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Mayor's Welcome

Whitsunday Voices is a signature event in our annual Mackay Festival of Arts. It is a fantastic celebration of literary creativity that our local students really enjoy.



This year's theme – Beyond the Pages – suggests another challenge to the imagination of thousands of regional students as they get involved in this wonderful activity.

In fact, we are expecting over 5,000 students from schools across the district to participate in Voices 2021. Our thanks go to the teachers of our schools who organise and mentor the students through this cultural exchange. An event like this is not often associated with a Regional City, so we can feel very proud that this is happening in Mackay.

Whitsunday Anglican School initiated Voices and has been hosting the Festival since its inception. Thank you, Whitsunday Anglican, for a fantastic contribution to our community. Thanks also to the many

businesses partnering with Whitsunday Voices to make the event possible.

A "liveable" community is our goal, and while liveability takes in the built environment, it also encompasses the social environment. Developing the cultural landscape of Mackay is therefore vital for us to be recognised as a complete community, and literacy events like this provide a pathway for our students in a modern society.

The Festival is also fun. It is an opportunity for our community – our students in particular – to think "Beyond the Pages" and we have no doubt many will do just that. Your interest in and support of the Festival is greatly appreciated. Enjoy the experience!

**CR. Greg Williamson
Mayor of Mackay Regional Council**

Festival Welcome

A signature event on Mackay's calendar, Whitsunday Voices is the largest youth literature festival in North Queensland, attracting over 5000 students from schools in and around the Mackay region. Now in its 17th year, the Festival has gone from strength to strength since its inception in 2004. Held annually in July, this friendly Festival hosts an intimate line-up of Australian literary talent to inspire and enhance a love of books, writing and illustrative art among students from Preparatory to Year 12.

In a society dominated by screens and social media, it is more important than ever to instil a love of the written word and contribute to the literacy, cultural legacy and social fabric of our future generations. The Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival is a proud and passionate advocate of this important educational journey for young people.

The 2021 Festival showcases over 80 fantastic events, with a diverse line-up of authors, artists, storytellers, scientists, slam poets and musicians bound to delight and encourage our students and the wider community. With a line-up of 14 incredible presenters this year, there will be positive, enjoyable and meaningful moments for participants of all ages.

Whitsunday Voices is renowned for creating a vibrant and exciting event each year, and this year is no exception. Besides the inspiring author presentations and workshops, the Festival will come alive with Timezone arcade games, talented musicians, a photobooth, coffee and food vans, and a chill out lounge to relax and take in the atmosphere.

Each year the dedicated Whitsunday Voices team is motivated to aim higher by enthusiastic students, teachers and patrons. It is encouraging to hear stories of students excitedly relaying to their parents what they've seen and learnt. Even more encouraging are the stories of the many students who have picked up their first book to read after their Festival experience.

The 2021 theme **Beyond the Pages** was chosen to encourage students to think about the journey literature can take you on, stimulating your imagination far beyond words on a page. Which books can you think of that have inspired you and touched your soul? Which ones changed the fabric of who you are and who you wish to become? What journey did they take you on? That is the power of literature! And that is part of what we wish to achieve by bringing these inspirational presenters to our region.

We are extremely grateful for the generous support of our corporate partners, local businesses and community stakeholders. We are indebted to them all. Their investment in our youth and community has allowed Mackay and the surrounding regions access to a Literary Festival of the standard normally only available to major cities.

We extend our eternal gratitude to the passionate and wonderful volunteers, who contribute to the excitement and vibrancy of the Festival days. These most generous adult and student volunteers willingly give up their time and energy to support our Festival and keep everything running smoothly. We could not do it without them – thank you!

I encourage the Mackay region community to participate in this year's Literary Festival and enjoy the opportunity to meet some of Australia's most renowned artists and presenters. We hope you enjoy the dynamic program that we have put together for you and that you feel inspired to explore the endless possibilities that await you **Beyond the Pages.**

**Enjoy!
Tracey Gurdler, Festival Manager**

Meet the Presenters

A.J. Betts

Author • Grades 7-12

- Session 110 Thursday 15 July 9.30am grades 9-12 (writers' workshop)
- Session 128 Thursday 15 July 12.15pm grades 9-12
- Session 136 Thursday 15 July 1.30pm grades 7-9
- Session 207 Friday 16 July 9.30am grades 7-9
- Session 227 Friday 16 July 12.15pm grades 7-9
- Session 239 Friday 16 July 1.30pm grades 9-12



Presented by



A.J. Betts is a YA author, speaker and teacher. Her latest work is a two-book speculative fiction series comprising of *Hive* and *Rogue. Hive* was shortlisted for the 2019 Gold Inky Awards, the 2019 ABIA awards and the 2019 Indie Book Awards. It was also named a notable book by the CBCA. A.J.'s award-winning third novel, *Zac & Mia*, has recently been adapted to TV and won two Emmys. Her earlier novels are *Wavelength* and *Shutterspeed*. A.J. Betts regularly presents talks for teenagers and adults, and her engaging and humorous style has made her popular in the literature festival circuit.

www.ajbetts.com

Saroo Brierley

Author • Grades 7-12

Session 229 Friday 15 July 12.15pm grades 7-12

Presented by



Saroo Brierley's remarkable story made headlines across the world when at the tender age of 5 he was separated from his family in India, and was eventually adopted by an Australian family. Determined to reunite with his mother, he found his hometown via Google Earth 25 years later. Captured in his international best-selling autobiography *A Long Way Home* and the award-winning film *Lion*, Saroo's story is a moving and inspirational true story of survival and triumph against all odds. This session is a rare opportunity for our students to hear Saroo share his journey, told with honesty, dignity and pride.

www.saroorbrierley.com

Andrew McDonald

Author • Grades P-6

- Session 114 Thursday 15 July 10.45am grades 4-6
- Session 121 Thursday 15 July 12.15pm grades P-4
- Session 134 Thursday 15 July 1.30pm grades 4-6
- Session 204 Friday 16 July 9.30am grades 4-6
- Session 211 Friday 16 July 10.45am grades P-3
- Session 233 Friday 16 July 1.30pm grades P-4



Presented by



Andrew McDonald is a highly entertaining children's author who has written the bestselling *Real Pigeons* series. His other novels include *The Greatest Blogger in the World* and *Son of Death*, which was named by The Age as one of the 'best books of the year' in 2015. Andrew feels the absolute highlight of being an author is visiting schools and interacting with eager young readers with a love for books and story writing. He is a regular presenter on the festival circuit in Australia, conducting writing workshops; talking about his writing life; and sharing the stories and experiences behind his books.

www.mrandrewmcdonald.com

Anisa Nandaula

Slam Poet, Playwright, Author • Grades 7-12

- Session 117 Thursday 15 July 10.45am grades 7-9
- Session 127 Thursday 15 July 12.15pm grades 9-12
- Session 139 Thursday 15 July 1.30pm grades 10-12
- Session 208 Friday 16 July 9.30am grades 9-12
- Session 217 Friday 16 July 10.45am grades 7-9
- Session 228 Friday 16 July 12.15pm grades 7-10



Presented by



Anisa is a nationally recognised spoken word poet, playwright, educator and published author. She was the 2016 Queensland Poetry Slam Champion and runner up for the Australian Poetry Slam Championships. In 2017 she published her first book *Melanin Garden* and won the XYZ Innovation in Spoken Word Prize. She has performed at the Sydney Opera House, Splendour in the Grass, the Queensland Poetry Festival, Women of the World Festival and toured the country sharing stories of love and courage. Anisa's spoken word performances will bring the room to a mix of emotions, applause and cheers.

www.anisanandaula.com

Gaye Chapman

Author, Illustrator • Grades 5-9

- Session 107 Thursday 15 July 9.30am grades 7-9
- Session 119 Thursday 15 July 10.45am grades 9-12 (art workshop)
- Session 135 Thursday 15 July 1.30pm grades 5-8
- Session 210 Friday 16 July 9.30am grades 9-12 (art workshop)
- Session 215 Friday 16 July 10.45am grades 5-8
- Session 238 Friday 16 July 1.30pm grades 5-8



Presented by



Gaye Chapman is a visual artist of international standing and a multi award-winning author / illustrator of 15 published children's books. She is also one of the most significant painters working in Australia today. Her dynamic and highly interactive sessions explore creativity, how it works and how we perceive the world. Gaye uses unconventional methods that are simple, inclusive and easy to understand. Her art workshops use 'making mistakes' as a way to show all children how to love art, learn to be 'talented' and have fun! Gaye is a warm and versatile artist and speaker with over two decades of experience who will inspire students to reach their creative potential.

www.gayechapman.com.au

Gregg Dreise

Author, Illustrator, Poet, Storyteller, Songwriter and Performer • Grades 3-8

- Session 105 Thursday 15 July 9.30am grades 5-8
- Session 113 Thursday 15 July 10.45am grades 3-5
- Session 130 Thursday 15 July 12.15pm grades 5-8 (art workshop)
- Session 213 Friday 16 July 10.45am grades 3-5
- Session 224 Friday 16 July 12.15pm grades 3-6
- Session 237 Friday 16 July 1.30pm grades 5-7



Presented by



Gregg Dreise is an award-winning author, musician, storyteller, teacher and talented artist, with his paintings selling all over the world. A descendant of the Kiamilaroi and Euahlayi Nations, he comes from a family who loved sport, music and poetry and inspired him to paint and write. He is the illustrator and author of *Silly Birds*, *Kookoo Kookaburra*, *Mad Magpie*, *Cunning Crow*, and *My Culture and Me*, with other books, including a chapter book for upper primary, to be published soon. Sharing the beauty of his culture with his audience, his highly entertaining presentations feature the didgeridoo and guitar, connecting with his audience by way of humour and music.

www.greggdreise.com.au

Jacqueline Harvey

Author • Grades P-6

- Session 104 Thursday 15 July 9.30am grades 4-6
- Session 122 Thursday 15 July 12.15pm grades 3-5
- Session 132 Thursday 15 July 1.30pm grades P-4
- Session 220 Friday 16 July 10.45 grades 5-8 (writing workshop)
- Session 222 Friday 16 July 12.15pm grades P-3
- Session 236 Friday 16 July 1.30pm grades 4-6



Presented by



Jacqueline Harvey is one of Australia's most popular authors for children, having sold well over a million copies of her *Alice-Miranda* and *Clementine Rose* series' in Australia alone. Her new spy series, *Kensy and Max* is thrilling young readers with drama, action and loads of fun. Jacqueline has received numerous short-listings and awards while her picture book, *The Sound of the Sea* was a CBCA Honour Book. A highly experienced teacher and presenter, she has delivered thousands of talks and workshops at schools and festivals around the world and will be one to watch out for at this year's Festival.

www.jacquelineharvey.com.au

Kim Kane

Author • Grades P-4



Session 102 Thursday 15 July 9.30am grades P-4
Session 129 Thursday 15 July 12.15pm grades 5-8 (writers' workshop)
Session 131 Thursday 15 July 1.30pm grades P-4
Session 202 Friday 16 July 9.30am grades P-4
Session 232 Friday 16 July 1.30pm grades P-3



Presented by

Kim Kane is an award-winning children's author. With over 22 books published, her works include the picture book *Family Forest*, and her time-slip children's novel *When the Lyrebird Calls*. Her funny and feisty character *Ginger Green* is the star of two series: *Ginger Green*, *Play Date Queen*, a beloved first-reader series, and *Ginger Green*, a junior fiction series about getting a little bigger and new experiences. Other popular books include *The Vegetable Ark*, *Esther's Rainbow*, *Pip: The Story of Olive*, and *Cry Blue Murder*. Kim is a wonderful storyteller who leaves a lasting impression on her audience with her entertaining, educational, and colourful presentations.

Yvonne Mes

Author, Illustrator • Grades P-5



Session 103 Thursday 15 July 9.30am grades 3-5
Session 111 Thursday 15 July 10.45am grades P-4
Session 120 Thursday 15 July 12.15pm grades P-4
Session 201 Friday 16 July 9.30am grades P-4
Session 221 Friday 16 July 10.45am grades 5-8 (art workshop)
Session 234 Friday 16 July 1.30pm grades 3-5



Presented by

Yvonne Mes is an accomplished author / illustrator, presenter and book reviewer. As an early childhood professional, Yvonne has shared her love of stories with children from all over Australia. Yvonne's books include *Meet Sidney Nolan*, *Oliver's Grumbles*, *Honey for Little Bee*, and *Little Bilby's Aussie Bush Christmas*, with more books due for release this year. During her illustration workshops, students will explore what makes characters have the most visual impact and learn how to create the right character for the right story. Her passionate and energetic presentations will give students an insight into what it's like to be a 'glamorous' children's author and why they will want to be one too!

www.yvonnemes.com

Queenie Chan

Graphic Novelist, Manga Artist • Grades 6-12



Session 108 Thursday 15 July 9.30am grades 9-12
Session 125 Thursday 15 July 12.15pm grades 6-8
Session 137 Thursday 15 July 1.30pm grades 7-9
Session 206 Friday 16 July 9.30am grades 6-8
Session 219 Friday 16 July 10.45am grades 9-12
Session 231 Friday 16 July 12.15pm grades 9-12 (art workshop)



Presented by

Queenie Chan is a popular and talented graphic novelist and manga artist. Her first published work was a 3-volume mystery-horror series called *The Dreaming* for LA-based manga publisher TOKYOPOP. Her other works include collaborations with best-selling author Dean Koontz on his *Odd Thomas* series and Kylie Chan's *Small Shen*, followed by *Fabled Kingdom*, a 3-book fairy-tale inspired fantasy adventure. Queenie is currently working on a series of non-fiction children's graphic novels called *Women Who Were Kings*, a collection of biographies about the lives of famous historical queens from all over the world. Queenie is very popular in the world of graphic novels; her diverse outlook to storytelling and graphic artistic flare will appeal to all students wanting to explore outside the box and should not be missed!

www.queeniechan.com

Tristan Bancks

Author • Grades 3-8



Session 106 Thursday 15 July 9.30am grades 6-8
Session 116 Thursday 15 July 10.45am grades 6-8
Session 133 Thursday 15 July 1.30pm grades 3-6
Session 203 Friday 16 July 9.30am grades 3-5
Session 214 Friday 16 July 10.45am grades 4-6
Session 226 Friday 16 July 12.15pm grades 5-8



Presented by

Tristan Bancks is an extremely successful children's and teen Author, with a background in acting and filmmaking. Winning many literary awards, his books include *Two Wolves*, *The Fall*, *the Tom Weekly series*, and *Mac Slater*. His latest books are *My Life and Other Failed Experiments* (2018); *The Fall* (2017), and his new book *Detention* (2019). Excited by the future of storytelling and inspiring others to create, Tristan's creative and humorous presentations are always a big hit amongst students and teachers.

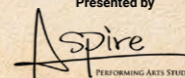
www.tristanbancks.com

shake & stir

Performers • Grades P-12



Presented by



Session 109 Thursday 15 July 9.30am grades 9-12
Session 112 Thursday 15 July 10.45am grades P-4
Session 124 Thursday 15 July 12.15pm grades 5-8
Session 205 Friday 16 July 9.30am grades 5-8
Session 218 Friday 16 July 10.45am grades 9-12
Session 223 Friday 16 July 12.15pm grades P-4

ROALD DAHL'S REVOLTING RHYMES

Think you know the stories of the Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White, Goldilocks or Jack and the Beanstalk? Think again! For the first time – shake & stir's nationally-acclaimed stage adaptation of Roald Dahl's REVOLTING RHYMES tours to schools in a special new version for students across all ages. Frighteningly funny and seriously silly, REVOLTING RHYMES takes the world's best-loved fairy tales and rearranges them with surprising and hilarious twists.

Always a hit at our Festival, shake & stir are offering performances for all year levels this year, so be quick to secure your seats!

www.shakeandstir.com.au

Will Kostakis

Author • Grades 7-12



Session 118 Thursday 15 July 10.45am grades 9-12
Session 126 Thursday 15 July 12.15pm grades 7-9
Session 138 Thursday 15 July 1.30pm grades 9-12
Session 209 Friday 16 July 9.30am grades 9-12 (writers' workshop)
Session 216 Friday 16 July 10.45am grades 7-9
Session 230 Friday 16 July 12.15pm grades 10-12

Presented by



Will Kostakis is a journalist and award-winning author for young adults. His first novel, *Loathing Lola*, was released when he was just nineteen. His second, *The First Third*, won the 2014 Gold Inky Award and was shortlisted for the CBCA Book of the Year and Australian Prime Minister's Literary Awards. *The Sidekicks* was his third novel for young adults and his American debut, which went on to win the IBBY Australia Ena Noel Award. Will's latest novel *Monuments* is the first book in an exciting new duology. Always a very popular presenter at festivals, Will's sessions are highly entertaining and ones you won't want to miss.

www.willkostakis.com

Ruben Meerman

Author, A.K.A. Surfing Scientist • Grades P-7



Session 101 Thursday 15 July 9.30am grades P-4
Session 115 Thursday 15 July 10.45am grades 5-7
Session 123 Thursday 15 July 12.15pm grades 4-6
Session 212 Friday 16 July 10.45am grades P-4
Session 225 Friday 16 July 12.15pm grades 4-7
Session 235 Friday 16 July 1.30pm grades 3-6

Presented by



Whitsunday Voices is thrilled to welcome back Ruben Meerman, aka *The Surfing Scientist*. Ruben is a surfer with a physics degree and a passion for all things scientific. He launched *The Surfing Scientist* school program on the Gold Coast in 1997 and he has been visiting schools as *The Surfing Scientist* ever since.

He has appeared on ABC Television's flagship science program, Catalyst, Studio 3, Sleek Geeks, Roller Coaster, Triple J's Super Request, and he was the first ever resident scientist on Play School. Ruben visits hundreds of primary and high schools every year, has published hundreds of resources for teachers and written four children's books full of experiments.

The Surfing Scientist is always a huge hit at festivals and his interesting and exciting approach to science will have the students inspired by the world of science and on the edge of their seats.

www.rubenmeerman.com

Get your books signed!

The Whitsunday Voices Book Shop is open from 8.00am to 3.00pm on both Festival days. Books from all authors presenting at the 2021 Festival will be available for sale at prices below the recommended retail price.

Students can meet and greet the authors in the WAS library and have books signed at the end of every student session. Students are also able to bring pre-loved books from home for their favourite author to sign!

Opening Night Festival Launch

Date: Wednesday 14 July

Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue: Pansy Wood Centre, preceded by drinks in the Basingthwaighte Plaza; Whitsunday Anglican School

Tickets: RSVP for catering purposes. Ph: 4969 2018 or email Lru@was.qld.edu.au



FREE ENTRY

Always a popular event during the Festival Launch, the very entertaining Writer's Panel is back with this year's incredibly talented host; film maker, actor, and author Tristan Bancks, leading the way. Joining him onstage will be the highly regarded YA author A.J. Betts (*Hive and Rogue*); the very entertaining children's author Andrew McDonald (*Real Pigeons*); award winning author, Jacqueline Harvey (*Clementine Rose* and *Alice Miranda* series), and the ever-popular '*Surfing Scientist*' Ruben Meerman!

Winners of the popular **Short Story Competition** (with prizes kindly donated by Timezone) will be announced on the night.

#beyondthepages Student Sessions

Date: Thursday 15 and Friday 16 July

Time: 9.30am – 2.15pm

Venue: Whitsunday Anglican School Campus

Tickets: Bookings are essential. Sessions \$8 / Workshops \$15.

Book online at www.whitsundayvoices.com.au

Ph: 4969 2018 or email Lru@was.qld.edu.au



Two days of student sessions, jam-packed with book talks, workshops, performances, a poetry slam competition and more! There will be something for everyone in each session.

Saroo Brierley, whose best-selling autobiography 'A Long Way Home' was captured in the award-winning film 'Lion', will be sharing his incredible story in a single session for Grade 7-12 students at 12.15pm on Friday 16 July. This is an opportunity not to be missed!

All sessions are open to the public.

LitChat Event

Presented by **Gregg Dreise**

Date: Thursday 15 July

Time: 4pm – 6pm

Venue: Pansy Wood Centre, Whitsunday Anglican School

Tickets: Bookings are essential.

Tickets \$40, includes refreshments.

Book online at www.whitsundayvoices.com.au

Ph: 4969 2018 or email Lru@was.qld.edu.au

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All educators will earn Professional Development points. (certificates will be issued at the event)

This event is a must for teachers, librarians and parents looking for practical advice that can be implemented either in the classroom or at home, to help students develop their literacy skills.

Teacher, author, illustrator, poet, and performer; Gregg Dreise uses music and laughter to take audiences on a storytelling journey. As a descendant of the Kamilaroi and Euahlayi people of south-west Queensland and north-west New South Wales, his storytelling addresses self-image, friendship, kindness, bullying and Indigenous culture.

This Educators Forum is designed to help teachers gain confidence in using a variety of books to maintain inclusive reading practices for all classrooms. This workshop will help professional educators soar with confidence in cultural protocols and language. Join us for what will certainly be an entertaining and educational forum.



A special thanks to the Australian Literacy Educators' Association for their support of this event.



Literary Dinner

Date: Friday 16 July

Time: 6.30pm until late

Venue: Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre

Tickets: Bookings are essential. Tickets \$150, includes a three-course meal and entertainment.

Book online at www.themecc.com.au

or call the MECC on 4961 9777



A signature event on Mackay's calendar, the popular Workpac Literary Dinner returns for another memorable evening to celebrate the wind-up of the 2021 Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival.

Enjoy a delightful three course dinner, meet and mingle with this year's Festival presenters in a relaxed environment, and be captivated by this year's keynote speaker, Saroo Brierley. Saroo's remarkable story made headlines across the world when at the tender age of 5 he was separated from his family in India, and was eventually adopted by an Australian family. Determined to reunite with his mother, he found his hometown via Google Earth 25 years later. Captured in his international best-selling autobiography *A Long Way Home* and the award-winning film *Lion*, Saroo's story is a moving and inspirational true story of survival and triumph against all odds.

Our evening culminates with the ever-popular local band Stylus Crew, who will have you up and dancing the night away to your favourite tunes!



Program - Day 1

9.30am - 10.15am

Session	Event	Grades
101	Ruben Meerman	P-4
102	Kim Kane	P-4
103	Yvonne Mes	3-5
104	Jacqueline Harvey	4-6
105	Gregg Dreise	5-8
106	Tristan Bancks	6-8
107	Gaye Chapman	7-9
108	Queenie Chan	9-12
109	shake & stir	9-12

12.15pm - 1.00pm

Session	Event	Grades
120	Yvonne Mes	P-4
121	Andrew McDonald	P-4
122	Jacqueline Harvey	3-5
123	Ruben Meerman	4-6
124	shake & stir	5-8
125	Queenie Chan	6-8
126	Will Kostakis	7-9
127	Anisa Nandaula	9-12
128	AJ Betts	9-12

10.45am - 11.30am

Session	Event	Grades
111	Yvonne Mes	P-4
112	shake & stir	P-4
113	Gregg Dreise	3-5
114	Andrew McDonald	4-6
115	Ruben Meerman	5-7
116	Tristan Bancks	6-8
117	Anisa Nandaula	7-9
118	Will Kostakis	9-12

1.30pm - 2.15pm

Session	Event	Grades
131	Kim Kane	P-4
132	Jacqueline Harvey	P-4
133	Tristan Bancks	3-6
134	Andrew McDonald	4-6
135	Gaye Chapman	5-8
136	AJ Betts	7-9
137	Queenie Chan	7-9
138	Will Kostakis	9-12
139	Anisa Nandaula	10-12

Workshops

9.30am to 10.15am • \$15

Session 110 | Grades 9-12 AJ Betts
Writers' Workshop - *The Power of the Unexpected*

10.45am to 11.30am • \$15

Session 119 | Grades 9-12 Gaye Chapman
Art Workshop - *Dada Ta-Dah - Magical Mistakes*

12.15pm to 1.00pm • \$15

Session 129 | Grades 5-8 Kim Kane
Writers' Workshop - *Character Writing*

12.15pm to 1.00pm • \$15

Session 130 | Grades 5-8 Gregg Dreise
Art Workshop - *How to Create Characters with Emotions*



Program - Day 2



9.30am - 10.15am

Session	Event	Grades
201	Yvonne Mes	P-4
202	Kim Kane	P-4
203	Tristan Bancks	3-5
204	Andrew McDonald	4-6
205	shake & stir	5-8
206	Queenie Chan	6-8
207	AJ Betts	7-9
208	Anisa Nandaula	9-12

12.15pm - 1.00pm

Session	Event	Grades
222	Jacqueline Harvey	P-3
223	shake & stir	P-4
224	Gregg Dreise	3-6
225	Ruben Meerman	4-7
226	Tristan Bancks	5-8
227	AJ Betts	7-9
228	Anisa Nandaula	7-10
229	Saroo Brierley	7-12
230	Will Kostakis	10-12

10.45am - 11.30am

Session	Event	Grades
211	Andrew McDonald	P-3
212	Ruben Meerman	P-4
213	Gregg Dreise	3-5
214	Tristan Bancks	4-6
215	Gaye Chapman	5-8
216	Will Kostakis	7-9
217	Anisa Nandaula	7-9
218	shake & stir	9-12
219	Queenie Chan	9-12

1.30pm - 2.15pm

Session	Event	Grades
232	Kim Kane	P-3
233	Andrew McDonald	P-4
234	Yvonne Mes	3-5
235	Ruben Meerman	3-6
236	Jacqueline Harvey	4-6
237	Gregg Dreise	5-7
238	Gaye Chapman	5-8
239	AJ Betts	9-12
240	Poetry Slam Competition (starting 1pm)	7-12

Workshops

9.30am to 10.15am • \$15

Session 209 | Grades 9-12 Will Kostakis
Writers' Workshop - *Write Your Best*

9.30am to 10.15am • \$15

Session 210 | Grades 9-12 Gaye Chapman
Art Workshop - *Dada Ta-Dah - Magical Mistakes*

10.45am to 11.30am • \$15

Session 220 | Grades 5-8 Jacqueline Harvey
Writers' Workshop - *Good Guys, Bad Guys and Everyone in Between*

10.45am to 11.30am • \$15

Session 221 | Grades 5-8 Yvonne Mes
Art Workshop - *Creating Crafty Characters*

12.15pm to 1.00pm • \$15

Session 231 | Grades 9-12 Queenie Chan
Art Workshop - *Not the Usual - Manga Art and Technology*

Workshops

9.30am to 10.15am - AJ Betts Writer's Workshop

Session 110 | Grades 9-12 | *The Power of the Unexpected*

Great ideas don't come from places, they come from curiosity and asking questions! Learn how to ask the best questions to tease a story out of any situation.

10.45am to 11.30am - Gaye Chapman Art Workshop

Session 119 | Grades 9-12 | *DADA TA-DAH: Magical Mistakes*

OOPS! Be brave, take a chance and love art. Gaye's creative rule-breaking workshops use 'making mistakes' as visual tools. We learn to be 'talented' and have fun! We use drama, interesting materials, happen-chance, serendipity, 'bad art' and 'right-left brain art exercises', to explore ourselves as artists. With scribbles, spills, smudges, smells, sounds, drips and rips we make perfectly imperfect Art!

12.15pm to 1.00pm - Kim Kane Writer's Workshop

Session 129 | Grades 5-8 | *Character Writing*

Girl, boy or bear, strong characters stay with a reader for life. Kim helps young writers craft characters that leap from the page.

12.15pm to 1.00pm - Gregg Dreise Art Workshop

Session 130 | Grades 5-8 | *How to Create Characters with Emotions*

Join illustrator Gregg Dreise as he laughs his way through planning Illustration Spreads. Learn how to persuade readers to like or dislike characters. Investigate the professional considerations in planning book illustrations. Have fun manipulating characters to suit the variety of ways to express stories through art.

9.30am to 10.15am - Will Kostakis Writers' Workshop

Session 209 | Grades 9-12 | *Write your Best*

This is an intensive editing workshop that teaches you how to elevate your writing as you draft your work.

9.30am to 10.15am - Gaye Chapman Art Workshop

Session 210 | Grades 9-12 | *DADA TA-DAH: Magical Mistakes*

A repeat performance! See Thursday Day 1 for more information.

10.45am to 11.30am - Jacqueline Harvey Writer's Workshop

Session 220 | Grades 5-8 | *Good Guys, Bad Guys and Everyone in Between*

Jacqueline Harvey loves to create interesting characters and in this workshop you'll do just that – as well as find them some trouble too!

10.45am to 11.30am - Yvonne Mes Art Workshop

Session 221 | Grades 5-8 | *Creating Crafty Characters*

Evil masterminds, mad professors, heroes and heroines and cute critters! Explore what makes characters have the most visual impact and then create the right character for the right story. Get your pencils and imaginations ready!

12.15pm to 1.00pm - Queenie Chan Art Workshop

Session 231 | Grades 9-12 | *Not The Usual - Manga Art & Technology*

This talk/workshop will focus half on drawing, half on looking at all the different mediums that comic book art can be applied to. From animation to video games to 3D modelling to traditional illustration, this workshop will focus on the free software and tools available to expand on. Can't draw well using pen and paper? Fear not, find out how you can still be an artist in this workshop!

Poetry Slam Competition

Senior school students in Mackay are invited to enter the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival's Poetry Slam Competition.

Teams will be coached by highly acclaimed and award-winning slam poet, Emilie Zoey-Baker. Individuals can enter, and teams can include 2, 3 or 4 members (max 4).

Teams are required to participate in a workshop, hosted by Emilie, where she will present what is involved in writing and performing slam poetry. Then teams will break away into groups to work on their own poem. Emilie will work with each team to refine their poetry, and by the end of the workshop, teams should have a poem that can be rehearsed as they practice for the competition.

The winning team of the Poetry Slam Competition will receive a trophy, and a cash prize of \$400 to be shared amongst their team (not to mention bragging rights)! This event is open to the public and parents are welcome to buy tickets to attend.

Workshop

DATE: Thursday 27 May 2021

TIME: 4pm-6pm

VENUE: CQU's Ooralea Campus, meet in the The Library (building 19)

Competition

DATE: Friday 16 July 2020

TIME: 1pm-2:15pm

VENUE: Whitsunday Anglican School, Ron Bourne Hall

JUDGING: The judging panel will include three Whitsunday Voices presenters

JUDGING CRITERIA:
50% performance; 50% content.

Parents are welcome to buy tickets to attend this session and support the performers.



Emilie Zoey-Baker

Entry forms can be found at
www.whitsundayvoices.com.au

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Winchester Foundation

There is something very special about the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival that makes it such an inclusive event in the broader Mackay – Isaac community, and that is the involvement of the Winchester Foundation. The Winchester Foundation helps many country children experience and participate in the Festival.

Beryl Neilsen established the John & Beryl Neilsen Winchester Foundation in 2012, specifically to create educational opportunities for country children.

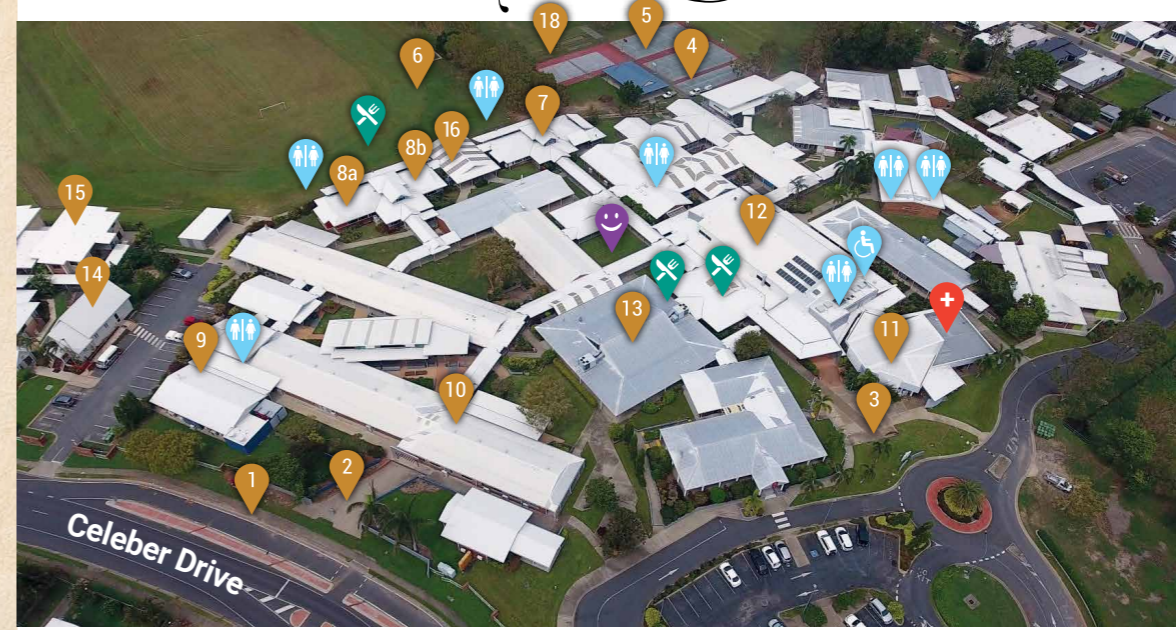
The Winchester Foundation's involvement with the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival commenced in 2013 and with the support of many volunteers, 2,845 students together with teachers from the Mistake Creek, Kilcummin, Coppabella, Valkyrie, Nebo, MacKenzie River, Clarke Creek, Capricornia School of Distance Education, Charters Towers School of Distance Education, Eungella, Finch Hatton, Gargett, Pinnacle, Mirani, St. Lawrence, Swayneville, Carmila, Koumala, Eton, North Eton, Homebush and Oakenden have attended this wonderful Festival. Beryl is very happy to be on hand to welcome and assist with the children personally over the two days of the Festival.



LOCAL AUTHORS

The Mackay Bookworms and Mackay Writers Group both have stands at the Festival and sell books in our bookshop. They add a wonderfully entertaining and colourful dimension to our Festival and show local students that you can be local and an author!

Festival Map



- 1 Bus Set Down
- 2 Main Entrance
- 3 Entrance
- 4 Marquee 1
- 5 Marquee 2
- 6 Marquee 3
- 7 Art Centre
- 8a Hatfield 1
- 8b Hatfield 2
- 9 Tindall Centre
- 10 G2 & G3
- 11 Pansy Wood Centre
- 12 Ron Bourne Hall
- 13 Bookshop and book signing
- 14 Chapel
- 15 Booth House Boarding
- 16 Bassingthwaighe Plaza
- + First Aid
- 18 Evacuation Assembly Area
- Toilets
- Disabled Toilet
- BHP Chillout Lounge
- Plaza Lunchbox / Food and Drink

Getting Here: The Festival is located on campus at Whitsunday Anglican School, Celeber Drive, Mackay. Information booths are located at both entrances. These booths are manned by volunteers who are easily identified.

School Bus Transport: Access to the Festival is via Celeber Drive, with drop off at the front of the School.

BUS ARRIVALS - DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER SCHOOL DRIVEWAY. USE CELEBER DRIVE DROP OFF ONLY.

Car: Private cars and small groups are to use the internal roundabout off Nicklin Drive.

Festival Guide

Please take the time to read through this program, paying attention to the author biographies and information relating to various events. This helpful information will assist you in selecting author sessions, workshops and events best suited for all students and adults attending the Festival.

Booking information

Tickets are available online at www.whitsundayvoices.com.au.
Tickets are \$8 (GST inclusive) per student per session.
Workshops are \$15 (GST inclusive) per student with a limit of six students per school per workshop.
Bookings can only be processed on receipt of full payment. There are no refunds or exchanges once bookings are processed.

Purchasing your tickets

Tickets will be on sale from 21 May 2021. Many sessions have limited numbers, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please note there is no allocated seating. Seating allocation will be in line with COVID safe requirements at the time of the event.
There is no need to print tickets for all students in a group booking, as the group booking will be reflected on door lists at each event and venue. However, we suggest you bring your booking confirmation for your own reference and make sure all teachers carry a copy. Please ensure supervising staff are familiar with the sessions their students are attending.
Individual bookings made online will need to present their tickets at the venues.

School bookings and reservation policy

For school bookings, complimentary tickets are provided to accompanying teachers, allocated on the basis of one complimentary ticket per 10 students (additional teachers are required to purchase tickets). Should a venue be close to capacity, some accompanying teachers may have to stand.
Tickets cannot be reserved online. If you wish to reserve tickets, contact Whitsunday Voices via email Lru@was.qld.edu.au or call 07 4969 2018. Tickets can be reserved for up to 14 days without payment. Full payment for all tickets reserved must be received within 14 days of initial booking. If payment is not received, your booking will automatically be cancelled. Once a booking has been cancelled, tickets will be released.

About venues

Venues for the author sessions will be allocated closer to the Festival. The capacity of the Whitsunday Anglican School venues vary, so final venue allocation is determined according to the number of tickets purchased for a session. A volunteer will meet you upon arrival at the entrance of the school. They will direct you to the correct venue and provide you with a map and the venue allocations for the Festival days. The venues will also be published online at least one week before the Festival days.

Food services

The Plaza Lunchbox, located opposite the Festival Bookshop, will provide a variety of sandwiches, hot and cold food, cakes and drinks. There will be smaller food outlets located near the Bassingthwaite Plaza offering a selection of food and drinks. Plus a BBQ lunch and coffee van will operate from the Festival Hub next to the Carol Bower Plaza. All outlets are open throughout the Festival, however guests are most welcome to bring their own packed lunches. The Whitsunday Voices website will be kept up to date with menu options as they become available.

Bags

We encourage students to bring a small carry bag, as some venues have limited access for school bags. We advise students to leave valuables at home for safety reasons.

Photography permissions

Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival will have photographers and videographers on site to record events throughout the Festival. These photos are for archival and marketing purposes and purchase of a ticket implies permission to use these photos.

Supervision policy

Any child 14 years or younger must be accompanied by a supervising parent/guardian or teacher while on campus at all times during the Festival.

Festival bookshop

The Festival bookshop stocks an extensive range of books by all the authors and presenters attending Whitsunday Voices. The bookshop is located in the library (#13 on map) and will be open on Thursday 15 July and Friday 16 July from 8.00am until 3.00pm.
At the end of each of their sessions, authors will be available in the library for book signings. The bookshop accepts cash, EFTPOS, Visa and Mastercard.
Jump the queue! A bookshop pre-order form can be found at www.whitsundayvoices.com.au. Pre-ordered books can be collected from the bookshop during the Festival days.

Questions

For more information, please contact the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival office.
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whitsundayvoices@was.qld.edu.au
Address:
Whitsunday Anglican School,
Celeber Drive, North Mackay, QLD 4740

Road to Reading Travel Assistance

We aim to keep our ticket prices low so our Festival is accessible to all students in our region, however, we understand that transport costs can sometimes be prohibitive for some schools. To help alleviate this, we have partnered with four Community Clubs to provide a travel subsidy.
Whitsunday Voices would like to thank the following Community Clubs for being our Travel Subsidy Partners this year: Magpies Sporting Club, Northern Beaches Bowls Club, Railway Hotel Marian and Souths Leagues Club.

The subsidy is allocated on a need's basis. Distance from Whitsunday Anglican School and number of tickets booked will be factored into the decision-making process. Travel subsidy information and application forms are available online at www.whitsundayvoices.com.au/road-to-reading-travel-subsidy
Applications close 25 June 2021.

For more information call 4969 2076 or email tgu@was.qld.edu.au.



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