

Subject: Newsletter The Beacon #58 - It's Carnival Time!

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From: The Lighthouse Toowoomba

To: The Lighthouse Toowoomba



**Welcome to Week 33 for 2024 at
The Lighthouse Toowoomba**

**Cast your eyes on the summary of
this edition's content:**

***The Shiny Happy Art + Ideas Show
10 more days to go...**

***Book Donations**

***Darling Heights | Harlaxton |
Rockville - Special Projects**

***The Sound of Picture Books**

***Made to Move in November**

***Out and about with the**

community...

Tomorrow you will see us 'strutting out stuff' as we enter the Parade as Book Chooks for the second year. Emily won't be hen-pecking the crowd, and Emma and her chickens will make up for being MIA during Book Week.

The gallery is still in full swing with Anna's Shiny Happy Art + Ideas Show. If you have been lucky enough to pop in, do so again, as there are more paintings and more products! Big love to Mrs Leigh Lucht for organising Mater Dei Year 4 children to visit. They were 'crowned' in floral glory.

Thank you to the schools who have booked in for Matt Ottley's next exhibition in October. Don't miss a chance to see the shows here on Saturday 5th (more information below), and a very, very, VERY special show at The Armitage on the 10th October.

Books... Are you right in the middle of a SPRING CLEAN? Do you have books that could find their way to a new home? We are working frantically to curate bundles of books for every child at a nominated school (for example, every child at Yarraman will receive bundles soon, and we are working on books for every child at Ramsey State School). Our opening hours are a little haphazard during the holidays, so give us the heads up you are coming in, so we can be there in person to thank you -

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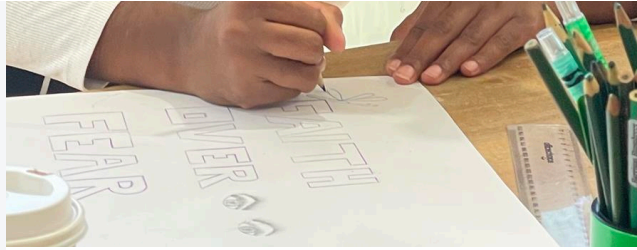


Shiny Happy Art + Ideas = TONNES OF SMILES!

Anna's Shiny Happy Art and Ideas show is truly a behemoth of brightness with something for everyone in SEPTEMBER. Head to straight to [Anna's website](#) for more information on each of the events for all the juicy details!

10 days and counting down, and we know you will love it!





Big thanks to the team supporting the young people at T2S (Transform to Success). Anna was utterly spectacular sharing insights into the power of drawing, and how important it is to do a body of work (aka - an entire sketchbook) and ONLY THEN self critique in a bid to improve. One drawing by itself is like being all alone... not fabulous; but when teamed up with lots of other drawings, chances are you will spot lots of things you actually do love about your work. Wise words indeed!



Anna also encouraged the children to be bold and experiment... and below is a little sample of the magic created back in the writers centre after their visit.



Did you know you and your entire family can pop into the gallery anytime between 10am and 3pm and tap into your inner creative! How often does a creative space look this inviting (see below!!)



Colour My World

We are beyond grateful for the QLD Government for their funding for the project 'Colour My World', and next week (the second week of the school holidays, we have two fabulous opportunities for your treasures to join in!)

CALLING FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

to simply drop in at The Lighthouse

Open House - 'Colour My World'

**Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th
September**

**10am to 12noon and draw
'something they love'.**

Each entry will go into the draw for prize – there are five prizes to be won. Drawing will be converted into line drawings and included in a colouring-in book published by The Lighthouse in time for Christmas.



Colour My World
A MULTICULTURAL ART PROJECT

Calling all young artists

Send us drawings of the things you love.

Top submissions will be featured in an exhibition and then turned into outline drawings to form part of a colouring-in book celebrating cultural diversity in our Toowomba community.

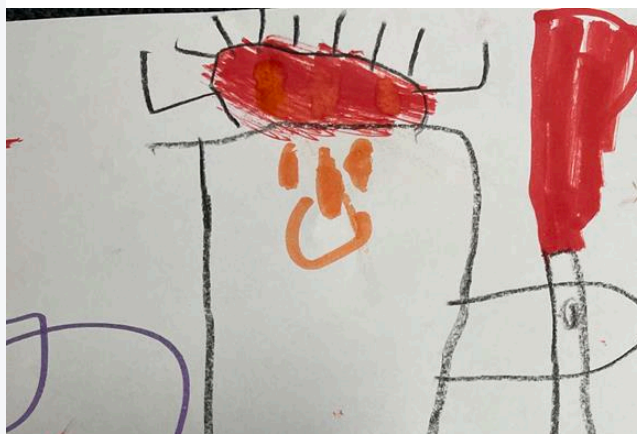
Prize packs to be won!

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Thank you Nate (above) for your 'buggy bug' submission for Colour My World, and to Charlie, age 5 (below) for your fabulous character with his double ended light sabre!

The Colour My World colouring-in book is going to be very lively and fun indeed, and we are super excited already about the official launch on Saturday 9th November. All artists will receive an invitation to attend.





And a tonne of thanks to Farzaneh from Mission Australia for including Emma today in the school holiday mentoring program as a guest. We are so excited the young people will be able to visit soon for the Colour My World workshop next week. Hopefully they will all leave with bundles of books (the squeals of excitement today were awesome, especially when one young reader realised the books were to take home, and one of the books was her 'absolutely, truely it was, favourite!')





School holidays magic! Use the code Turtle (case sensitive) to book for this wonderfully engaging show. Thank you to The Empire for continually delighting audiences of all ages in our community! What a treasure of an organisation!



THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

We have so much to celebrate - as always - at The Lighthouse for we function with the most remarkable support from the community.

So, standing ovations, celebrations, jubilations, as we say 'thank you'...



Thank you Janet and Dionne!

Janet and Dionne dropped in to lend a hand to the YouBelong team, having met them earlier at an event, and they happily were pressed into adding stickers to the donated books whilst they waited! Thank you!



Thank you Chiselhurst!

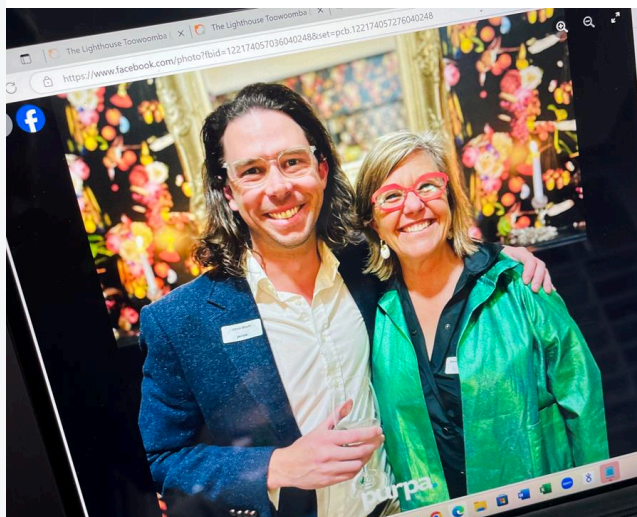
We were so excited to pick up books from Chiselhurst's 'Book Week' drive. These lovely books will be included in

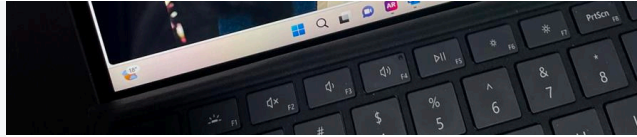
bundles we are working on to gift to every child at a school in our region.



And thank you Central QLD University!

CQU with Margaret Kettle and Amelia at Darling Heights State School. The ladies crafted a children's book dealing with the issues of belonging. Emma's resolve was further strengthened when she heard the women's first-hand accounts of the issues their children face as they try and fit in. Diversity is the key to a strong community with different voices, perspectives, and cultural capital enhancing all our lives. It even makes our workplaces smarter <https://hbr.org/2016/11/why-diverse-teams-are-smarter>





Thank you Chris Black and Purpa...

Chris is a generous, thoughtful human, who also is the Chair of the Momentum Mental Health Board, and he hosts a 'fire-side chat' with locals, and asked Emma to join him in conversation last week. The idea is to go into the deep, and discover what makes a person tick. He was intrigued about the culture of giving, and how The Lighthouse came to to be. Emma doesn't hold back when it comes to sharing her thoughts, so we are super grateful to those who attended - the feedback has been positive!



Thank you Anna...

We have loved seeing the smiles on the faces of the lucky ducks attending your workshops! Seeing the gallery being used with so much energy and vigour is great for our hearts, and we know we are on the right track with this

community gallery space. Adults and children alike have relished the opportunity to be part of this wonderful experience.



Yes, keep scrolling and reading and feasting... there is more!



From author Julianna Kelly (pictured above with four of her 'students'!)

"I was so excited to run my first ever writing workshop at The Lighthouse in Toowoomba. Working with such an eclectic group of aspiring authors was so rewarding and the time just flew by. Interacting with others and sharing ideas is the cornerstone of the smaller author world when you don't have the traditional publishers and editors to work with. Thoroughly enjoyed myself

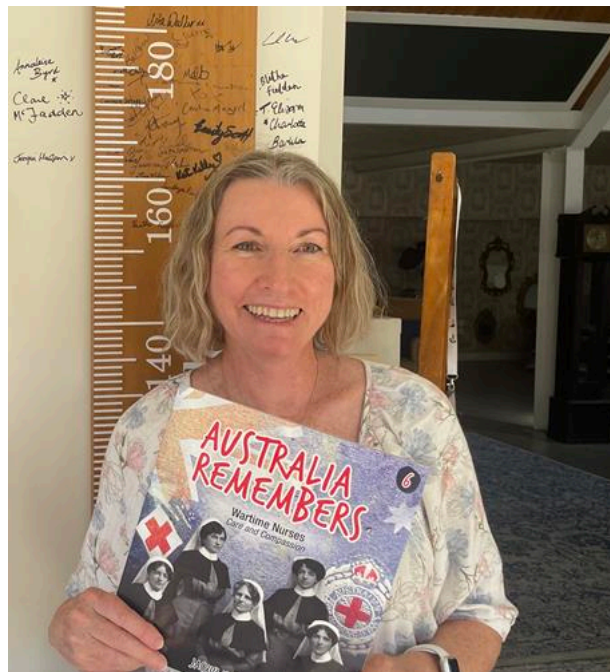
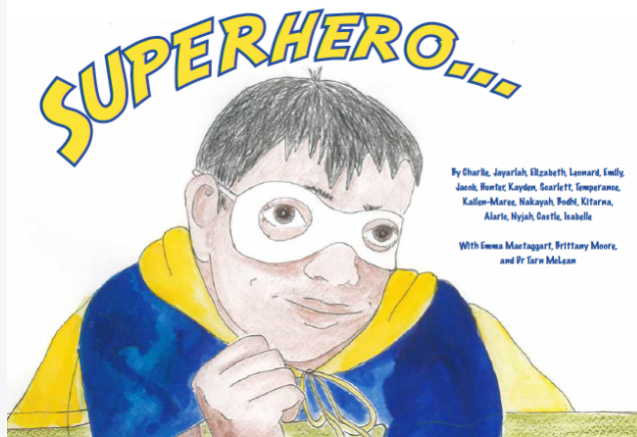
and can't wait for the next one."



It is a super productive time of year for The Lighthouse...

Our annual report has been signed off by our Board of Directors. Here is the [LINK](#) if you are curious to read more. Once you open the page, scroll down until you see the list of DOCUMENTS. Thank you to graphic designer Michelle Von Pein (MVP Design) who makes us look as fabulous as we feel!

Michelle is also wrangling this years books! Rockville State School Year 4 students ROCK as illustrators (above) have finished their book 'Superhero'! Their book was made entirely possible with the incredible support of The FKG Group. Now we can't wait for the book launch in November!



Goodness! We adore having the Book Links members in town! It was glorious having author Jacqui Halpin (above) all to ourselves for a visit, and she signed the 'Famous People' chart. We think all authors are giants!

[Talking about Book Links...](#)



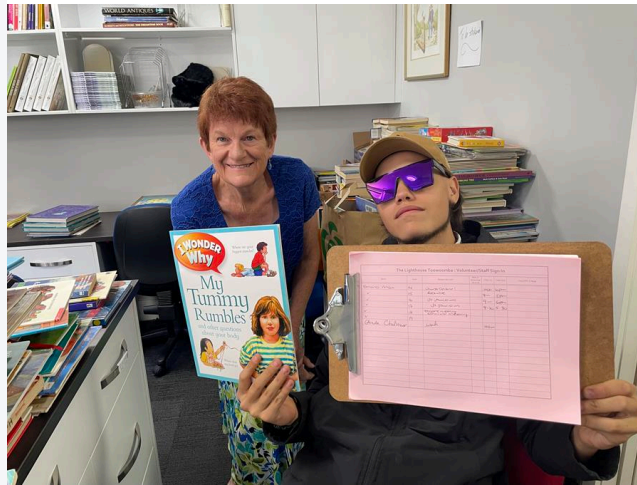
Calling ALL INTERESTED LOCAL WRITERS...

The next Write Links

meeting will follow the Book Links AGM and will be held at The Lighthouse Toowoomba, 126 Margaret Street on Saturday 5 October. The Book Links AGM will be held first, starting at 12.00. We will then have the Write Links networking session over lunch from 1pm.

At 2pm we have been invited to attend a special one-hour performance with award-winning artist/composer Matt Ottley. He will be performing *How to Make a Bird* from his Sound of Picture Books series with a live orchestral group in The Write Gallery at The Lighthouse showcasing his unique composition technique of turning images into music and music into images. This will be the first live performance of Matt's Sound of Picture Books initiative in Queensland.

PLEASE BOOK AT YOUR EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE



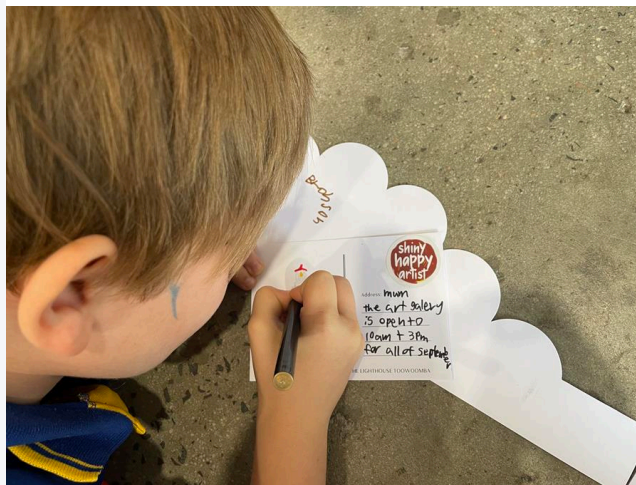
Well this is priceless! Glenda keeps those book bundles coming as we set up for a donation to another school, and in anticipation of Sharma's team from Heritage Bank (below) volunteering to help, she was frantic on Wednesday. When Harley popped in (looking for the Adapt crew) he was quickly pressed into work, and the two of them were tireless as they sorted books. Do you think Harley was sending us a message about being overworked and underfed :)

Big love also to Sharma's team - all of those precious hours here put us two weeks ahead of our donation schedule - which means more books for more children!





Jessica Kate shared a workshop with 34 students at Highlands Secondary College back in August. As a past student herself, it was a wonderful opportunity to share her insights into what it is to be a successful internationally published author!



Just so you know, The Write Gallery is at the back, beside Koala Carte, at 126 Margaret Street. We have signage galore if you are approaching from either south on Hume or west on Margaret, but it definitely is a challenge to find it if coming in the opposite direction! It is open EVERY DAY 10am to 3pm in September.

The SOUND of PICTURE BOOKS™

EXHIBITION & PERFORMANCES

WORDS IMAGES MUSIC!

The Lighthouse is proud to present internationally acclaimed artist, author and composer Matt Ottley's multi-modal initiative, The SOUND of PICTURE BOOKS.

This premiere exhibition features original artworks from many of Matt's celebrated picture books, along with sketches, scores, live musical performances and workshops. Discover the boundless possibilities of music, art and literature.

EXHIBITION DATES
FRIDAY 4 - SAT 26 OCTOBER
 OPEN TUES-SAT 10am - 3pm

ALL AGE LIVE PERFORMANCES
 FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 1-2pm
 SAT 5 OCTOBER 12-1pm & 2-3pm

EXHIBITION/BOOK LAUNCH
 SAT 5 OCTOBER 3:30-4:30pm, 'Stickboy'
 by Rebecca Young and Matt Ottley

THE SHAPE OF MUSIC CONCERT
 THURS 10 OCTOBER 7-8:30pm
 The Armitage, Toowoomba

The Write Gallery, part of The Lighthouse, 126 Margaret St, Toowoomba



Bookings for performances are essential
www.thelighthouse.toowoomba.org/whats-on
 This project is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.



The SOUND of PICTURE BOOKS

Exhibition & Performances

5 - 26 October 2024

Join us for the spectacular opening day
 of internationally renowned
 artist/author/composer Matt Ottley's
SOUND of PICTURE BOOKS
 exhibition, featuring original artworks
 from many of Matt's celebrated picture
 books, along with sketches, scores,
 live musical performances and
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Discover the boundless possibilities of
 music, art and literature!

EVENTS

SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER

ALL AGES LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Watch the boundless possibilities of music and literature as Matt demonstrates his unique illustration and composition techniques. What does a picture sound like? What does a melody look like? See his magnificent children's book, 'How to Make a Bird', by author Meg McKinlay, come to life! Featuring award-winning artists Matt Ottley, narrator Tina Wilson, pianist Ayesha Gough, conductor Marco Bellasi & The Michael Haydn Orchestra.

[Click here to watch The Sound of Picture Books trailer.](#)

TIMES:

- [Session 1](#): 12-1pm
- [Session 2](#): 2-3pm

BOOKINGS: Bookings essential

Adults \$15, children FREE. Click on the session time links to book your ticket or visit

www.thelighthouse-toowoomba.org/whats-on

OFFICIAL EXHIBITION OPENING I BOOK LAUNCH

An opportunity to mingle with Matt Ottley and the Sound of Picture Books

artistic team and to celebrate this premiere exhibition. The opening will include a special launch of 'Stickboy', the latest picture book by award-winning creators of 'Teacup', Rebecca Young & Matt Ottley. Both artists will be available for book signings.

TIME: 3:30-4:30pm

BOOKINGS: All welcome – FREE event (bookings not essential). [Please register your interest here.](#)

THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER

THE SHAPE OF MUSIC CONCERT – Ages 13+

Discover the magic of live improved music and art with award-winning composer Matt Ottley and acclaimed pianist Ayesha Gough. This Queensland premiere concert explores creativity through Ottley's synaesthesia featuring violinist/conductor Marco Bellasi and special guests.

TIME: 7-8:30pm

VENUE: The Armitage, Toowoomba

BOOKINGS: Bookings essential through [The Empire Theatre via this link.](#)

SCHOOL VISITS | TOURS

TUESDAY 8th – WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER

MEET THE ARTISTS

Matt Ottley and author/illustrator Tina Wilson are both available at the exhibition on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October for school tours/workshops. [Contact us at The Lighthouse](#) for queries or to make a booking.

OTHER TOURS

10th – 26th OCTOBER

For other tours and workshops at the exhibition please [contact us at The Lighthouse](#) to make a booking.

See you there!!

*This project is supported by the
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The Lighthouse is one of the collection points for you to drop off a pair (or two) of red shoes for the Red Shoe Project championed by Cr Melissa Taylor.

The Red Shoe Project is a global movement that lays bare the heartbreaking reality of gender-based violence. In November, hundreds of red shoes will be laid out, each representing a woman lost to violence. These shoes will stand as both a tribute to their memory and a call to action for all of us.

Sometimes the stories around us are heartbreaking, and so together we need to change the narrative... Open Tuesday - Friday 10am to 2pm or pop them at our side door and we will make sure the shoes get to Cr Taylor.

A poster for Peace Day Toowoomba. The background is a deep blue with a white olive branch on the right side. At the top left is the Toowoomba Region logo, and at the top right is the UNAA logo. Below these is the text 'Peace Day Toowoomba' in large white font, followed by 'Action for Peace: Our Ambition for the Global Goals' in smaller white font. In the center, it says 'Come join us for entertainment, an art competition, food & stalls From 10AM - 2PM on Sun 29th Sept Civic Square'. At the bottom, there is a row of logos for various organizations including Toowoomba Region, Toowoomba Shire, Toowoomba Community Centre, Toowoomba Lions Club, Toowoomba GVC, Toowoomba Rugby Football Club, Toowoomba Netball Club, Toowoomba Hockey Club, Toowoomba Cricket Club, Toowoomba Golf Club, Toowoomba Tennis Club, Toowoomba Badminton Club, Toowoomba Table Tennis Club, Toowoomba Chess Club, Toowoomba Bowling Club, Toowoomba Fishing Club, Toowoomba Gardening Club, Toowoomba Reading Club, Toowoomba Music Club, Toowoomba Dance Club, Toowoomba Sports Club, Toowoomba Youth Club, Toowoomba Women's Club, Toowoomba Men's Club, Toowoomba Family Club, Toowoomba Senior Club, Toowoomba Veterans Club, Toowoomba Ex-servicemen Club, Toowoomba Returned Soldiers Club, Toowoomba RSL Club, Toowoomba OZ Club, Toowoomba Lions Club, Toowoomba Rotary Club, Toowoomba Kiwanis Club, Toowoomba Elks Club, Toowoomba Moose Club, Toowoomba Optimist Club, Toowoomba Jaycee Club, Toowoomba Future Teachers Club, Toowoomba Future Farmers Club, Toowoomba Future Engineers Club, Toowoomba Future Scientists Club, Toowoomba Future Lawyers Club, Toowoomba Future Doctors Club, Toowoomba Future Accountants Club, Toowoomba Future Architects Club, Toowoomba Future Engineers Club, Toowoomba Future Scientists Club, Toowoomba Future Lawyers Club, Toowoomba Future Doctors Club, Toowoomba Future Accountants Club, Toowoomba Future Architects Club. At the bottom right is the Toowoomba Region logo.

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A community in love









Peace Day

Toowoomba

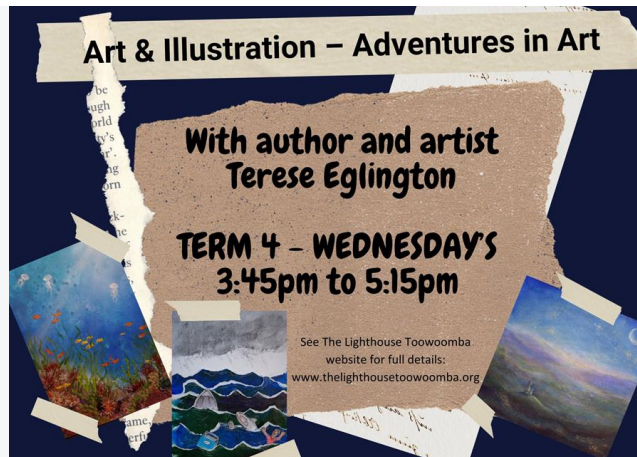
Action for Peace:
Our Ambition for
the Global Goals

Come join us for entertainment,
an art competition, food & stalls
From 10AM - 2PM on
Sun 29th Sept
Civic Square

**AROUND THE GROUNDS
IN TERM 3...**



Workshops Update

Term 4 workshops start in merely weeks, and our weekly schedule has been stacked and sorted! On Monday's we will continue with Homework Club, and Nature Play on Tuesdays... then, **BOOKINGS ARE OPEN** for Wednesday: Art & Illustration – Adventures in Art

With author and artist Terese Eglington - Let's explore story setting and illustration ideas using a variety of art media and activities to encourage creativity. Term 4 workshops are designed to help children further utilise their art skills in drawing, and painting, and explore mixed media as an illustrative style. For those keen to extend their skills, students will be given the option of a 3-week term extension to focus on individual art projects.

There are two options - 7 week option - \$175 or 10 week option - \$250

For more information, [click through this link](#)

What! Free Workshops? Yes please!

Our thanks again to the **Toowoomba Regional Council** for the grant for authors for the very successful Sydney Writers Festival 'Live and Local' program. One of the fabulous pluses of this grant was we asked every writer to share a workshop for us to gift to you, and you would have heard us ranting about having only one more left, well, there is another one... Dive in, **book now**, don't delay... this is a unique opportunity to top up your knowledge, hear from successful authors, learn more, more, and more! **True!**

WORKSHOP

TOURETTE'S SYNDROME

All are welcome to attend – neurotypical or neurodiverse alike. The aim of the morning is to help demystify Tourette's Syndrome. Author Jill Metcalfe will be speaking to help all who attend to leave with a better understanding of Tourette's Syndrome.

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:

- LIVED EXPERIENCE
Jill has lived with Tourette's Syndrome for decades
- A NOVEL
Her first novel 'Ice Valley' has a neurodivergent main character!
- A CHILDREN'S BOOK
and using books to help communicate intense themes.

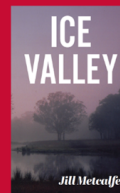
DATE & TIME:

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025
10:15am For 10:30am until 12noon



BOOKINGS REQUIRED:

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The Lighthouse Toowoomba
Saturday 2 November 2:00pm to 4:00pm
adults | writing workshop



Using Suspense Elements to Spice Up Any Fiction Genre!

When we hear the word ‘suspense’, we typically think of a book that involves danger, adventure, crime, mystery, plot twists, and a heroine running from a crazed killer. ‘Suspense’ is indeed a literary genre, but we can all learn how to use suspense elements to create compelling fiction regardless of genre. In this workshop, Nola Passmore will show you how to use these elements in your own writing so that your readers keep turning pages.

Saturday 2 November at 2pm- [Book Here.](#)



Coming in November - This Art Is Made to Move

This Art is Made to Move collaborative exhibition is coming to The Write Gallery in November. The brainchild of Nadine Reynolds, the exhibition preparation is stages - first silk paintings (informed by the student's work completed at the first workshop at The Lighthouse), followed by a fabulous social sewing circle by the fire. It is going to be amazing to share more information as the exhibition draws closer.



CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS
Join Tanya Vessey @ The Lighthouse Toowoomba

Add to your creative writing toolkit over 4 sessions

Examine the what, who, where and how of story

- Character
- Setting
- Literary Devices
- Story Structure

4x Monday Sessions
November 11th, 18th, 25th
December 2nd
10AM-12PM

1x Session - \$70
4x Sessions - \$240
Spaces limited

[Register here](#)



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Join Tanya Vessey @ The Lighthouse Toowoomba

3x Sessions ~ 10am to 12pm
Monday 14th, 21st and 28th of October

Story Foundation Sessions include:

- Establish your creative process.
- Planning with purpose.
- Identify themes.
- Develop imagery.

1x Session - \$70
3x Session - \$180
Spaces limited

[Register here](#)





Did you know...

The Lighthouse is supported by the The Child Writes Fund Ltd and it is a **registered charity** and [All donations over \\$2 are tax deductible.](#)

Together we can do
what it takes to
ensure *every child in
Australia reads, writes,
and creates with
confidence.*

This goal translates in everything we do here at The Lighthouse. Anna, pictured above, was celebrating Humphrey as an artist, as he gave us a 'pinkie promise' he would work towards opening his own exhibition one day so we could all go and be as happy as he was during his visit to The Shiny Happy Art + Ideas Show. Small things make a big difference!



One very last thing... Thank you to Lizzie from our favourite local bookstore. We still had a pile of locally created books tucked into the top shelf after an event, and now we actually do have the very very very last copy of the

large format Lily Fabourama
Glamourama written by Emma. We had
only heard rumours of its existence, or
saw peeks at fabulous school libraries
like the one at Sacred Heart Primary,
so to have one back here is
WONDERFUL!



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We acknowledge the First Nations 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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