



**Welcome to Week 27 for 2023 at The
Lighthouse Toowoomba.**

Welcome to another wrap up of all the happenings
and high-jinks at 126 Margaret St!

The past fortnight has been about culture and
connections. We have immersed ourselves in the
amazing Dreamscapes + Elementals exhibition (of
which there are still 10 DAYS REMAINING) and
we are looking ahead to the stunning The Secret
Life of Seedpods coming to The Write Gallery 1
September.

Strong connections have been made within the
community at The Homeless Week Expo, dinner
this coming Monday with Variety QLD, and we
went to a meeting with the Queensland
Community Foundation who 'granted' us the ability
to be able to run The Hello Baby Calendar for a
second year in a row!

We have also continued to do what we do best
(and love oh so much) - facilitating and run

workshops and programs for many happy youngsters!

And in the photo below - celebrating artists Gitie House and Jennifer Summers is the CEO of Southern Queensland Country Tourism, Peter Homan. (Such great timing for him to visit, and thank you Kiron Barui for the introduction!)



10 Reasons to Visit Dreamscapes and Elementals over the next 10 days!

- 1.** Dreamscapes + Elementals Exhibition. A glorious collection and collaboration between five generous and talented artists Jennifer Summers, Gitie House, Megan Bartman, Kim Walmsley, and Noami Buchanan
- 2.** Deep dive into workshops with Kim Walmsley on Friday 11th and eat, paint, and create for only \$20, and Inkcry on Saturday 12th for \$50 for two hours. Pay on arrival
- 3.** Free walk-in art activities most days 10am to 12noon, and then again 12:30pm to 2:30pm. Either pot-luck, or ask the artists for more information
- 4.** 'What's Your Dreamscape' - spending time with Megan Bartman and Kim Walmsley, exploring self

expression with various mediums

5. Collaborative sessions such as 'Paint n Create' with Gitie House and Kim Walmsley, and be part of a larger conversation.

6. Join respected elder Auntie Minnie Mace for a discussion about spirituality, connection, people and this land Saturday 12th 1pm to 3pm, Sunday 13th 12pm to 2pm. Limited places. Bookings via e: kimblencodreams@gmail.com


7. Speak with the artists as they share their insights into 'Creating a Dream' and how an exhibition comes together.

8. Gitie House leads 'Rangoli – Circle of Colour' embracing her own heritage and gifting participants with another way to describe their world.

9. Friday 18th and discover 'The Totem in U', another beautifully designed workshop to encourage conversation whilst creating something beautiful

10. And wrapping up with a day of art and craft and conversation on Saturday 19th August, before packing up on Sunday 20th.





Stories of Creation

Presenting Spiritual Elder
Cultural Educator & Researcher
Auntie Minnie Mace
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th August 2023 |
The Write Gallery @ The Lighthouse
Cnr Margaret and Hume St's
Toowoomba

12th Saturday 1:00 - 3pm
13th Sunday 12pm - 2pm

Join us in the vortex of Minnie's voice, sharing her knowledge, stories & truth telling.
Please register with:
kmbencodreams@gmail.com



Homeless for a Week by Base Services

It was a heart-warming night in The Write Gallery on Monday 7 August when The Lighthouse were one of the pop-in venues for the launch of National Homeless Week and the Base Services [Homeless For a Week 2023](#) fundraiser.

Over 100 people came along to support Base Services's Nat Spary, and to hear from Adam Wenitong from [Adapt Mentorship](#). The Lighthouse is continuing to work alongside Adapt to share these important stories and raise awareness of services and community mentoring for our community's children.

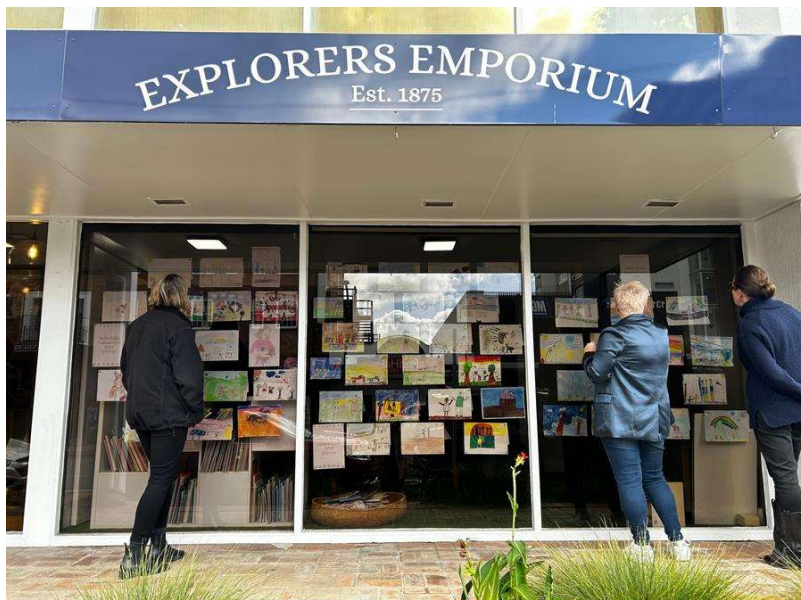


Hello Baby Judging

It was a case of the gang being backed together again when Emma invited the original committee members of the Working Party for NAPCAN Toowoomba to judge the Hello Baby competition entries. Thank you Shana Rodgers, Mary-Kate Thomson and Dr Tarn McLean for their efforts.

If you're in the vicinity of Margaret and Hume come by our window to have a look at the fabulous entries and finalists.

Winners will be announced during a social media announcement on Friday 1st September at 10am. Thank you to the [Toowoomba Regional Community FUND - QCF](#) for the grant. The winners will be included in a 'Hello Baby' calendar to be gifted to new-born babies via the [Toowoomba Hospital Foundation](#).





Cackling and Crackling with Kirby

Participants have been loving the Kirby Crackle Cartoon workshops with Dan Gilmore. Dan can be seen above as he leads a group of budding cartoonists through the process of character development.

Participants have loved the convivial atmosphere of the workshop whilst learning the care that is required to create a quality comic!



the things that
matter most

a novel

He's the child every teacher loves.
But he's hiding a big secret.

GABBIE STROUD BOOK LAUNCH

16 August 2023 **5:30PM** | The Write Gallery
In Conversation with Ellie McLiesh

THE LIGHTHOUSE TOOWOOMBA | \$15 TICKET
126 MARGARET STREET, TOOWOOMBA CITY, QLD

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Lots of fun at Illustration 101

Acclaimed local artist Terese Eglington continues to inspire creative minds with her Illustration 101 workshops.

Charlotte (pictured above) has spent the past five weeks learning the basics of illustrating a book - character design, page layout, colour, and 'show, don't tell'.

Now, this is very bold, but just letting you know Terese is back again in Term 4. Strictly limited places. Keep an eye out for the booking link in the next newsletter or on our socials.



World Builders working towards an anthology...

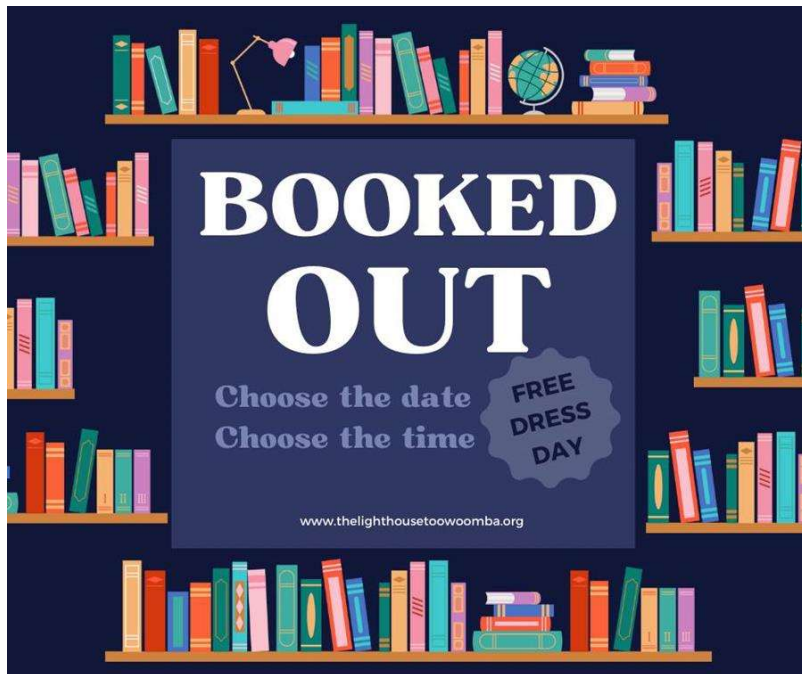
Tim's world building class are working towards an anthology - as they continue to turn their ideas into great backdrops for stories, homes for heroes and villains, or exciting settings for role playing games in the World Building workshops on Tuesdays.



Free Dress day at school - Raise money!

A donation started this malarky, and now we are so happy our first batch of library bags have arrived and we are ready to go! Here is a challenge for you... Please consider organising a free dress day at your school - or a PJ-day at your workplace - and asking everyone who participates for a gold coin donation. Think about being so incredibly comfortable whilst helping us get books to children in our community!

Let us know if you want to help literacy in your loungewear by emailing us hello@thelighthouseoowoomba.org.au We can provide you with posters and marketing material to promote your Free Dress / PJ-day!



Lunchtime Creatives is an innovative program that encourages business people to step out of their comfort zone, connect with their inner artist and tell their story through intuitive drawing and expressive writing. Within no time you'll connect to the right side of the brain, think outside of the box, solve problems with ease, and stand out from the crowd.

Thursday 24th August 12noon - 1pm with the accidental artist Lily Halton.

Book directly: <https://drct-thelighthouse-toowoomba.prod.supporterhub.net...>

Twinkles Book Club... Volunteers WANTED

The Twinkles Book Club is a program run by The Lighthouse Toowoomba is based around reading books to toddlers and their caretakers. It provides somewhere safe and peaceful for toddlers to use to learn, explore and allow their curiosity to take flight. Reading to toddlers can be an integral factor in the children's development. Storytelling can help toddlers learn about and identify sounds, words, and language. Additionally, it can also help to stimulate their imaginations, expand their social skills and vocabulary, and allow them to learn more about the world which they live in. This allows parents and their children to strengthen their bonds. The club also permits the young children to meet other people and more children that are their age, further broadening their social skills and helping to coax them into coming out of their shells.

We run two sessions here at The Lighthouse on Wednesday and Friday 9:30am to 10:30am; Harlaxton State School Thursday 10:45am to 11:15am; Newtown State School Tuesday 9:30am to 10:15am. It would be incredible if we could offer it at more schools as an outreach program. INTERESTED? Email emma@thelighthouse-toowoomba.org for more information.

THE SECRET LIFE OF SEEDPODS

OFFICIAL OPENING
THURSDAY 31 AUGUST
5:30PM TO 7:00PM

THE WRITE GALLERY
126 MARGARET STREET TOOWOOMBA

EXHIBITION OPEN UNTIL SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
10AM - 3PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT



LEE FULLARTON + BOOK LINKS

OFFICIAL OPENING
FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER
5:30PM TO 7:00PM

THE WRITE GALLERY
126 MARGARET STREET TOOWOOMBA

EXHIBITION CONTINUES UNTIL
WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 3:00PM

Mr Chippa



**Dreamtimes
+ Elementals
Exhibition
28 July-20 Aug
Free Workshops!**





Thank you!

Thank you to Carol Cox four time again!
Acknowledging our generous supporters and donors on our Bricks and Mortar Supporter wall is very important to us. Many hands make a lot of work!

Thank you also to Uncle Wayne Fossey for the most captivating acknowledgment of country at the Opening of Dreamscapes and Elementals.



And another rousing thank you to **Toowoomba Grammar School Junior**, and Michelle Worthington, for raising such an awesome amount of money for us to kickstart our 'Booked Out'

initiative, and we sent local author Rory Mather out to Mt Tyson State School for an author visit. Rory very generously was also head-courier and took out bundles of book, one for each child.

Joseph Guiso said of the visit: "Thank you so much for organising Rory's visit and those books. You should have seen the kid's faces when they got the books... I think the greatest takeaway for the kids was Rory's story of tenacity in the face of rejection."



Volunteers

We have a dedicated band of volunteers who help us sort out and bundle books that have already been donated, and readers who take our 'Twinkles Book Club' to schools. Of course, the more the merrier, so if any of this inspires you to volunteer, and you have a Blue Card, please contact us

hello@thelighthousewoomba.org or directly via our website application form:

<https://www.thelighthousewoomba.org/volunteer>

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Flip Flop!

Sarah Bradbury has the children working
incredible hard... Promise!

This is the workshop in full flight! They are writing and editing their way to stardom, and between Sarah's awesome games, writing, editing, and those balloons (yes McNab's, they are **STILL** going 10 weeks later!) every child has to be dragged out of the space at the end of the day.



hand lettering

BEGINNER'S WORKSHOP

20TH AUG, 10AM-12PM

Just in!

We are very excited to share this wonderful opportunity for ALL children to participate in a 'Writing For Expression' free workshops. This is a pilot program and in advance, grateful for your support!

Facilitator Tanya Vessey uses narrative therapy techniques to empower the participants to be able to self-advocate.

* Participants will learn techniques to navigate change and tap into creativity with story-telling activities across four workshops.

* Creativity and change happen consciously or unconsciously. Our response to creativity or

change is the result of personal beliefs; this means that our beliefs create our response to change.

* The ability to adapt to change requires self-awareness and techniques to navigate what is beyond our control.

* By using the structure of story to tap into creativity these workshops address creating change to navigate challenges with a positive mindset and self-knowledge.

Maximum number: 10 Participants are encouraged to attend all four workshops.

Term 3 – After School Hours - children

<https://drct-thelighthousewoomba.prod.supporterhub.net/events/writing-for-expression-after-school-hours>

1. Monday 21 August – 1.5 hours 3:30pm – 5:00pm
2. Monday 28 August – 2 hours 3:30pm – 5:30pm
3. Monday 4 September – 2 hours 3:30pm – 5:30pm
4. Monday 11 September – 1.5 hours 3:30pm – 5:00pm





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126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba, 4350

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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