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# THE BEACON



*A Look Into The Lighthouse*

**"AS SOON AS I SAW  
YOU I KNEW A  
GRAND ADVENTURE  
WAS ABOUT TO  
HAPPEN."  
WINNIE THE POOH**



## THE QUIRKY LECTURE SERIES

The inspiration behind  
The Write Gallery's  
latest project.

## WRITING FRIDAYS

Why our collaboration  
can help you reach your  
writing goals.

## Our Week at the Lighthouse

Its been a busy week as we start to get our sea legs steady. This week we have had forty-two visitors walk in our door and had twelve children in the space looking at our library. Its with great joy that we announce that five books have found their way into little hands and new homes.

We have also started up our collaboration with the Queensland Writers Centre in holding our very first "Write Friday" hosted by the delightful Brett Coster. News from the tearoom indicated that it had sparked a little inspiration and a lot of writing breakthroughs. We hope that you, dear reader, can join us next Friday from 10-2.

# QUIRKY LECTURE SERIES

Bronte Geitz

One of my favorite things to do when I was at university was to enter completely random lecture halls and just wait for something to happen. Much of what I found was completely incomprehensible physics lectures but occasionally it sparked a sense of wonder that was innately serendipitous. It is in that spirit of curiosity that I wanted to start the Quirky Lecture Series.

The Quirky Lecture series will be a set of talks delivered over the year by passionate, curious, and quirky community members. The aim is to build a sense of community, to find our place in the world, and to appreciate the stories we can tell each other in this space. Sometimes the best stories are told to us by strangers at the bus station, or by accidental and fleeting friends in long line ups. I want to find those stories.



Our very first presenter is the utterly charming Rory H. Mather. I have known Rory for quite some time now in my other life as a book seller. His books, such as Vlad's Bad Breath, have achieved some of the best praise a picture book can get. Namely, being bought by a harried parents whose wayward child refuses to relinquish the library copy. His story of finding his passion and making his way in the oft soul-destroying publishing industry is as charming and erudite as the man himself.

If you are curious about this event, please follow the QR code to our booking page.

I hope to see you there.



# WRITE FRIDAYS

## The pomodoro technique has helped writers, workers, and students

Who knew that a kitchen timer could inspire a whole new way of working? Well Francesco Cirillo did. As a student he found himself overwhelmed and unfocused so he picked up his tomato shaped kitchen timer and set himself a task.

Cirillo broke his task into twenty-five minute long working periods punctuated by five minute breaks. After four of these "pomodoro's" he would take a much longer fifteen minute break. There are variations on the technique outside of this deceptively simple work/break balance but this is the basis of most pomodoro sessions.

While this method doesn't work for anyone it is a good way of limiting distraction, breaking through writer's block, and hitting your word goals.

The Queensland Writers Centre program "Writing Friday" is a volunteer led initiative which endeavors to bring people together over a love of writing. The Lighthouse is overjoyed that we can offer these guided Pomodoro writing sessions through our lovely volunteer Brett Coster.

So if you have some writing goals to meet or want to meet some fellow locals then this is a unique opportunity. Come join us at The Lighthouse from 10-2 every Friday to try it out!

**FUN FACT!**  
**VLADIMIR**  
**NABOKOV WAS A**  
**LEPIDOPTERIST AS**  
**WELL AS AN**  
**AUTHOR**



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## Upcoming Events

**Quirky Lecture** - Rory H. Mather with Emma Mactaggart on the 17th of March. Event starts at 6:30pm. Tickets available through eventbrite

**International Read To Me Day** on the 19th of March. Check out this amazing illustration by local talent Yvonne Mes. If you are keen to be involved, book a time to read from your home to the world!

*International  
Read to Me! Day*

