



KIDS PROGRAM

Newcastle Writers Festival

Newcastle Region Library
2-5 April 2014



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The 2014 Kids program is a celebration of literature and all things creative.

The program offers children a chance to meet the authors behind the stories and the opportunity to explore and create.

School Program

Schools are invited to participate in author talks, illustration and writing workshops. This exciting program features popular authors Aaron Blabey, Oliver Phommavanh, Jesse Blackadder and Tristan Bancks. Group bookings can be made by contacting **Julie Swane** on jswane@ncc.nsw.gov.au Tel. 4985 6692

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

3 & 4 April

From 10.00am

Newcastle Writers Festival

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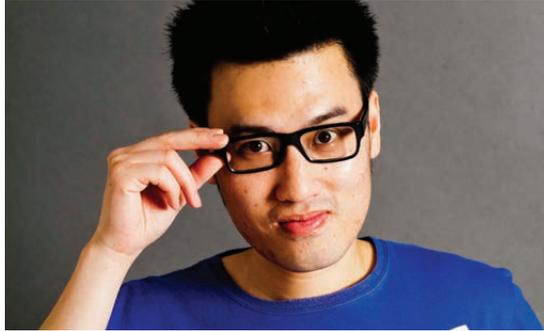
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Visiting Authors

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Oliver Phommavanh loves to make people laugh, whether it's on the page writing humour for kids or on stage as a stand-up comedian.

He also shares his passion for writing with the kids he teaches at a primary school in western Sydney. As a comedian, Oliver has appeared on stage, and on national TV and radio. He has also appeared in the anthology, ***Growing Up Asian in Australia***. He's a die-hard Nintendo fan.

Oliver's books ***Thai-riffic!*** and ***Con-nerd*** are short-listed for the KOALA and YABBA awards 2013. ***Punchlines*** is a CBCA Notable Book 2013 for younger readers.



Aaron Blabey lives in Sydney and is the creator of six picture books published by Penguin Australia.

The first is ***Pearl Barley*** and ***Charlie Parsley*** (2007) which has achieved remarkable success. It won the 2008 Children's Book Council Awards–Book of the Year (Early Childhood) and was short-listed for both the Crighton Award for New Illustrators and the prestigious New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards.

Aaron's second book ***Sunday Chutney*** was published in 2008 and shortlisted for the CBCA Picture Book of the Year 2009. ***Stanley Paste*** was published in 2009 to wide acclaim, and Aaron's much anticipated fourth book, ***The Ghost of Miss Annabel Spoon***, was published in 2011. Aaron's latest book is ***Noah Dreary***, published in July 2013.

Visiting Authors



Jesse Blackadder an international award-winning author of adult and children's fiction, and an inspiring public speaker.

The Australian Antarctic Division awarded Jesse the **2011-12 Antarctic Arts Fellowship** and she traveled there in 2011 to research the first woman to reach Antarctica. Jesse has also been a writer in residence in Sitka Alaska, in outback Australia, at Byron Bay and at Varuna The Writers' House in the Blue Mountains. Jesse is writing a series of junior fiction novels (for readers aged 8-10). The first, **Stay: The Last Dog in Antarctica**, was published in July 2013 by ABC Books.

Her most recent book is **Paruku: The Desert Brumby**.

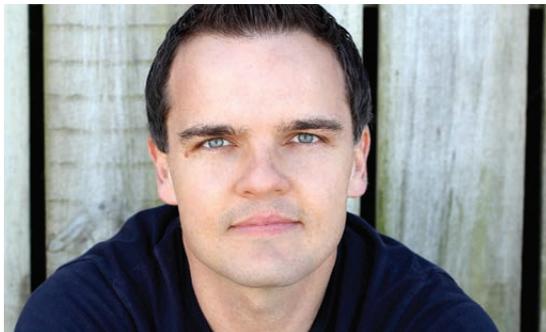


Deborah Kelly grew up on a farm in New Zealand. She studied Marine Biology at James Cook University in Queensland. Deborah has lived and worked in Japan and Scotland and has always been passionate about books and writing.

Deborah has written two picture books – **The Bouncing Ball** (Random House) and **Jam for Nana** (Random House) and has also contributed to the childrens' short story collections **Stories for Boys** and **Stories for Girls**, both released by Random House.

She also writes Haiku poetry which has been published in various forms. Deborah now lives in Lake Macquarie with her husband, two children and one very mischievous puppy!

Visiting Authors



Tristan Banks is a children's and middle-grade author with a background in acting and filmmaking. His short films as writer and director have won a number of awards and have screened widely in festivals and on TV.

His books include ***My Life & Other Stuff I Made Up*** (Random House), ***Mac Slater Coolhunter*** (Australia & US), ***Galactic Adventures First Kids in Space and the Nit Boy series*** (about a kid with the worst case of head lice in world history). Tristan's Young Adult novel ***It's yr life*** was co-written with actress and author Tempy Deckert.

His eBook short story ***Kids Stink*** (June 2013) features Tom Weekly and his latest book of weird, funny, gross short stories, ***My Life & Other Stuff That Went Wrong***, will be released in March 2014 followed by ***Two Wolves*** is due for release in April.



Liz Anelli As a children's book illustrator Liz loves to engage children of all ages (and their carers) in drawing, storytelling, mark-making and generally being creative.

Liz has worked with schools, libraries, museums and cultural centres worldwide to bring excitement and fun to making and illustrating stories and to banish the phrase "I can't draw."

Her latest book is called ***Howzat*** and is about a cricket game being played in 12 countries around the world. Her next book will be about Lake Eyre in Central Australia.

Visiting Authors



Leila Rudge is a relative newcomer to the world of illustrating children's books, yet her work is already receiving critical acclaim.

Her first children's book ***Duck for a Day*** was shortlisted for the CBCA Book of the Year Award.

No Bears, her second collaboration with author Meg McKinlay, was also shortlisted across two categories in 2012 by the CBCA. Leila illustrated ***Definitely No Ducks*** in 2013, along with her first solo project ***Ted***.

Her artwork is a mixture of pencil, paint, paper, with collage often added to her illustrations.

In 2013, Leila was nominated for the Fun Fearless Female Author Award with *Cosmopolitan* magazine. Originally from England, Leila now lives in Newcastle.



Ben Mitchell is a graphic designer, illustrator and academic based in Newcastle.

When he's not teaching Visual Communication Design at the University of Newcastle, Ben works as a freelance illustrator at The Roost Creative for clients as varied as Red Bull, The Vengaboys, Blunt Magazine and Smash Mouth.

Ben has organised several international art events around town and has exhibited in Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, Curve Gallery, Watt Space and Maitland Regional Art Gallery, as well as appearing in the 2013 Semi-Permanent Melbourne Collector's Book.

Ben's area of focus and passion has always been sequential art and he has recently completed a thesis on comic book page design. Ben will be launching his debut graphic novel, ***Storm Clouds***, in March 2014.

Visiting Authors



Gerry Bobsien is a young adult and childrens' author.

Gerry has worked as a blacksmith in an industrial forge, a curator and a copywriter. Her book ***Surf Ache*** is set in Newcastle and tells the story of a girl coming to terms with life in a new city where the sea is everything.

Other books include ***The Colour of Trouble*** and ***Vinni Versus Bluebottle***, published by Walker Books Australia. She is currently working on another novel for Walker.



Ted Prior created ***Grug*** in 1979 when he was living on a small farm in NSW.

Ted had started reading stories to his two young children and thought he would try to create his own imaginary bush animal and write a story about it.

The Grug books were published between 1979 and 1992 by Hodder Headline Australia and have now been republished by Simon & Schuster.

This is a chance to meet a local author and his best friend Grug.



Ray Kelly is the Aboriginal Youth Arts Officer at The City of Newcastle. Ray will launch a new and innovative story time performance at the Festival.

The recently developed theatre and digital showcase encourages audience participation through music, hands on interaction and creative new surprises.

The 20 minute show will take the audience on a contemporary journey through the fantasy of dreamtime to experience the magical art of Aboriginal storytelling.



Shaun Tan is a multi award- winning author and illustrator.

His work includes *The Lost Thing*, *The Arrival*, *The Red Tree*, *Tales from Outer Suburbia*, *The Bird King* and *Rules of Summer*.

Shaun is both illustrator and author of *The Lost Thing*, which started life in 1999 as an idea sketched at Shaun's kitchen table. The picture book was published in 2000.

An exhibition of original artwork from the *The Lost Thing* will be on display at the Lovett Gallery during the Festival. Shaun Tan will not be present at the Festival.



Bliss Cavanagh is an artist who uses bright colours and lights in the creation of a multi-sensory environment.

Diagnosed with Tourette syndrome at the age of six, Bliss's life was a constant struggle, developing issues such as social anxiety and depression. Her passion for drawing, painting and all aspects of art making has been her saviour. Providing her with a freedom and a purpose, beyond the stress of the overload of nervous tension, abnormal tics and sensory disturbances.

PLEASE NOTE: Exhibiting Artists (Shaun Tan and Bliss Cavanagh) will not be present at the Festival.

Fun Zone

Children can indulge their senses at Newcastle Region Library in a colourful world of furry fun and delightful hands-on-art works. **Bliss Cavanagh's multi-sensory kids' writing zone** will inspire young writers to create a world where all things are possible.

OPEN THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

Festival Exhibition



Shaun Tan – The Lost Thing

An exhibition of original art works from the beloved picture book and animated film by acclaimed Australian artist Shaun Tan will be launched at the Newcastle Writers Festival.

The exhibition includes the original paintings, working drawings, production footage and behind the scenes interviews with the team who created the

picture book and turned it into an Oscar®-winning short film. Shaun Tan's *The Lost Thing: From Book to Film* will run until the end of June 2014.

Exploring the process of what it takes turning a picture book into an animated film, this exhibition tells a story in two parts: firstly, Shaun's exquisite original sketches, collages and finished paintings show how he developed the storyline and visual style for the original picture book. Secondly, Shaun and the team from Passion Pictures Australia reveal how they developed the picture book into a short animated film, which went on to win the Oscar® for Best Animated Short Film in 2011.

Starting life in 1999 as an idea sketched at Shaun's kitchen table, the picture book *The Lost Thing* tells the story of a boy who befriends an unusual creature who just doesn't seem to belong anywhere. Together, they search through a city dominated by bureaucracy, looking for answers, but are

met by indifference at every turn. Largely illustrative with minimal text, *The Lost Thing* is layered with resonant observations about the environment, technology and childhood, making this a story for all ages.

EXHIBITING

2 April

UNTIL 30 JUNE 2014





Workshops

Newcastle
Writers Festival

**Kids Program
Timetable**

Newcastle
Region Library

TITLE & DESCRIPTIONS	DATE / TIME	LOCATION	AGE	COST
Gifted and talented Gerry Bobsien	THURSDAY 3 April 10.00am – 11.30am	Newcastle Region Library Level 1 Theatrette	Yr 5 & 6	\$15
	In this workshop, Gerry will take passionate young writers through the joys of listening and writing. This workshop will cater to Year 5 and 6 primary students who have a passion and flair for storytelling. The writers will learn the importance of sharing their work and discussing the work of other writers in a constructive and fun environment. Bookings essential – call 4974 5300			



Creative Writing for Boys

Tristan Bancks

FRIDAY
4 April
10.00am –
11.30am

Newcastle
Region
Library
Level 1
Theatrette

Yr 4-6

\$15

This workshop is aimed at giving boys the inspiration needed to release the wild beasts of their imagination.

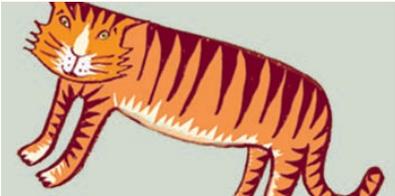


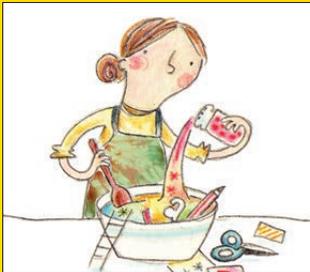
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
3 to 4 April

From 4.30pm

Workshops Yr5 to Teens

Workshops will provide an opportunity for small groups to **work with inspiring author and illustrators**. The program includes creative writing inspired by art, the art of graphic novels for teens, creative writing for boys and an after school illustration workshop for children who enjoy drawing, art and being creative.

TITLE & DESCRIPTIONS	DATE / TIME	LOCATION	AGE	COST
 <p>Graphic novel Ben Mitchell</p>	<p>THURSDAY 3 April 4.30pm – 6.30pm</p>	Newcastle Region Library Level 1 Theatrette	Young Adult	\$15
<p>Step into the exciting world of comic book art with local cartoonist and designer Ben Mitchell in a hands-on workshop for young adults. If you're interested in storytelling, it might be time to experiment with a whole new way to tell a tale - with pictures.</p> <p>Be sure to bring a bunch of ideas because things are going to get experimental!</p>				
 <p>Illustration Workshop Liz Anelli</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 2 April 4.30pm – 6.00pm</p>	Lovett Gallery	Primary	\$15
<p>Discover the fun of creating illustrations for your own 'Lost Thing'. Local author/ illustrator Liz Anelli will use printmaking and collage workshop for children aged 9 to 13.</p>				



WEDNESDAY

2 April

10.00am – 12.00pm

Preschool Day

Families and preschools are invited to join the Newcastle Writers Festival for an exciting day of **fun and delight for children under five**. The program will be held at **Newcastle Region Library** and it will be an hour of fun activities where children will rotate between three stimulating activity stations.

Group Bookings
Telephone 4974 5300
Cost: Free



Fun activities for Preschool Children

**Newcastle
Region Library**
Laman Street
Newcastle

SESSION 1
10.00am –
11.00am

SESSION 2
11.00am –
12.00pm

STATION 1
Outdoor
Marquee Area

Craft Activity

STATION 2
City Library

Leila Rudge

STATION 3
Lovett Gallery

Ten Minutes a Day
songs & stories

1. Craft activity to take home.
2. Meet local author/illustrator **Leila Rudge**, for a fun storytime activity.

Children will be able to meet guest author and have books signed thanks to MacLean's Booksellers.

3. Dance to '**Jump Into a Story**', then march, wade, squelch and creep through the loveable children's classic '**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**' in this enjoyable interactive session.



THURSDAY & FRIDAY

3 to 4 April

From 9.30am

Author Program

An exciting opportunity for students to meet their favourite authors, discover new ones and be inspired by the two creative zones. The original art from Shaun Tan's book *The Lost Thing* will be a feature of the program and Bliss Cavanagh's multi-sensory zone will inspire creativity.

Booking are essential and spaces are limited.

Author Program – Primary School Children

LOCATION

Cultural Centre, Laman Street

AUTHOR	THURSDAY 3 April	COST
Tristan Bancks	9.30am – 10.15am	\$5
Aaron Blabey	9.30am – 10.15am	\$5

Gifted and Talented Writing Workshop Yr 5/6

Gerry Bobsien	10.00am – 11.30am	\$15
The Art of Shaun Tan	10.20am – 10.50am	Free
Tristan Bancks	11.00am – 11.45am	\$5
Aaron Blabey	11.00am – 11.45am	\$5

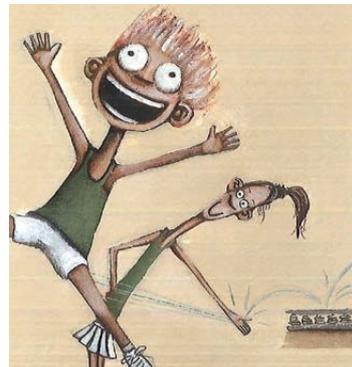
* Gifted and Talented Writing Workshop Yr 5/6 – Gerry Bobsien

* Repeat of 10am workshop if first fully booked	12.30pm – 2.00pm	\$15
The Art of Shaun Tan	12.15 – 12.45	Free
Aaron Blabey	1.00pm – 1.45pm	\$5
Tristan Bancks	1.00pm – 1.45pm	\$5
The Art of Graphic Novels. Age 13 +	4.30pm – 6.00pm	\$5

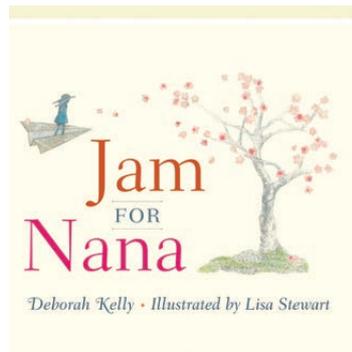
Author Program – Primary School Children

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AUTHOR	FRIDAY 4 April	COST
Oliver Phommavanh	9.30am – 10.15am	\$5
Jesse Blackadder	9.30am – 10.15am	\$5
Writing Workshop for Boys Yr5/6		
Tristan Bancks	10.00am – 11.30am	\$15
The Art of Shaun Tan	10.20am – 10.50am	Free
Oliver Phommavanh	11.00am – 11.45am	\$5
Jesse Blackadder	11.00am – 11.45am	\$5
Lunch Break	12.15pm – 1.00pm	
* Writing Workshop		
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The Art of Shaun Tan	12.15pm – 12.45pm	Free
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Meet Sydney illustrator Aaron Blabey at 9.30am on 3 April at Newcastle Region Library.



Deborah Kelly will be at the Library reading from her latest book **Jam for Nana** on Saturday 5 April.



SATURDAY
5 April

9.30am – 1.00pm

Festival Family Hub

Join us for a free fun-filled morning of **stories, art and games** in the company of lovable Grug, Wacky Wombat and a Giant Fish. The festival Family Hub features a giant chair where local authors will read books.

- Local authors reading
- Aboriginal storytelling
- Multi-sensory zone
- Face painting

Come along and enjoy this celebration of words, colours and pictures!



Stories in The Fish

Family Fun Day – Saturday

LOCATION

Cultural Centre, Laman Street

Stories from local authors & book signings

COST

Storytime	10.00am	Gerry Bobsien	12.00pm	FREE
Ray's Aboriginal Stories	10.30am	Ted Prior & Grug	12.30pm	
Leila Rudge	11.00am	Storytime	12.30pm	
Deborah Kelly	11.30am	Craft – Drop in	12.30pm	

Craft Zone – Free drop in under the Marquee

As part of our **Shaun Tan's *The Lost Thing*** exhibition, you are invited to help us construct a fantastical gallery of Utopia filled with drawings of your own Lost Thing.

FREE

Event Booking Form

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EVENT TITLE:

EVENT DATE:

TIME:

EVENT COST: \$15 \$5 FREE

NUMBER OF CHILDREN:

SCHOOL YEAR:

CONTACT PERSON:

ORGANISATION:

EMAIL:

Tel.

How to book...

Bookings open Monday 3 February 2014.

To discuss bookings and availability for each event please contact Julie Swane 4985 6692 or Carol Edmonds 4974 5324.

All bookings will receive confirmation by email and pre-payment advice. Payment for group bookings is due 14 March and is non refundable.

Signature:

Please return each signed form via fax to 4974 5396 or email these details to jswane@ncc.nsw.gov.au

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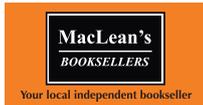
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