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New England Writers' Centre

2018
PROGRAM

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New England Illustration Prize 2018

Going national this year

We invite illustrators resident in any part of Australia, and at any stage of their careers, to create a colour illustration, suitable for a children's picture book, on the theme of 'A fun day out'.

Entries open: March 5. Entries close: June 4. Results announced: Week beginning July 9.

How much: \$10 per entry. Only one entry per illustrator. **Great prizes!**

Prize sponsors: Pinerolo Children's Book Cottage, Little Pink Dog Books, Christmas Press

Picture This

One day picture book workshop

Presenters: **Michelle Worthington** (author) **Trish Donald** (illustrator) **Peter and Kathy Creamer** (publishers)

When: Sunday April 8

Where: Wicklow Hotel, Armidale

Time: 10.30 am—4.30 pm

How much: NEWC members: \$85; members of partner organisation (Skywriters, NERAM, CBC): \$90.00. Non members: \$95. Youth(13-18): \$75. Price includes light lunch and tea and coffee.

Live and Local Sydney Writers' Festival Program

The New England Writers' Centre has partnered with the Sydney Writers' Festival to bring this event live to Armidale and Guyra. Guest speakers from the Sydney Writers Festival will be streamed live at the Armidale and Guyra Library. If you are unable to make the Writers Festival, then drop by the library and check out this free event.

When: Weekend of 4-6 May

Where: Armidale Town Library & Guyra Library on Friday morning, more details to come

Booked In

May 7-9, 2018

As usual, we are collaborating with the local sub-branch of the Children's Book Council to bring you our featured guest. This year, it will be the wonderful award-winning author-illustrator **Judith Rossell**. More about her books and her illustrations at www.judithrossell.com

Judith will be visiting schools around Armidale and district, and will give a Live Link video presentation for children in rural and remote schools. And she'll also be presenting a fantastic 2-and-a-half-hour evening workshop for adults and young adults on writing for kids. For information on the schools program, contact newcpartners@gmail.com

Evening workshop

When: Tuesday May 8

Time: 6 pm — 8.30 pm, with a light supper included.

Where: Granny Fi's Toy Cupboard, 120 Dangar St Armidale.

How much: NEWC members: \$55; members of partner orgs (Skywriters, CBC, NERAM etc.): \$60; Youth (12-18): \$50; non-members: \$70.

Truth of Non-Fiction Workshop

3-hour workshop

Presenter: Armidale local, **Helena Pastor** and author of Wild Boys: A Parent's story of Tough Love.

A memoir without a heart doesn't work. If you 'hold back' when writing memoir, your story will lack emotional truth which will lead to problems with focus and structure. In this workshop Helena shares valuable lessons, tips and tricks for writing about the beauty, pain and emotional truths of one's life with courage and confidence.

When: Sunday May 27, 2018

Where: The Hub, upstairs in **Tamworth** Town Library.

Time: 11 am - 2.30 pm (1/2-hour lunch break)

How much: NEWC members \$75, non-members \$85.

New England Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Writing

The **2018** Thunderbolt competition will open for entries Australia wide on June 1 2018, with entries closing September 30, and results announced in mid-November. As in previous years, there will be a number of categories as follows: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry, Youth Award, Emerging Author and the esteemed New England Award. More information and sponsors to be announced.

Kiss and Kill

Romantic suspense workshop day.

When: June, exact date TBC

Presenter: **Bronwyn Parry**.

Pitch Independent

Pitch Independent is our biggest pitch program yet! It has a unique focus on giving regional writers and illustrators, including regional indigenous creators, access to the increasingly important publication opportunities offered to creators by independent book publishers and literary magazines. The program will include a preparation day, a specialist pitch session for poets, and a general pitch day for writers and illustrators in all genres. Pitch Independent will also feature a public symposium on the significant contribution of **independent book publishers** and literary magazines to Australian literary culture. We have 13 publishers and editors confirmed as attending, from some of Australia's most prestigious and interesting independent book publishers and literary magazines.

Bookings will open in late April/early May. Prices and more information TBA soon.

Sponsored by John and Gina Walker.

Children's Poetry Day

Presenter: **John Charles Ryan**. A one-day program of poetry for schools. Held during Children's Book Week.

When: August 17-24.

Live Link

Live Link is a program of interactive presentations by children's authors and illustrators via video link and smartboards. Program is delivered from a hub school and beamed out to students in rural and remote schools in our region and beyond.

When: May 9, goes till September/October. The Hub School: **Newling Public School**, Armidale.

Wands and Wormholes Workshop Weekend

Presenters: **Angela Slatter** and **Ian Irvine**. A fantastic weekend of two full day workshops on writing gripping and believable speculative fiction (fantasy and science fiction).

When: Saturday September 15 and Sunday September 16

Where: The Hub, upstairs in **Tamworth Town Library**

Time: 10.30 am - 3.30 pm (with lunch break)

How much: One day session: NEWC Members \$110, Non-members \$135. Both Sessions: NEWC Members \$185, Non-members \$235

Writing for Film and TV

A one-day workshop on writing for film and TV

When: October, TBC

Presenter: **Ben Davies**

Writing Hub

This is a free event for NEWC members

Everyone is invited to attend the NEWC Monthly Writing HUB on the last Saturday of the month. The morning begins with an introduction to the monthly topic and then we watch a presentation by several international speakers from the University of Iowa who are renowned for their International Writing Program and its MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses).

When: Last Saturday of every month

Where: Armidale Library

Time: 10.30 am—12.30 pm

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For writers, illustrators
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For more
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and to book:

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