



Celebrate Story Creators Night

Guest Speakers:

Emma Allen
Craig Cormick
Pauline Deeves
Jack Heath
Harry Laing
Kerry Malone
Tania McCartney
Cate Whittle

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5.30pm for 6 pm start

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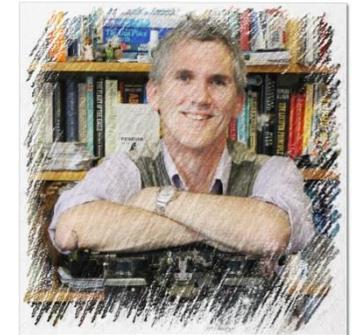


Emma Allen

Emma completed a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in English Literature and Film Studies (ANU, 2006). Emma then completed a Masters of Creative Writing (UC, 2012). Emma's first picture book *The Terrible Suitcase* was awarded Book of the Year (Early Childhood, 2013) by the Children's Book Council of Australia.

Craig Cormick

Craig Cormick is an award-winning Canberra author and science communicator. He has published 25 books of fiction, non-fiction, children's books and YA books across several genres. His children and YA books include *Time Vandals* and *Benji the Buccaneer*. His writing awards include a Queensland Premier's Literary Award and the ACT Book of the Year Award. His most recent books are the Shadow Master series. He has a book for younger readers, *Valdur the Viking*, coming soon in 2016.



Pauline Deeves



Pauline Deeves has been a teacher for more than 30 years with experience from kindergarten to college, including 15 years as a teacher librarian. She has contributed to many educational and children's publications and reviewed manuscripts for educational publishers. She is a regular visitor to schools, presenting writing workshops for both students and teachers and can design presentations to meet particular needs. Her latest book *Socks, Sandbags and Leeches* deals with childhood in WW1.



Jack Heath

Jack Heath is the award-winning author of *The Cut Out* and *300 Minutes Of Danger* (both CBCA notable books) and fourteen other action-packed thrillers for kids aged 8 to 14. His books are published in several languages around the world. He is deputy chair of the ACT Writers Centre.

Harry Laing

Harry Laing is a poet, comic performer and creative writing teacher. He has taken writing workshops in schools for over 20 years, working with students of all ages and abilities. Harry has been part of the Writers Roadshow, delivering writing workshops and producing anthologies for South Coast students. Harry also gives PL workshops for teachers and has presented at ACTATE, ETANSW and AATE/ ALEA conferences.



Kerry Malone

Kerry has a passion for storytelling. For many years she enjoyed introducing fabulous picture books to children during storytime at the local library where she worked. This same passion is expressed in her work as a tour guide at one of Canberra's tourist facilities where she weaves the history of the region into entertaining stories for visitors of all ages. She has spent years writing bits and pieces and never really found her 'thing' until her great-niece Tayla was born. Kerry had found

her 'one reader' and knew that writing children's stories was what she wanted to do. *You can do it Joey!* is her first picture book.



Tania McCartney

Tania McCartney is an award-winning author of books for both adults and children. Tania is an experienced magazine writer and editor, she has been writing professionally for over 25 years, and in 2009, founded Kids' Book Review. An Ambassador for the National Year of Reading (2012) and a Friend of The Reading Hour.

Cate Whittle

Cate Whittle is a children's author from the Canberra region. She has written both short fiction and articles for children's magazines and anthologies, and her first children's book, *Trouble at Home*, about a feisty young girl and a dragon, was published by Scholastic through their Omnibus imprint in 2016. Cate has a background in medieval studies and grew up on the Welsh border, so, of course, she mostly writes fantasy. It is not quite true that everything she writes is about dragons!



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