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Get your writing year off to a great start...
invest in training that will help make you
the best you can be.

WORKSHOP PROGRAM FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2019



Why do writers need workshops?

As an editor, I read hundreds of manuscripts every year. Many have a great story to tell, but are not written well enough to meet the exacting standards set by popular authors and expected by publishers; or to satisfy the average reader.

Writing a great story of any kind requires much technical skill, but these skills can be learned.

Like all professions, to be the best at what you do, you have to work at it. Many people can tell a story, but if it doesn't excite and intrigue the reader on the first page they won't read on.

These skills are needed whatever you are writing: short story, picture book, chapter books for children, poems, memoirs, novels, etc. Every professional had to put in the hard yards to learn their vocation. A writer is no different.

It is time to invest in your dream and take the courses you need. The cost is very reasonable. We keep our prices down because we know how important these workshops are to writers.

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Writing & Publishing Services

As well as our popular workshops, we offer a full range of writers' services to optimize your chance of being published, or to prepare your manuscript for self-publishing.

If you are receiving rejections or are considering self-publishing, have a look at the services we offer.

FEBRUARY 23rd

WAKING YOUR IMAGINATION AND EXPLORING STORY STRUCTURE:

Instructor: Elaine Ouston

The workshop is suitable for writing for adults and children in all forms – from short stories and novels to picture books.

It will help you turn that idea into a story everyone will want to read by showing you how to add excitement, depth and intrigue.

We will also explore the building blocks that make a compelling story that no one can put down.

Feedback: Send the first 10 pages of your writing for feedback on the day.

Format: Course for beginners

Date: Saturday 23rd February

Time: 8.30am to 1.30pm

Where: Gondor Writers' Centre

Cost: \$60

MARCH 16th

WRITERS' BOOTCAMP

Instructor: Elaine Ouston

Intensive workshops and personal interviews to get you writing and help you shape your work-in-progress into an exciting narrative.

It covers what publishers will be looking for and what will stop them reading.

Evaluation: Please send the first 10 pages of your manuscript for an appraisal so I can let you know what you need to focus on during the weekend. Manuscripts must be in by February 28th. Appointments will be made for private consultations after your booking is received.

Go to the workshop page on the website to see more details.

Format: Course Advanced and intermediate.

Date: March 16th

Time: 8.30am to 4.30pm

Where: Gondor Writers' Centre.

Cost: \$80

APRIL 13TH

WRITING FOR CHILDREN - CHAPTER BOOKS

Instructor: Elaine Ouston

Writing for children requires as much, if not more, skill and perception than writing for adults.

Many people believe it is easier than writing for adults – this is not so.

Because the story length for this age group is limited, knowing what to put in and what to leave out is the most important factor. We will look at popular chapter books and explore what makes them the success they are, and examine the plot lines and language needed to excite this group of beginning readers.

Format: Course for beginners and intermediate.

Date: Sat. April 13th 2019

Time: 10am to 3pm

Where: Gondor Writers' Centre.

Cost: \$60

APRIL 27TH

INTRODUCTION TO SHORT STORY

Instructor: Elaine Ouston

How do you tell your story in a limited number of words and make it as interesting, exciting, and memorable as a novel?.

The course will introduce writers to the craft of short fiction. We will be examining the structure that makes a short story powerful. And learning what to leave in and what to take out without spoiling the story. Bring a story for feedback.

Format: Course for beginners

Date: Sat April 27th 2019

Time: 8.30am to 1.30pm

Where: Gondor Writers' Centre

Cost: \$60

MEET GONDOR'S PRESENTERS

Elaine Ouston holds a Master of Letters (MLitt) from Central Queensland University.



She is a published author of a number of books for children. She is an experienced writing tutor and has had many recommendation for her workshops from students.

Elaine also visits schools, giving workshops on writing and on Australia's megafauna. She is passionate about teaching children about these amazing creatures and inspiring children to read and write.

You can contact Elaine at elaine@gondorwriterscentre.com or phone 07 54 399 038.

Ron Day holds a PhD from Central Queensland University.



He is a published author of a series of text books for use in primary, secondary, tertiary schools and colleges, and user manuals.

After 30 years of teaching at various levels he is very capable of teaching any subject.

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