

2020 SUNSHINE WRITERS RETREAT

PROGRAM



SEA CHANGE

Rejuvenate. Re-connect. Explore. Write.

Thursday 12 – Sunday 15 November 2020
Ramada by Wyndham
923 David Low Way, Marcoola Beach, QLD

Thursday 12 November

- 2:00pm Check-in to deluxe ocean-front accommodation. Explore the surroundings, have a swim, take a walk along the beach, write, or soak up the atmosphere.
- 4:00pm Introductory **Yoga/Meditation Session** (Residents ONLY).
- 6:30pm **Welcome Dinner** (at own expense) with Aleesah Darlison as host.

Friday 13 November

- 7:00am Enjoy breakfast in the Beach Bistro, go for a beach walk or enjoy some writing time.
- 8:30am Arrival and Registration at the Conference Venue.
- 9:00am **Masterclass: Writing Rib-Tickling Humour with Tim Harris** (includes Morning Tea)
Join the master of kids comedy, Tim Harris, as he shows you how to create hilarious characters and scenes that will have child readers lapping it up and begging for more!
- 12:00pm Lunch plus **Book Launch** and **Pop-Up Bookstore**.
- 1:00pm **Writing Time** (Afternoon Tea will be served in the Conference Room at 3pm)
Write in your own room or in a joint session in the conference room. Alternatively, you may wish to enjoy some free time or take advantage of the Resort's Day Spa.
- 4:00pm **Story Circles** – read out your work in a sharing and caring environment to gain crucial feedback.
- 6:00pm Enjoy a relaxed In-House Pizza **Dinner** with special guests (RESIDENTS ONLY).
- 8:00pm Live Entertainment in the In-House Hotel.



Manuscript Assessment Meetings will be conducted throughout Friday.



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- 8:30am Arrival and Registration at the Conference Venue.
- 9:00am **Masterclass: History & Timeslip for Modern Readers with Belinda Murrell** (*includes Morning Tea*)
Best-selling author, Belinda Murrell, explains how to engage readers in historical novels while staying true to the era in which they're set. She'll discuss research, language, voice, structure and the timeslip device.
- 12:00pm Lunch plus **Pop-Up Bookstore** – Book Sales & Signings
- 1:00pm **Writing Time** (*Afternoon Tea will be served in the Conference Room at 3pm*)
Write in your own room or in a joint session in the conference room. Alternatively, enjoy free time.
- 4:00pm **Story Circles** – read out your work in a sharing and caring environment to gain crucial feedback.
- 6:00pm In-House Bistro **Dinner** plus a fun Literary Trivia Quiz & Second-Hand Book Swap (Residents ONLY).
- 8:00pm Karaoke and Dancing in the In-House Hotel.

Sunday 15 November

- 7:00am Take advantage of our later start with a Sunday morning sleep-in, beach walk or relaxed breakfast.
- 9:30am Check out of your accommodation.
- 10:00am **Masterclass: How To Write a Successful Children's Series with Aleesah Darlison** (*Includes Morning Tea*)
Having authored numerous children's series, including her latest sensation, *League of Llamas*, Aleesah Darlison knows what it takes to create these reading gems for kids. Learn all her secrets here!
- 12:00pm Lunch plus **Pop-Up Bookstore** – Book Sales & Signings.
- 1:00pm **SWR Success Platform** - It's Your Time to Shine! Share your successes, perfect your pitch, or showcase your Illustration Portfolio. This session is all about celebrating your milestones and achievements.
- 3:00pm Wrap-Up, Afternoon Tea & Depart



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