GATEWAY, CONTACT US ON 1800 422 737 OR CALL TAMMY CONWAY AT 0431794052.

THIS WORKSHOP IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES CARER GATEWAY.

During the last couple of weeks we have continued our focus on showing movers and shakers the youth writers centre, as well as the gallery and the workshop spaces, and we have fascinating discussions with Grant Simpson, CEO, Lifeline Darling Downs and South West QLD Ltd; Andreas Elms (who came to talk about potential poetry collaborations); David Iliffe from ABC Southern QLD Radio shared his ideas about podcast workshops; Karen Smith from The PJ Foundation (amazing organisation!); Jessica Ritchie, 'Make Your Mark' workshops; we meet Alan Davey and Carmen Darwin, local authors; Rachel Carter introduced us to Tim and Jill from YouBelong; Russell Reynolds popped in (QLD Police); Sandra Miiller is a story teller with a workshop brimming; Jenny Stubbs, President of Book Links plotted and planned more regarding Caroline Margerl's you-don't-want-to-miss-this

exhibition in October; Benita from Little Dreamers inhaled the potential of the site; and Rojin Rash and Bronte discussed the potential homework club; Sarah Delahunty explored the idea of collaborations with the Queensland Trust for Nature; and today Irena Kobald had a workshop for children 'Two Blankets' at the invitation of Word Fest Toowoomba; whilst the management team from Emerge used the boardroom!



So you can see that things are truly starting to really gain speed here and to say that we really need your help is an understatement. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who might be interested, please let us know!

[Volunteer Here](#)



Holiday by Monique Correy

I am genuinely overjoyed to announce the amazing exhibition by Monique Correy. Monique has been one of our biggest supporters here at The Lighthouse Toowoomba. She was an early visitor and has been an amazing collaborator.

Devoting herself to painting after being diagnosed with breast cancer in her late 20s, she is now ready to hold her first solo exhibition. In recognition of her personal journey Monique is auctioning a painting on opening night. All auction proceeds will be donated to Cancer Chicks Australia, Garvan Institute, and Pink Hope.

Holiday is a beautiful collection of beach themed paintings that demonstrate Monique's masterful eye for the intimacy of beauty. She translates photographic inspiration into delicate layers of paint that delight and engage. Her work ranges from in price from \$250 to \$2500 and is a glorious addition to any collection, home, or office. I very much look forward to hope to seeing you at the opening on the 29th of April. Please register your attendance by using the button below.

[Register Here](#)



WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
THE EMPIRE THEATRE AND THE
LIGHTHOUSE TOOWOOMBA IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE
SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL

LIVE AND LOCAL

MAY 21 & 22

SESSIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Sydney Writer's Festival "Live and Local"

The Empire theatre and The Lighthouse Toowoomba are now in collaboration with the Sydney Writer's Festival "Live and Local". We are very excited to announce that we are orchestrating several conversations and panels on the 21st and 22nd of May that will cover the intervals between the streamed events from Sydney.

Watch this space!



Wordfest Toowoomba presents Quilting with Irena Kobald

Thank you to **Wordfest** for picking our Write Gallery space to hold your **Words of Welcome**

Children's Quilt Workshop. Many of us are familiar with the incredible children's book "My Two Blankets" which was written in Toowoomba by the illustrious Irena Kobald.

In this workshop children worked with Irena to create their own special quilt out of individually designed tiles and reflected on the meaning behind her story. It was clear that the children had an amazing time as they gleefully showed off their own tiles and creative thinking. The quilt will now be exhibited around Toowoomba (including the Toowoomba City Library) as a symbol of welcome, and a show of the imagination of our young people. If you would like to know more about **Wordfest** or sign up for an activity, please follow the link to their website for more information.

[Find out more!](#)



Wellways Carers Gateway

Emma would like to thank Wellways Carers for the invitation to be part of the incredibly inspiring Wellways Carers Gateway video at The Strand during the week. A number of local children were recognised as 'talent' with a certificate of thanks before the showing. Wellways Carers Gateway estimate there are two children in every classroom who could identify as a carer! Support is available for young carers, offering emotional, practical and even financial support for carers. If this at all resonates with you and you want more information, please call 1800 422 737.

SUPPORTING THE LIGHTHOUSE
MORT'S MATES
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 CHARITY GOLF DAY

FRIDAY 29TH APRIL

— MIDDLE RIDGE GOLF COURSE —

Registrations from 11am	Tee off at 11:30am	Cost \$800 per team
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Team registration includes:
 Golf, cart, lunch, unlimited drinks
 and evening canapés on the deck.

All funds go to **The Lighthouse**, Toowoomba's home of creativity, to support the youth writers centre. Free workshops are to be available for children to increase their literacy skills, whilst also focusing on the evidence based 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Mort's Mates Golf Day is aiming to raise \$20,000 to cover the cost of 57 workshops.

[Click here or scan code to RSVP](#)

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Mort's Mates Charity Golf Day

A big thank you to Mort & Co for making us the special recipients of their charity golf day. Mort & Co have already been big supporters of all our adventures here and we cannot wait to see everyone out on the green for some fun and games! The money raised will go towards supporting fifty seven incredible workshops for Toowoomba children. If you would like to participate please follow the QR code in the poster to RSVP.



Thank You to Our Donors

We would love to thank those who have donated over the past weeks. Thank you to Nadia Brady, Rachel Thurbon, Jo Bond, Sandra Miiller and Di Tate from Mary McKillop Primary School Highfields, and Bruce Llewelyn for their generous donations. Without the amazing community support we would be an empty building, a book without pages, and a library without imagination.



Lanyards Needed

Have you got old lanyards you no longer use? We would love to wear them! We are looking for leftover lanyards to wear proudly around The Lighthouse Toowoomba. As we are committed to our green goals we would prefer to give a second life to those lovely lanyards sitting in your desk drawer. So don't hang about! Pop down and donate today.



Happy Easter Break

Happy Easter everyone! We wish you a relaxing holiday and time to recharge over the next few days. Just letting you know that we will be closed over the upcoming Public Holidays to give our staff some time to plan, plot, and generally cause mischief.

Wishing you all the best on your holidays.

The Lighthouse Toowoomba

The Lighthouse Toowoomba relies on love from the community to continue doing our good work. If you

would like to donate please visit our
website or follow the link below.

Make a donation today

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

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We acknowledge the original Indigenous 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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