



Truth and Courage

SFX Writer's Festival

25th – 29th June 2018



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**SFX
WRITER'S
FESTIVAL**

Read, write, be inspired...

Program

Week Overview

Monday 25 June			
Author visit- James Phelan	Writer's workshops with James Phelan Yr 9 & 10 students	Presentations to Middle School in <i>College Theatre</i>	Harry Hartog Pop-up Book Shop Open all day <i>Resource Centre</i>
Tuesday 26 June			
Artist @ work Leanne Barrett Recess – Lunch <i>Hub</i>		Panel Discussion: 'Writing Journeys' Featuring MC- Mrs Hind Panellists: Ms Loidee Santos, Mr Dene Kermond, Ms Beth Doherty & Ms Veronica Murray Lunch 1 & 2 <i>College Theatre</i>	
Wednesday 27 June			
Literary Breakfast- Tania McCartney Reading & book signing \$5 pp 7.30am <i>Canteen</i>		Literary Green Screen Photos Available at recess and lunch <i>Resource Centre</i> Harry Hartog Pop-up Book Shop Open all day <i>Resource Centre</i>	
Thursday 28 June			
'How to get published' talk with Stephanie Owen Reeder Lunch 1 & 2 <i>KSM</i> Harry Hartog Pop-up Book Shop Open all day <i>Resource Centre</i>		'Careers in Writing' workshop with Mr Ben Archer Lunch 1 <i>Hub</i>	
Friday 29 June			
'Why start a blog/vlog?' talk with Ms Beth Doherty & Mr Elias Hallaj Lunch 1 <i>KSM</i>			

MONDAY

Author visit-

James Phelan



Dr James Phelan is the bestselling and award-winning author of twenty-eight novels and one work of non-fiction. From his teens he wanted to be a novelist and he started his first novel aged 15. After high school he first tried his hand at a real job, studying and working in architecture before turning to English literature, spending five years at *The Age* newspaper, while obtaining an MA in Writing and then a PhD in Young Adult Literature.

The Resource Centre has copies of James' *Alone* trilogy of Young Adult post-apocalyptic novels as well as his fourteen-book adventure series, titled *The Last Thirteen*. This series, described as

"*The Famous Five* meets *Indiana Jones*," has won many Australian kids-choice awards, where it has sold over half a million copies since 2014.

James is currently working on a Middle Grade series of funny illustrated novels, some picture books, thrillers, and YA work. James has sold over 4 million copies world-wide.

HARRY HARTOG
BOOKSELLER

Period 1

Yr 9 Writer's Workshop
tba

Period 2

Yr 8 Presentation
College Theatre

Period 3

Yr 7 Presentation
College Theatre

Period 4

Yr 10 Writer's Workshop
tba

Pop-Up Book Shop

Available for book purchases **all day**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Resource Centre

TUESDAY

Artist @ work

Recess – Lunch

Leanne Barrett

Come along and watch

an illustrator at work

Hub

Writer and aspiring illustrator, **Leanne Barrett** has worked as an educator and art tour guide for children and adults, promoting her love of art and children's literature. Leanne is a self-taught artist who has attended adult art classes in life drawing, pottery and intuitive painting.

Leanne's first joint illustration exhibition was in 2018, where she exhibited illustrations that portrayed animals in a whimsical naïve style. These illustrations were created using ink line work and then hand coloured with watercolours, ink and acrylic paint pens.

Leanne is currently creating a series of illustrations featuring chickens that like to do adventurous thrill-seeking activities.

Leanne sees her art as a journey to happiness and a place of peace where she reconnects to her inner child.

<http://www.leannebarrett.com>



Discussion Panel

MC:

Mrs Rachael Hind



Panellists-



Ms Loidee Santos

Ms Santos' many jobs across three continents have included editing, dog walking, bistro lounge singing, political door-to-door knocking and, of course, teaching. She has had her writing published in magazines and literary journals. Ms Santos is highly experienced at judging. She also grew up in the Bronx, so don't cross her.



Mr Dene Kermond

An actor, educator and playwright. Acting roles have included *Muriel's Wedding*, *Strictly Ballroom* and *Dirty Deeds*.



Ms Beth Doherty is a

journalist and teacher. She is the author of two books, *Tweet Others as you would Wish to be Tweeted* and *Sing it Out: Finding your Rhythm, Staying in Tune, Creating your*

Playlist and Writing your Song. She has been published in various journals such as Eureka Street, ABC Religion and Ethics, and a wide range of Catholic publications.



Ms Veronica Murray

has been a teacher for 12 years. She has written a couple of books but not gone to publishing as yet. Some pieces have been published in a compilation book and articles in magazines.

Lunch 1 & 2

If you are considering a career in writing or would just like to know more about these clever teachers, come along to this discussion panel.

College Theatre



LUNCHTIME PANEL SESSION

Beth Doherty | Journalist/Social Media

Dene Kermond | Screenwriter

Veronica Murray | Writer

Loidee Santos | Poet

spill their secrets about writing for leisure and as a career.

THEATRE | TUESDAY 26 JUNE

LUNCH 1

Adobe Spark

WEDNESDAY

Literary Breakfast

7.30am

Tania McCartney

Canteen

\$5 pp

Tania McCartney has been writing and illustrating since she was small. One day, she woke up and found herself doing it for a living. This made her very happy. Tania has now been writing professionally for 30 years, and illustrating professionally for a tenth of that time. She also engages in book editing, layout, design, typesetting and rabid consumption. Her books have won awards and shortlistings, including the SCBWI Crystal Kite Award for Australia/New Zealand for *Smile Cry*. A juvenile literacy champion and the founder of Kids' Book Review and the 52-Week Illustration Challenge, Tania lives in Canberra but would really like to live inside a book.





Literary Green Screen

Come along with your friends and pose for an awesome literary inspired pic

Lunch

KSM

Literary Breakfast with Author Illustrator Tania McCartney

27 June 7:30 am

Canteen

RSVP to Student Office

\$5 per person



THURSDAY

'How to get published' with

Lunch

Stephanie Owen Reeder

KSM

Stephanie has been writing and illustrating since she was very young. She has worked as a teacher, a librarian, a university lecturer and as a Hansard Editor at Federal Parliament. Her first picture book, *The Flaming Witch*, was published by Random House in 1997. Since retiring from her job at Federal Parliament 10 years ago, Stephanie has had 12 books published.



Her picture book *I've Got a Feeling!* was made an Outstanding Book by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), and her *Heritage Heroes* series of historical novels—*Lost!*, *Amazing Grace*, *Lennie the Legend* and *Marvellous Miss May*—have won, or been shortlisted for, the New South Wales Premier's History Award and the CBCA Children's Book of the Year Award. *Lennie the Legend* has also been optioned for a feature film and a stage production.

Stephanie also writes and edits books for adults, and she has reviewed books for a range of publications, including *Australian Book Review* and Fairfax Media. She is currently working on her next *Heritage Heroes* title and a new picture book, with many other books in the pipeline.

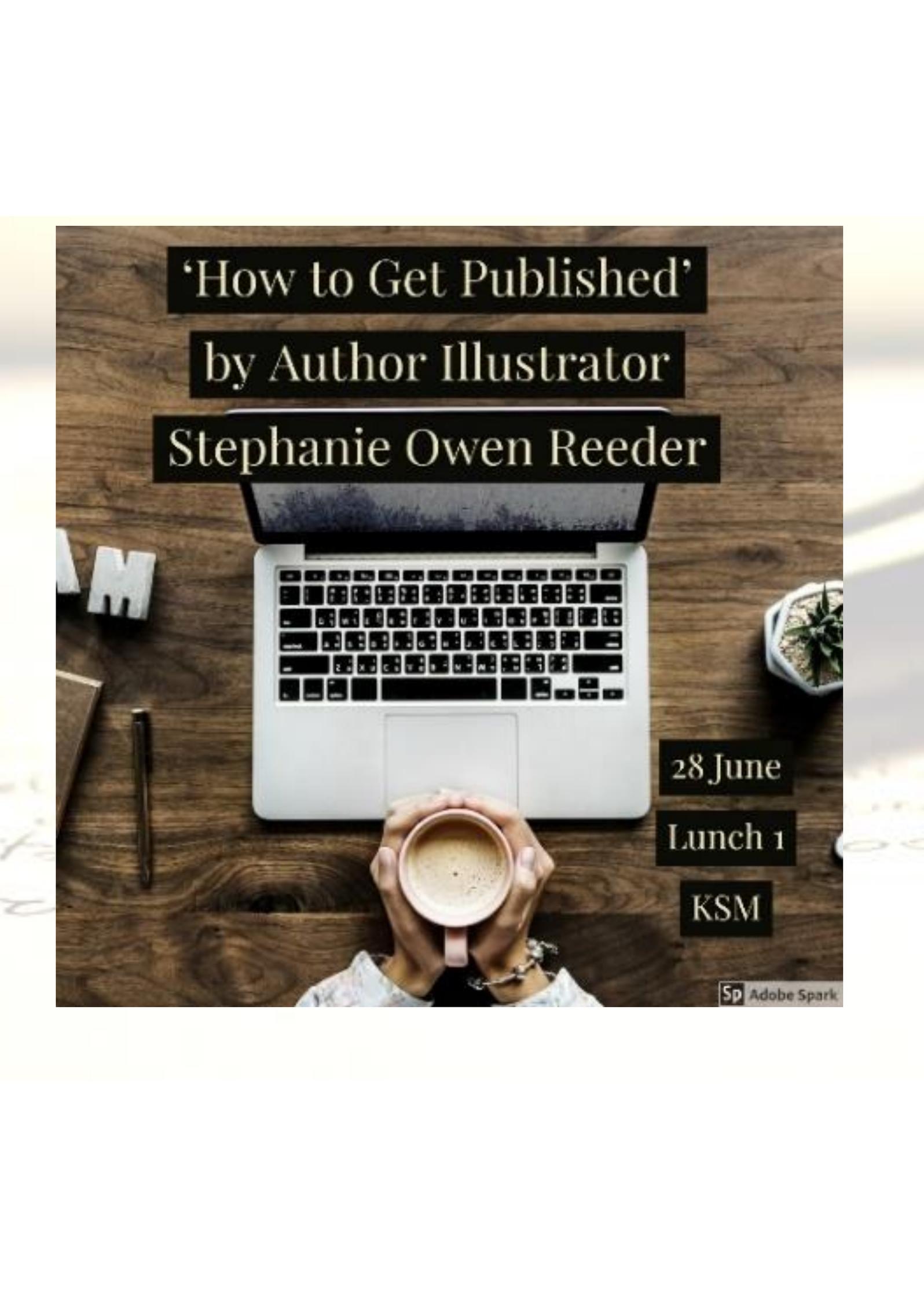
Careers in Writing Workshop



Mr Ben Archer, Careers Advisor at SFX. He has a strong interest in creative and performing arts, and has worked with many artists who have turned their passion into their career.

Lunch

Hub



'How to Get Published'
by Author Illustrator
Stephanie Owen Reeder

28 June

Lunch 1

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FRIDAY

'Why start a blog/vlog?'

Lunch

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With **Ms Beth Doherty** & special guest **Mr Elias Hallaj**



Beth Doherty is a journalist and teacher. She is the author of two books, *Tweet Others as you would Wish to be Tweeted* and *Sing it Out: Finding your Rhythm, Staying in Tune, Creating your Playlist and Writing your Song*. Beth's blog can be found at ijoyfullysing.com

Elias Hallaj, aka **CBRfoodie**, is a part-time food blogger and full-time political staffer who began a food blog about cheap food in Canberra in December 2013. He also tweets about food via the account [@CBRFoodie](https://twitter.com/CBRFoodie) and posts on Facebook about food via www.facebook.com/CBRfood. His Wordpress blog helps him share one particular aspect of food in Canberra that doesn't get much of a run in the mainstream media: cheap eats and street food.



In 2016 he joined the new website RiotACT as a regular contributor, writing mainly about food in Canberra.

Since writing for the RiotACT he admits letting his own blog fall into a state of disrepair but points out that he now enjoys a much larger audience and the inevitable call from an editor if he doesn't submit his weekly articles on time. Writing regularly for the RiotACT has had added writing benefits. In 2017 he wrote the website's top three food articles and six out of the top ten most read and shared food articles.

You can find Elias on social media via his personal and food writing accounts CBRfoodie.

LUNCHTIME TALK: 'WHY START A BLOG?'

WITH MS DOHERTY AND SPECIAL
GUEST ELIAS HALLAJ
@CBRFOODIE

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FRI 29 JUNE LUNCH 1 KSM

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Competitions

Year 9 'Bonza Blurb' Competition

Write the blurb for James Phelan's latest thriller

No more than 250 words.
1st prize \$50 Westfield Voucher. Due to the RC by 12 June

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**YEAR 7-12
ILLUSTRATION
COMPETITION**
A4 SIZE, PRIZE \$50
WESTFIELD VOUCHER,
DUE TO RC BY 12 JUNE

BRING THIS EXCERPT TO LIFE:

'THE MONSTER, AT THE FIRST MOTION, LUNGED FORWARD WITH A TERRIBLE SCREAM. IT COVERED ONE HUNDRED YARDS IN SIX SECONDS. THE RIFLES JERKED UP AND BLAZED FIRE. A WINDSTORM FROM THE BEAST'S MOUTH ENGULFED THEM IN THE STENCH OF SLIME AND OLD BLOOD. THE MONSTER ROARED, TEETH GLITTERING WITH SUN.'

**A SOUND OF THUNDER
BY RAY BRADBURY**

First Chapter Competition

Yr 7-12

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Write the first chapter of a
mystery/thriller,
use this image for inspiration

1st Prize \$50 Westfield voucher,
no more than 800 words,
entries due to the RC by 12

June

All entries are due
into the Resource
Centre

Tuesday 12th June