

**Subject:** The Beacon #24 The Lighthouse Toowoomba Newsletter

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**From:** The Lighthouse Toowoomba

**To:** Emma | Child Writes



### Welcome to Week 11 for 2023 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

Hello! We are back refreshed and ready after a small Easter sojourn and Eggscited to get back into our second term. And whilst the Beacon may have taken some time out there was still lots happening at The Lighthouse!

From learning and laughter with Adapt Mentorship (witness Emily and Malachi above) to the diversity in our groups coming in for Intertwined we continue to be inspired by and learn from the community around us.

Below is an around the traps from the weeks that have been and we are so very happy to be back in

your inbox!



## 1000 Words - A Sense of Achievement!

There is so much to love in the picture above. The colour, the energy, the sense of achievement! The sense of achievement for these two beautiful participants of our 1000 Words Illustration Workshop in Term 1, as they show their paintings, and the sense of achievement for the Lighthouse that 1000 Words Illustration is our first workshop to BOOK OUT in Term 2! A big thank you to [Terese Eglington](#) for running the workshops for us.

We are thrilled to learn there are so many budding artists in our community and it is a truly gratifying to realise our **LIGHT** sHining as we gain mOre and

more interest in oUr workShops and Events!



## Flexi School in The Write Gallery

Flexi School Year 10 art students enjoyed a full hour in The Write Gallery with the artists Taryn Walker and Shannan Jackwitz having booked in a school visit. Wendy Ellem said following the visit, ‘we had an amazing time... we are so lucky to have this amazing place just down the road from us’. Well we are the lucky ones... so lucky Flexi school are so close and so incredibly supportive.



## Young and Young at Heart

*“It is books that teach us to refine our pleasures when young, and to recall them with satisfaction when we are old.” Leigh Hunt*

We had the most delightful visit from Sandra and Don Macansh who came to the Lighthouse at the

suggestion of our Child Writes Fund Chairperson Samantha. It continues to delight us all how The Lighthouse can enchant and inspire creativity across all generations.



## Adapting for Youth

So fabulous to share in Youth Week activities with Adapt Mentorship. The group spent three days doing Zine workshops, exploring the world of podcasting, contributing to the Intertwined installation and finessing their creativity in our spaces. They topped of their activities by writing and recording an original rap about being a young person in 2023. We just hope now they are open to the idea of a live performance!

[Adapt Mentorship](#) is a fabulous program coordinated by Susy and Adam which creates wonderful opportunities for young people, connecting them with experiences and mentors.



## Creativities Collide

We were so lucky to have local author [Rory Mather](#) visit The Lighthouse for International Read To Me Day and then have him and his friends take part in the Intertwined Installation in The Write Gallery.

It was a case of creativity colliding as he shared his talents of writing and reading and then immersed himself in the wonder of weaving.



## Helping our Harlaxton friends

We are currently partnering with [Harlaxton State](#)

[School](#) (HSS) to expand our literary reach within the community.

Book donations have been made and the HSS kids are setting up a book swap club. The Community Hub will host our Twinkles Reading Program, AND the Year 5 / 6 students will be participating in the [FKG Group](#) / Child Writes 'Build A Book'. Watch this space for there is going to be so much to share as the children develop a character, include culture in the setting, and 'overcome the monster'!



## Council Gets Creative

What do you get when you take a bunch of dedicated local Councillors and put them in The Write Gallery? Some robust discussion about youth services and also some creatively colourful discs!

It was a treat to have Toowoomba Regional Councillors visit The Lighthouse and talk about our programs, how we can collectively and collaboratively promote arts and culture in the region, whilst contributing to the Intertwined installation.



## Artists supporting Artists

[Kim Walmsley](#) - an upcoming exhibitor at The Lighthouse with her Dreamscapes and Elementals

- came to support fellow artists Taryn Walker and Shannan Jackwitz at Intertwined. We just love seeing artists supporting each other and The Lighthouse. Please remember to tag us in any social posts when you come and visit. We love to share the love and be shared!



## Appreciation for our Intern

We are very thankful for marvellous Matilda Banks our first work experience student for 2023! Matilda came to us from [Highfields State Secondary College](#) for the last week of last term to learn all things Lighthouse, creativity in action, and of course, the power of literacy.

We have a number of work experience students joining us in the coming months - with Jeremy,



Lilliana and Eden signed up.

If you would like to register interest for work  
experience in 2024 email  
[hello@thelighthousewoomba.org](mailto:hello@thelighthousewoomba.org)



## The Lighthouse in a Day

Highland Christian College also participated in The Lighthouse in a Day for their last day of term. Students got to experience a full range of creative pursuits with some time with Matt at Mashed Theatre, Interwined in The Write Gallery and writing exercises with our own Emma Mactaggart!

If you know a school that would like to experience  
The Lighthouse in a Day email  
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## Dates For Your Diary!

We still have time slots available for school groups to visit Intertwined! Every school in Toowoomba has been invited to visit for FREE workshops and if you wanted to give your favourite teacher a gentle nudge to remind them, here is the booking link: <https://calendly.com/thelighthousetoowoomba/intertwined> or email [emma@thelighthousetoowoomba.org](mailto:emma@thelighthousetoowoomba.org) to organise a time that best suits you.

**Zine Scene**

**TUESDAYS 3:30-5PM**

**Free for 12-14yr olds**  
[www.thelighthousetoowoomba.org](http://www.thelighthousetoowoomba.org)

Did you know a Zine is a tiny magazine! How cool is that right? It can be filled with all types of articles, images and stories, you name it! If you are ready to get creative and let your inner editor-in-chief skills fly, then it's time to get publishing with us (no experience required, just your commitment to have FUN!). Join us for our free 8 week workshop, suitable for ages 12-14 years.

The classes have started, but it is not too late to join in!

Tuesday - 3:30pm-5:00pm

Register now [The Zine Scene Term 2](https://thelighthouse.toowoomba.org)  
([thelighthouse.toowoomba.org](https://thelighthouse.toowoomba.org))



**MULTICULTURAL  
HOMEWORK  
CLUB**

**KURDISH KURMANJI AND ARABIC**  
All students and caregivers welcome  
Monday 4pm - 6pm

The saying 'It takes a village to raise a child' could never ring more true to us. We are here to help support our multicultural Toowoomba community

by offering a homework club to all who speak Kurdish Kurmanji and Arabic.

All students and caregivers are welcome to attend.

When: Term 2 commencing from Monday 17 April

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Register at

<https://www.thelighthouseoowoomba.org/items/multiculture-homework-club>



## World Building

Seeking brilliant, like-minded, creative teens who are ready to explore a fantastic world of fantasy and sci-fi! Come and create new worlds in our FREE 6-week workshop where you will be introduced to roleplaying games and cooperative storytelling.

Love a good superhero or mighty villain story?

Learn how to wrangle your ideas into great backdrops to create your own!

More of a D&D player who prefers to embark on your own epic quests and levelling up? Then we will equip you with the skills to create your very own exciting setting.

The classes have started, but it is not too late to join in!

Tuesday - 5:00pm-6:30pm

Register now!

<https://www.thelighthouse-toowoomba.org/items/world-building>



Thank you!

A very big thank you to [Toowoomba Anglican School](#) (TAS) for their generous donation of books, books and more books to our one way library! It is great to see schools and children 'passing it on' so pages can be read and reread again and again.

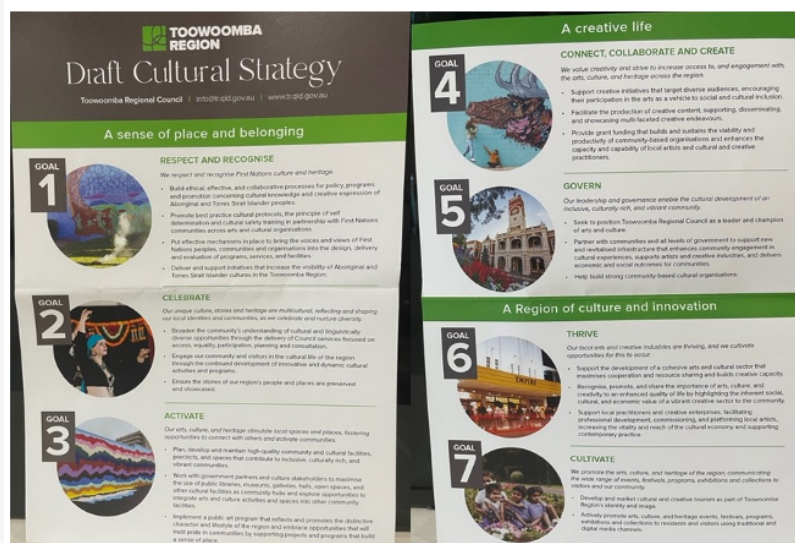


## Hatching Creativity for Toowoomba Carnival Flowers of Parade!

Calling all gardeners, garden supply, nurseries, or anyone with magic powers! We would like to create a little nest around our bike basket and need twine, or birch, or willow to weave a nest, and some hay to support our little egg, AND to create a 'skirt' to support flowers... Are you, or do you know, an engineer, tradesman or DIY dynamite who can assist us? Please get in touch with [emily@thelighthouse.toowoomba.org](mailto:emily@thelighthouse.toowoomba.org) if you can assist. Thank you in advance!



Emma and Emily attended THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES SUMMIT hosted by the Empire Theatre and Toowoomba Regional Council. The calibre of the speakers, the topics covered, the incredible opportunity to learn and to meet others... it was next level inspirational, and marked the launch of the draft strategy to go to TRC in June. Given this is indicative of the future for our creative community, one that embraces culture at every level, we are indeed lucky to live where we live. [Read more and know that your voice counts, so have your say!](#)



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 9:30am and 10:30am.

And if you would like to volunteer as a reader please email [hello@thelighthousewoomba.org](mailto:hello@thelighthousewoomba.org)



We would love to hear your stories or reviews!

We know we live in a community of creative people. If you have any news or items, you think we may be interested in please send them through to [media@thelighthousewoomba.org](mailto:media@thelighthousewoomba.org) We love contributions from our community.

