



Welcome to The Lighthouse Beacon #5

We have made it to Week Twelve at The Lighthouse Toowoomba, and we are feeling the love from the community. Thank you. In this newsletter we are sending a big warm hug out to the 220+ people who attended the opening of Monique Correy's exhibition 'Holiday'; to the golfers attending the Mort's Mates Charity Golf Day, and to everyone who has visited to offer support and love over the past fortnight. We are proud to announce that we have approximately

101 hours of workshops and events already planned for the next couple of months. We hope to see you at one of our workshops or even at the upcoming Sydney Writers Festival 'Live and Local' event at The Empire Theatre on Saturday the 21st of May and Sunday the 22nd of May.

This is also a very important week as our wonderful Intern, Emma Mort, has had a birthday! So happy birthday to our favourite colleague. We are all so proud of you and grateful to have you in our office.



Thank You Mort's Mates Charity Golf Day!

We knew that the Mort's Mates Charity Golf Day would be an incredible success, but still everyone was completely in a collective awe at the final tally of \$39289.47! Hosts Mort & Co were phenomenal with their support as major sponsors, raffle donors and with their contribution of a major auction item, along with sponsors **FKG**, **iOR Rural**, **KB Agri**, **QS Commodities**, **Fox Commodities**, **Wideland Group**, **Grassdale Fertilisers** and major raffle donors **RM Williams**, **Bernays Lawyers** and **Washed on James**, with major auction item

donated by **Jody and Stephen Gosling** and purchased by **Matt Grant and Anna Wisha**, and **Dr Garrett Fitzgerald**.

For The Lighthouse we can press GO on all the projects and exhibitions and events we were aspiring to deliver before the end of the year, and already we have committed to our proud partnership with Rockville State School and hosting a teachers Thank You Paint n Sip event in The Write Gallery (Emerge have donated the catering!); taking a drawing and writing workshop to the Preschool, Year 1 and Year 2 children; and delivering a huge pile of books from the One-Way Library.

It is simply amazing to be able to test concepts, promote local facilitators, host local artists in exhibitions, and work closely with other organisations such Library's For All.

To Charlie and the team at Mort + Co, we will forever be expressing our gratitude. You truly have wonderful mates!



Holiday Opens To A Huge Crowd

Friday the 29th of April was the spectacular opening of Monique Correy's beautiful show "Holiday". We were overwhelmed with joy as we played host to 220+ visitors and thank everyone who attended from the bottom of our hearts.

Even though most of the show sold out on opening night we are pleased to add that Monique has prints available for sale in The Write Gallery and is busy working on new pieces and commissions. It is well worth popping down, grabbing a coffee from Emerge, and chatting to Monique as she works in her picturesque studio for the rest of the month of May.

As well as the gorgeously lush and decorative paintings which decorate the walls, special thanks must go to Aaron Bourne (*Harolds Finishing Touches*) and Michael Valdal (*The Dairy*) for the installation of a lavish visual banquet table with matching, specially designed chairs. If you are curious about their installation process they have posted some amazing videos on their respective Instagram's showing their work.

[Monique Correy's Website](#)



Welcome Chiselhurst

Thank you to Rosemarie Dawes and the families from Chiselhusrst who joined us for a VIP session under the exhibition Holiday by Monique Correy at The Write Gallery.

It is our plan to offer time during every exhibition for your school to have their own special group visit, especially as it is so much fun to organise, so simply ask and your wish is our command.

Monique Correy's exhibition finishes on Thursday the 26th of May so get in quick!

Contact bronte@thelighthousetoowoomba.org to register your interest for any of our upcoming exhibitions.





Our Academic Friends!

Our local university USQ holds one of the keys to the potential success of The Lighthouse - the support from academic staff by way of guidance to the concept of testing the validity of what we are setting out to achieve with regards to supporting children's self-efficacy, confidence and resilience by offering free wildly inventive literacy based workshops. Professor Peter Terry has been incredible with his advice and encouragement (and signed our 'authors' wall 😊) as has Dr Georgina Barton. It will be wonderful to work with the measures they have shared with us.

Professor Peter Terry | In The Mood



Announcing Imaginato!

We are so happy to be working with the amazing people at Momentum Mental Health! They have been busy creating an incredible body of work which we will be showing the public very soon. Stay up to date on our progress by following our social media and be sure to put it in your diary for June!



Looking for a Coffee? How About With a #sideofsocialgood

Emerge Cafe are part of 126 Margaret Street and open at 6:30am with the ultimate starter – a coffee and a breaky wrap for only \$15, and the soups are keeping us warm and toasty!



Jessica Ritchie Wins GOLD!

Standing ovation to author Jessica Ritchie, now AWARD WINNING author Jessica Ritchie, for GOLD in the Inspirational Book category at The Independent Publishers Awards. Jess very generously offered a pilot session to a small group of youth from Emerge and guided the participants to 'see their future in words'. To enable children to be what they wish to see is a gift!

If you have children in Year 10, 11 or 12, and would like them to participate, there are more workshops coming up, book here:

[Register For A Workshop!](#)

Calling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Story Tellers!

[Library For All](#)

OUR YARNING - CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITING WORKSHOP

Calling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander story tellers – educators, youth workers, early childhood workers, social workers, university students, writers, librarians – to write a children's books with us.

Library For All is creating a collection of 500 mirror books for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. These 'mirror books' reflect the lived experience of the reader, and that is why all books in the [Our Yarning](#) collection are authored by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Your voice as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person can add to this unique collection. You are invited to write a story that could become a popular book and help support children learn to love reading and improve literacy in a more encouraging and culturally positive way. You will be supported through the workshop and do not need any creative writing skills or experience. Just a willingness to share your stories.

Workshop will be led by Library For All's Cultural Advisor Dr Julie Owen, a Nurrunga Ngarrindjeri woman from South Australia living in Broome with experience in health, education and community development across the top end for over 30 years.

Date: Thursday 9 June
Time: 4pm – 8pm
Location: The Lighthouse, 126 Margaret St, Toowoomba
Cost: FREE. Light refreshments and dinner provided



Email emma@thelighthousetooowoomba.org to register your interest to attend a workshop.

For more information about Our Yarning email: julie.owen@libraryforall.org.



Twinkles Book Club



Welcome to our reading club for young readers and their parents. All babies, toddlers, and preschoolers are welcome to join us!

Our little lights and parents meet on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 10am to read and play together.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL [HELLO@THELIGHTHOUSETOOWOOMBA.ORG](mailto:hello@thelighthousetooowoomba.org)

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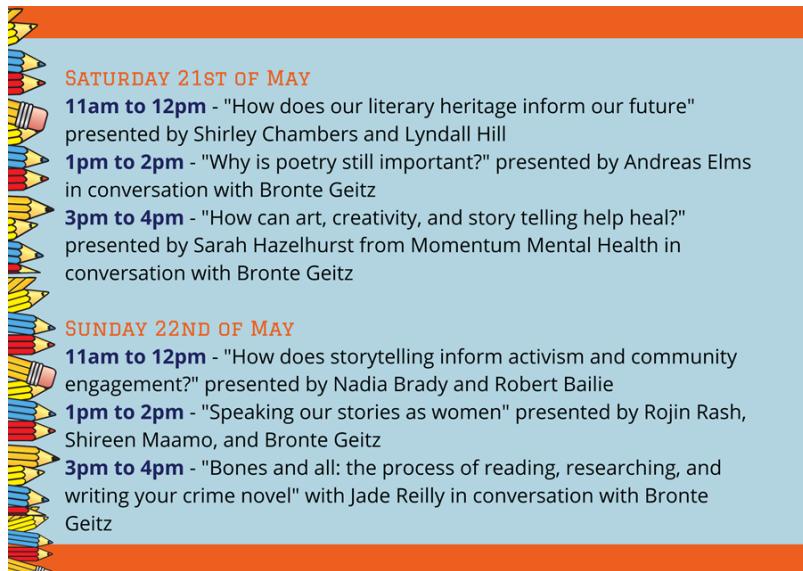
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THE EMPIRE THEATRE AND THE Lighthouse Toowoomba IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL

LIVE AND LOCAL

MAY 21 & 22





SATURDAY 21ST OF MAY

11am to 12pm - "How does our literary heritage inform our future" presented by Shirley Chambers and Lyndall Hill

1pm to 2pm - "Why is poetry still important?" presented by Andreas Elms in conversation with Bronte Geitz

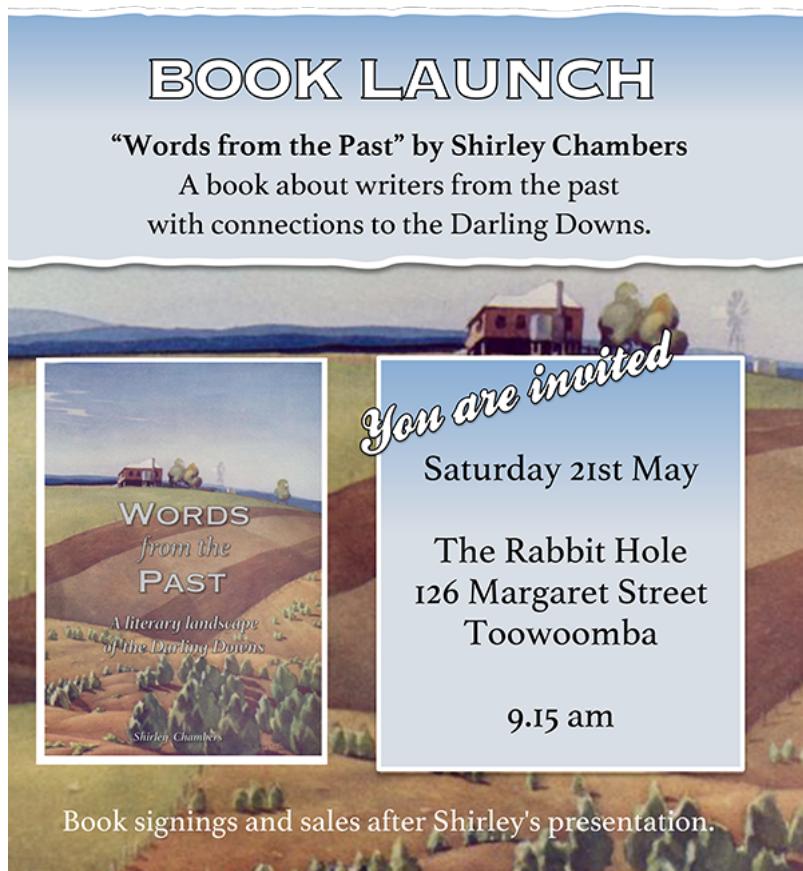
3pm to 4pm - "How can art, creativity, and story telling help heal?" presented by Sarah Hazelhurst from Momentum Mental Health in conversation with Bronte Geitz

SUNDAY 22ND OF MAY

11am to 12pm - "How does storytelling inform activism and community engagement?" presented by Nadia Brady and Robert Bailie

1pm to 2pm - "Speaking our stories as women" presented by Rojin Rash, Shireen Maamo, and Bronte Geitz

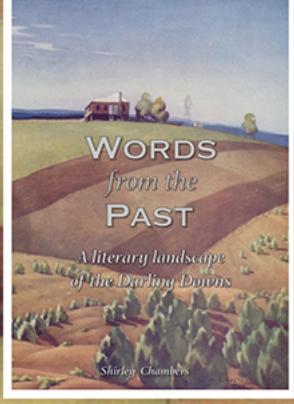
3pm to 4pm - "Bones and all: the process of reading, researching, and writing your crime novel" with Jade Reilly in conversation with Bronte Geitz



BOOK LAUNCH

"Words from the Past" by Shirley Chambers

A book about writers from the past
with connections to the Darling Downs.



You are invited

Saturday 21st May

The Rabbit Hole
126 Margaret Street
Toowoomba

9.15 am

Book signings and sales after Shirley's presentation.



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Thank You

A big thank you to Farzaneh Magzub for her compassionate and incredible work translating for us as we build our Water project with colleagues in Iran. Thank you to this week's presenters Kathleen Kelly and Jessica Ritchie. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered. We will be contacting everyone and starting to roster people very soon.



Explorer's Emporium!

As the cold weather encroaches even more on day to day life why not treat yourself by grabbing a bag of Kaffeklubben Island Rocks (Rocky Road) for \$5. Kaffeklubben Island is an uninhabited island lying off the northern tip of Greenland. It contains the northernmost undisputed point of land on earth. Look it up...its real. However, our rocks are mainly the sugar hit you need when it gets cold.



Did You Know...

We can create VIP events and programs just for you and the organisation or school you represent, that align with our existing exhibitions such as Holiday, or build collaborative experiences for your needs. Simply email hello@thelighthousetoowoomba.org to start the conversation.

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 bronte@thelighthousetoowoomba.org



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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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