

Newsletter

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A Maze of Story Inc

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It's hard to believe that we are almost a quarter of a way into 2017, so it's rather late to be wishing you all a happy New Year. I will however wish you the very best for the rest of 2017.

A creative writing bus for A Maze of Story

After extensive consideration, the Board has made the decision to set-up a mobile writing centre rather than establish a centre in the city, as had previously been discussed. A mobile story bus will better suit our spread-out city and large state, and will make us unique compared to other Creative Writing Centres in Australia and around the world.

So, our plan is to obtain a bus and have it fitted out as a class room, to cater for 12 children, 6 tutors, a story-weaver and an occasional extra, with a white-board, book shelves and most importantly, air-conditioning. The bus will be brightly painted, I am sure you can all imagine how creative we could be with the exterior.

A Maze of Story will then employ or find a volunteer with a bus license to drive the bus onto Primary School grounds. The children selected for the workshop will then visit A Maze of Story's A-Mazing Story Bus.

The Board is very enthusiastic about this new goal and I hope you, our members and volunteers will continue to support us to bring this wonderful idea to fruition.

Farewell to Terri-ann White

A valued Board Member - Terri-ann White - has retired from the Board. Terri-ann has been with us from the inception of A Maze of Story. We are sad to be losing Terri-ann, but thank her sincerely for all she has brought to the Board.

Volunteer Tutor Workshop - 25th March 2017

On the 25th March, A Maze of Story is holding a Volunteer Tutor Workshop. Twenty invitations have been sent to people on our waiting list. Hoping for a healthy turnout.

Venue: Warehouse Café, 221 Onslow Road, Shenton Park

Day: Saturday, 25th March 2017

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 noon

There will be a short introduction: About A Maze of Story - Goals, Objectives and a structural outline of our Creative Writing workshops for children 8 -12 years-old. One of our Story-weavers, Susan Midalia and two experienced Tutors, Jackie Poolman and Marie Finlay will explain the role of a Story-weaver and your role as a Volunteer Tutor. We will break at 10.55 a.m. for coffee, tea and biscuits.

If there is anyone out there who would like to join us, please email Gae Oaten: gae@amazeofstory.org.au



Wanted - office space for A Maze of Story

A Maze of Story is seeking office space in Northbridge or the City. We have applied for studio space at Paper Mountain Gallery, and are hoping that we will be successful. Alternately, perhaps one of our members may know of available office space that is small and inexpensive?

McCusker interns

Katie Mcallister (last years-intern) has decided to stay on as an A Maze of Story Tutor and sub-committee member. We are very pleased to have such an energetic and talented young woman involved with AMOS. Katie made a video last year, of the 12 students from Morley Primary School receiving their books. It is delightful. We hope to be able to share it on our website.

I have applied once again for an intern from the McCusker Centre for Citizenship, and am looking forward to working with them when they join A Maze of Story in the second semester.

I have requested a UWA student who has excellent website and graphic design skills.

A Maze of Story at PIAF Writer's Festival

Once again, A Maze of Story hosted a two hour Creative Writing Workshop at the Perth Writers Festival Family Day. Thirty children, aged between 7 and 12 years-old attended. Susan Midalia, our Story-weaver, and the 4 tutors, Jackie Poolman, Marie Finlay, Brigid Lowry and Sue Lorrimar, were their brilliant selves encouraging and supporting a very talented group of young writers.

New venue for Board meetings

Reece Harley, Chair of Museum of Perth has generously offered, pro-bono the museum's Director's Room for A Maze of Story to hold future Board Meeting.

The Board is looking forward to holding meetings in the lovely Art Deco Atlas Building overlooking Elizabeth Quay.

The Board thanks Reece.

Funding & Marketing Committee

Two new members, Adelheid Stelter and Beverly Hunt have joined the Funding & Marketing Committee. Welcome and thanks to both.

The first fund-raising event of the year will be a Quiz night to be held in July. A sub-committee consisting of Barb Stephenson, Beverly Hunt, Katie McAllister and Gae Oaten, has been elected to organise the Quiz night.

The committee plans to also submit a number of applications for community grants this year.

This year we feel it is time for us to Crowd-fund, and we are looking at the logistics of participating in such an event.

Website

Although some progress has been made with the website, there are still some issues that require attention, one of which is the facility to join or donate and pay online.

2017 schools

The first Creative Writing Workshop for the year is being held at Southwell Primary, Hamilton Hill.

The plan is to run two workshops in second term. I am currently talking to four Primary Schools in an attempt to achieve this goal.

Welcome to Dr Catherine Noske

A Maze of Story is delighted to welcome a new Board Member, Dr Catherine Noske, Editor of Westerly Magazine.

On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your continued support and participation in our not-for-profit creative writing organisation for children from 8 to 12 years-old.

Gae Oaten, Founder and Chairperson.