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## Memoir & Family History Writing Weekend

*Learn. Network. Develop. Discover. Relive. Write.*

**P R O G R A M 2 0 1 9**

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March

Maroochy Waterfront Camp & Conference Centre, 42 David Low Way, Diddillibah, Marooydore QLD 4559

### SATURDAY

- 8:30am Arrival and Registration at the Conference Venue
- 9:00am Masterclass: **Defining Memoir and Researching, Planning and Plotting** with **Allison Paterson (Author)**  
History writer and May Gibbs Fellowship recipient, Allison Paterson, shows how she researched her multiple family history books that have been published in various genres. She'll show you how to dig up the past with sensitivity and care, how to find hidden gems within your own family history, and how to access archives and war history. She will then explain how to polish those gems into a story plan to support a novel. Includes loads of practical information and hands-on exercises.
- Includes Morning Tea*
- 12:00pm Lunch plus Pop-Up Bookstore – Book Sales and Signings  
Includes Book Launch of *Follow After Me* by **Allison Paterson**
- 1:00pm Masterclass: **Running with Tigers** with **Aleesah Darlison (Author)**  
Multi-published, award-winning author, Aleesah Darlison, shows you how to ensure your characterisation and voice are spot on for your audience. She takes you through a series of exercises to profile and plan characters so they come across as realistic and relatable. Aleesah shows how you can fictionalise characters and key events from your own life to protect others and create an engaging and interesting story. Exercises and handouts included.
- Includes Afternoon Tea*
- 4:00pm Free Time plus **Manuscript Assessment Meetings** with **Aleesah Darlison (Award-Winning Author and Owner of Greenleaf Agency)**  
Spend some time planning or writing your memoir or pre-submit your manuscript for a written review and face-to-face feedback from Aleesah Darlison. Each session runs for 15 minutes. Limited sessions available. Check submission guidelines for further information.
- 6:00pm Buffet Dinner and Dessert with Special Guest Speaker **Suzanna Strong (Journalist & Author)**  
Dinner Topic: **How Writing Therapy and Memoir Writing Intersect: Techniques for Accessing Memories and Using Writing Therapy as a Powerful Tool to Deal with Life Aspects When Writing Your Memoir**
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### SUNDAY

6:30am Gentle Beginner Yoga and Meditation Session

7:30am Buffet Breakfast

8:30am Arrival and Registration at the Conference Venue

9:00am Masterclass: **Writing Your Life – A Memoir Workshop** with **Shelley Davidow (Author)**  
How do you turn a vast lived experience into a gripping story that others will want to read? How do the different forms of autobiography, biography and memoir still achieve the 'truth' in storytelling? Shelley Davidow shows you how craft enables art: how key life events represent themes and sub themes that can form the backbone of your memoir. She will take you on an experiential journey into the power of dialogue to reveal character and move the plot along so that your own life becomes literature - a compelling narrative that anyone would want to read.

*Includes Morning Tea*

12:00pm Lunch plus Pop-Up Bookstore – Book Sales and Signings

1:00pm Masterclass: **Getting Down to the Nuts and Shiny Bolts – Editing and Publishing Your Memoir** with **Julieann Wallace (Author and Independent Publisher)**  
Author, independent publisher and owner of Lilly Pilly Publishing, Julieann Wallace, takes you through the editing processes required to lift your memoir to a professional standard. Whether you're seeking commercial publication or interested in self/independent publishing, these are the Dos and Don'ts that every author worth their salt needs to sit up and take notice of. Julieann also explains the various publication avenues available for memoirists and biographers and what each entails so you can start formulating your own path.

*Includes Afternoon Tea*

4:00pm Depart

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