



## Welcome to Week 1 for 2023 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

Hello 2023! Hasn't the year started with gusto! As you read this, those with children at school will have their new routines down pat, lunch boxes sorted, names of new friends notes, and the calendar will be filling quickly. Those, who like me, are looking on, celebrating the incredible array of exhibitions and workshops already on offer at The Lighthouse Toowoomba this year.

Do you remember our slow and tenuous start as we officially opened on the 22nd February 2022 (at 2:22pm!) We didn't know what we were to offer, how to support the community, nor how to fund the entire show. Well look at us now! Already we have a weekly planner, Intertwined opens March 10th, and we continue our amazing relationship with our incredible local supporters [FKG Group](#), [Mort & Co](#), [TSBE](#), [Clifford Park Racecourse](#) who truly value the right of our children to have access to FREE literacy-based workshops. We also have irons in the fire so to speak with regards to successful

grant applications with [ARTC Inland Rail](#) funding the Multiculture Homework Club. Thank you Toowoomba!



## Intertwined Exhibition and Workshops

There are at least 74 FREE workshops for school classes and community groups already determined for our timetable and all schools received information at the end of last year. Please nudge your favourite teacher by sharing this newsletter to see how your child's class group can get involved.

For bookings: <https://calendly.com/thelighthouse-toowoomba/intertwined>

Watch this space, and keep an eye on our socials, for more Intertwined news! In addition to these workshops, we have so many more exciting events planned around storytelling, weaving and ceramics.



## Ty.P Youth Conference

The Toowoomba Youth Peace Group held their annual conference at the end of November 'Would You Dare' - Optimism and Hope for the Future. Emma presented the final session and was fortunate to meet Dr Uma Kumar as she presented the first session of the day. Both were completely entranced by the thoughtfulness, kindness, and creativeness of the young audience, excited for this community's future under their stewardship.



## To market, to market...

Gosh we had a fun day at the Toowoomba Farmers Markets at Cobb + Co. Robyn does an incredible job wrangling hundreds of possible stall holders and the atmosphere is always so positive.



Lots of people left with Botanical's posters, lollies and quirky gifts from The Lighthouse's Explorers Emporium to share with family for Christmas. We also gave away hundreds of books, something we will continue to do in 2023.



## The gift of flowers that don't wilt...

We are so grateful for the connections shared by one of our wonderful volunteers Mary Taylor as she introduced us to the indefatigable Toni Kelly at Anglicare Symes Thorpe Residential Aged Care. We played 'Santa' and gave the residents posters to brighten up their rooms. The care extended by the staff and the enthusiasm with which they were received made our day. We still have these [magnificent museum posters available](#) and having lived with them, we can personally attest how magnificent they are!

## Introducing Tim Hunter and WORLD BUILDING

Tim is a professional writer and is leading a remarkable new workshop we are presenting this year 'World Building' for aspiring writers curious about imagining fantastic worlds. Fantasy, sci-fi, alternative history, all give us a chance to imagine stories, alternatives, speculate on the impossible, or simply ask: what if? This world building

workshop will teach you to wrangle your ideas into great backdrops for stories, homes for heroes and villains, or exciting settings for role playing games, like Dungeons & Dragons.

[If this is EXACTLY what your 13-17 year old is looking for... click here to book.](#)



Miss Miiller's Story Telling - places available.

We all get so excited about Wednesdays and Miss Miiller sweeping into the building with such abundant energy and enthusiasm. There are places available for the Term 1 6 week program, and whilst we want to say 'you don't want to miss out', Sally Stephenson's insights are amazing:

"Thank you once again for providing a safe space for little minds to create. Olivia has absolutely loved taking part in the Miss Miiller workshops and has maintained the same level of enthusiasm each and every week. In Olivia's own words, she rated it "two thumbs up"!

I have loved watching the progression she has made from her first shy performance of her story to her confident clear storytelling in the final week. I think this is testament to Miss Miiller for her positivity, encouragement and ability to engage and build confidence in young minds.

Thanks again for putting on such a fun engaging program and providing a space for kids to create, learn new skills and meet up with other like minded people."

And this is why we can say with confidence: [Book now!](#)



## Calling for creative kids 12-14 years

Picture this... A free workshop (6 week program) creating zines... What is a 'zine' you may ask?

This definition is straight from Wikipedia:

'A **zine** ([/zi:n/ ZEEN](#); short for [magazine](#) or [fanzine](#)) is a small-circulation [self-published](#) work of original or appropriated texts

and images, usually reproduced via a [copy machine](#). Zines are the product of either a single person or of a very small group, and are popularly photocopied into physical prints for circulation.' Bronte Geitz is Toowoomba's zine queen and is leading this fabulous workshop. Interested? [Book here](#).



## DIGGING UP THE PAST

Writing a historical novel?  
Prepare with Jane Smith!

- Learn how to find sources of historical information that will be useful in writing historical fiction or non-fiction
- Evaluate the relative merits of different sources and problems associated with them
- Learn how to incorporate your historical research into your writing.

This is a 3 hour intensive course on how to research, write, and expand your historical novel and research. Jane is a published archivist, librarian, editor, and local celebrity who will guide you with confidence. All proceeds support free literacy workshops for children at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

**4TH MARCH 2023 | 10AM-1PM**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA THE LIGHTHOUSE WEBSITE**  
The Lighthouse Toowoomba | 126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba



## EDITING FOR WRITERS

Are you a future novelist?  
Prepare with Jane Smith!

- Learn how an editor can help you polish your manuscript
- Learn some Word tools that will help the editing process run more smoothly
- Learn to recognise common writing errors and practise fixing them

This 2 hour workshop will equip you with the confidence to prepare your manuscript so you can get the best value from your editor. Jane is a published author, archivist, librarian, editor, and local celebrity who will guide you with confidence. All proceeds support free literacy workshops for children at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

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1000 Words... Illustration Workshop



[Terese Eglington](#) is an incredible local illustrator, author, artist, and educator, and for Term 1 and Term 2, she is hosting a 'how to illustrate' workshop just for 9 to 13 year olds. This is such a wonderful opportunity for aspiring artists. For more details and to book, [click here](#).



## Dates For Your Diary in 2023!

**THE LIGHTHOUSE WEEKLY**

<b>MONDAY</b> Multiculture Homework Club all students & caregivers 4:00pm to 6:00pm	<b>TUESDAY</b> Dept Youth Justice Degustation Alliteration 10:00am to 12noon	<b>TUESDAY</b> World Building 13 to 17 year olds 4:00pm to 6:00pm	<b>Term 1</b> Intertwined 5 to 8 year olds school group bookings 9:00am to 10:00am
<b>Term 1</b> Intertwined secondary school group bookings 11:00am to 12noon	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Twinkles Book Club especially for toddlers 9:00am to 10:00am	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Miss Miller's StoryTelling Workshop 8 to 12 year olds 3:30pm to 5:30pm	<b>THURSDAY</b> 1000 words... Illustration Workshop 9 to 13 year olds 3:30pm to 5:30pm
<b>FRIDAY</b> Twinkles Book Club especially for toddlers 9:00am to 10:00am	<b>FRIDAY</b> Write Friday Old Writers Centre Adults 10:00am to 2:00pm	<b>FRIDAY</b> The Zine Scene 12 to 14 year olds 3:30pm to 5:00pm	<b>The last SATURDAY</b> of the Month Toowoomba Writers Group 2:00pm to 4:00pm

And just one more thing...





Thank you!

A heartfelt thanks again to YellowBridge in Toowoomba for their generous gift of children's books to The Lighthouse. YellowBridge help hundreds of people access housing, disability support, youth and home services so they can lead independent and rewarding lives. They are on a mission to make our community better and brighter and we are always on the lookout for others - something that resonates with us!

We love that we start 2023 with numerous donations of books to rehome, so shouting from the rooftop and saying thank you Susanne Shields and Jenny O'Reilly. Our gorgeous new administration assistant Emma (yes two Emma's in the building!) keeps track of books coming in, and even more adores counting them out to into the hands of children who need them.

### 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@thelighthousewoomba.org](mailto:media@thelighthousewoomba.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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