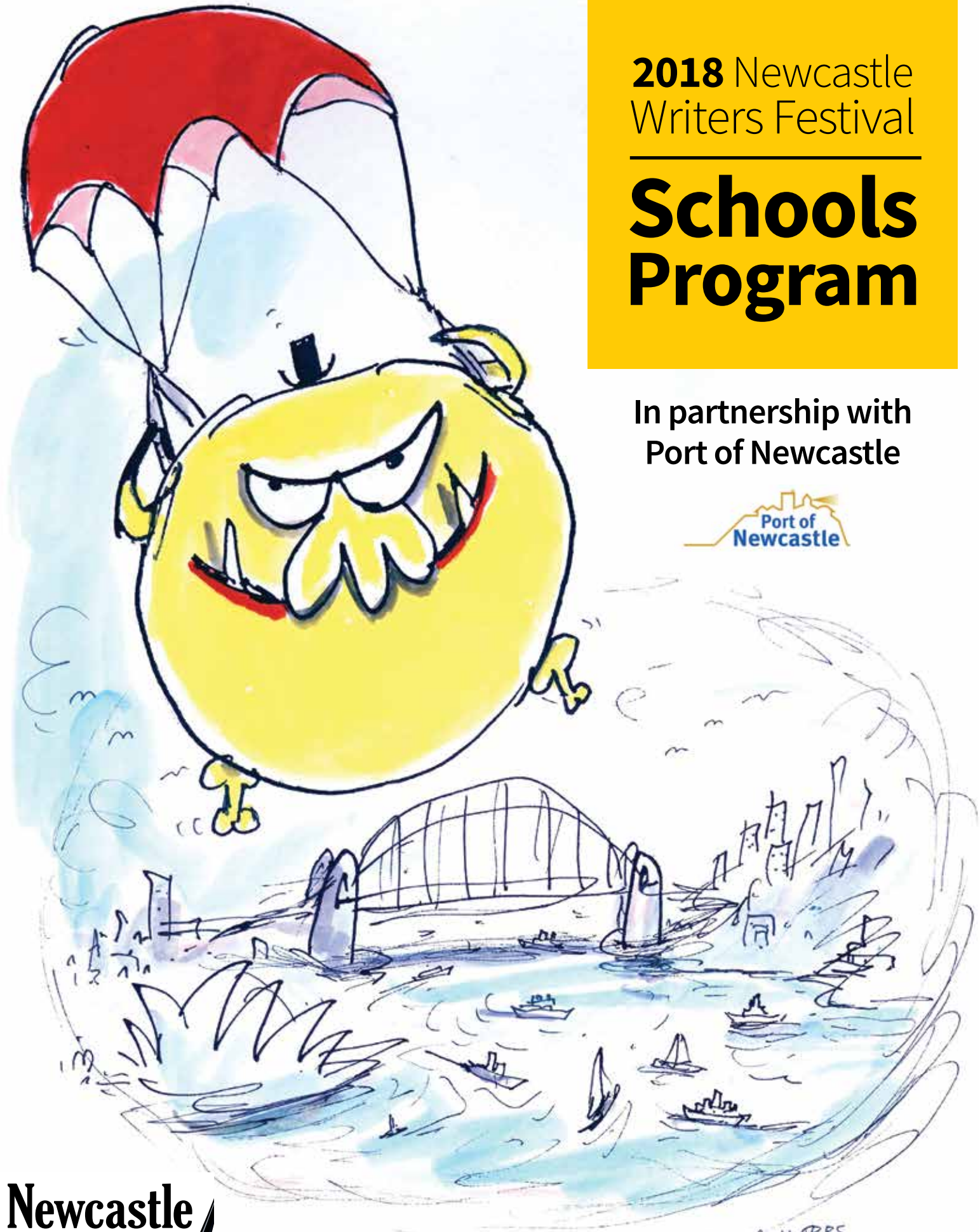


2018 Newcastle
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Schools Program

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The Newcastle Writers Festival Schools Program presented in partnership with Port of Newcastle is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with their favourite authors and be inspired in a fun, educational and interactive way.

For the first time since the program's inception, writer presentations are free.

In these popular sessions, writers perform from their work, talk about their craft and take questions from students.

The workshop series offers students a more intensive, individual learning experience.

In 2018, we are thrilled to be taking our program to Cessnock as part of a new partnership with Cessnock City Council.

Special thanks to our partner Port of Newcastle and sponsors Create NSW, Newcastle and Cessnock City Councils, as well as the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund. Thanks also to MacLean's Booksellers.

Years 1 to 4

**Draw Along
with Leigh Hobbs**

Create colourful characters with Children's Laureate Leigh Hobbs, the artist who has created some of our best-loved characters - Mr Chicken and Old Tom.

9.30am - 10.15am
Newcastle City Hall, Concert Hall

Free Event - registration required



Years 3 to 4

**What a Character!
with Yvette Poshoglian**

Explore what makes a great character with Yvette Poshoglian and find out what your favourite (fictional) people all have in common.

11.30am - 12.45pm
1.15pm - 2.00pm
Newcastle City Hall, Cummings Room

Free Event - registration required



Presentations

Years 5 to 6

**The Fall
with Tristan Bancks**

Tristan will take students behind the scenes of his new crime-mystery novel *The Fall* and his CBCA Honour book *Two Wolves*. The presentations will be full of laughs and valuable tips on how students can use their own lives to feed their stories.

9.30am - 10.15am | 10.45am - 11.30am
Newcastle City Hall, Hunter Room

Free Event - registration required



Years K to 2

**Endangered Storytelling
with Gregg Dreise**

In this session, Gregg will take students on a journey to his childhood riverbank. The adventure includes music, daggy jokes and, most importantly, a good yarn.

9.30am - 10.15am | 11.00am - 11.45am
Newcastle City Hall, Mulubinba Room

Free Event - registration required



Years K to 2

**Silly Rhymes and Silly Times
with Kate and Jol Temple**

This interactive presentation will focus on Kate and Jol's picture books. The creative pair will take students on a journey that explores the world through visual literacy and word play. They also discuss what it's like to be an author and how little books can contain big ideas.

12.00pm - 12.45pm
Newcastle City Hall, Hunter Room

Free Event - registration required



Workshops

Years 3 to 4

Unleash Your Inner Writing Rock Star with Yvette Poshoglian

Whether a student is working on fiction, non-fiction, poetry or a script, they will learn how to boost their creativity and enhance their writing.

9.30am - 10.45am

Newcastle Library, Meeting Room 1

Tickets \$18.50 pp (inc. GST) - Limited to 20 students

Years 3 to 5

The Magic Door with Jess Black

In this workshop students can explore their own portal into a fantasy world through the device of a magic door. They will work on the setting, characters and magical creatures.

9.30am - 11.00am | 12.45pm - 2.00pm

Newcastle Library, Meeting Room 2

Tickets \$18.50 pp (inc. GST) - Limited to 20 students

Years 5 to 6

Battling the Blank Page with Paul Russell

Using objects, images, illustrations and games, Paul will inspire students to embrace the blank page and write. Students will leave with ideas and the beginnings of magical stories.

9.30am - 11.00am | 12.30pm - 2.00pm

Newcastle City Hall, Newcastle Room

Tickets \$18.50 pp (inc. GST) - Limited to 25 students

Years 5 to 6

How to Catch Eyeballs with Kate and Jol Temple

Flex your creativity and have fun with persuasive language when you invent your own crazy product and create an ad to sell it.

9.30am - 11.00am | 1.00pm - 2.15pm

Newcastle Library, Lovett Gallery

Tickets \$18.50 pp (inc. GST) - Limited to 25 students

Years 1 to 3

Places and Plans with Liz Anelli

Inspired by Liz's recent picture book *Grace and Kate*, students will use drawing and printmaking materials to invent their "dream home", castle or maybe even recreate their own house. The buildings will then fit into a newly re-designed Newcastle city centre, complete with inventive transport links, roads and street infrastructure.

9.30am - 11.00am | 12.30pm - 2.00pm

Newcastle Library, The Space

Tickets \$18.50 pp (inc. GST) - Limited to 20 students

Years 3 to 6

Mr Chicken and Friends with Leigh Hobbs

Join the Children's Laureate Leigh Hobbs to learn how to draw three of his crazy but lovable characters - Mr Chicken, Old Tom and Horrible Harriet. He will also teach budding young artists how to create their very own characters.

11.00am - 12.15pm | 12.45pm - 2.00pm

Newcastle Library, Meeting Room 1

Tickets \$18.50 pp (inc. GST) - Limited to 20 students

Years 5 to 6

Your Life and Other Stuff You Made Up with Tristan Bancks

How can students use all the odd, boring and funny stuff that happens to them and turn the experience into excellent stories? Students will learn how to mine their own lives for cool, weird and creepy stories that their friends and teachers will love.

12.30pm - 2.00pm

Newcastle City Hall, Mulubinba Room

Tickets \$18.50 pp (inc. GST) - Limited to 25 students

Who's Who



Liz Anelli

English born, award-winning illustrator Liz Anelli enjoys drawing more than anything else in the world,

even more than eating ice cream. The Newcastle-based illustrator also loves to experiment with different materials and creates her picture books using a mixture of drawing, paint, printmaking, collage and her computer. Her picture books titles are *Ten Pound Pom*, *Desert Lake*, *One Photo*, *Grace and Katie and Howzat!*.



Tristan Bancks

Tristan Bancks is a children's and teen author. His books include the *My Life* series, *Mac Slater* and *Two*

Wolves, a crime-mystery novel for middle-graders. *Two Wolves* won Honour Book in the 2015 Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards and was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards. Tristan's new books are *My Life & Other Weaponised Muffins*, a fifth book of weird-funny-gross, semi-autobiographical short stories and *The Fall*, a new thriller for ages 10-plus. tristanbancks.com



Jess Black

Newcastle-based Jess Black is the author of more than 30 books for children. She has also written a number of

chapter book series, including the *Keeper of the Crystal Series*, *The Little Paws series* and is the co-author of the highly successful *The Kaboom Kid*, *The Bindi Wildlife Adventures series* and the *Animal Tales series*. Jess has written two picture books; *Moon Dance* and *Bold Australian Girl*. She is a tutor at The Writers Studio and regularly teaches writing workshops for children at The Creative Word Shop.



Gregg Dreise

Gregg Dreise is an award-winning author and illustrator and is a descendent of the Kamilaroi

tribe from south-west Queensland and north-west New South Wales. His most recent title, *Mad Magpie*, is the third book in his successful series of morality tales and was long-listed in the 2017 Australian Book Industry Awards. Gregg was born and raised in St George, Queensland, and is a Sunshine Coast teacher.



Leigh Hobbs

Leigh Hobbs is an illustrator and writer who began drawing at six. He was appointed the Australian Children's

Laureate for 2016, taking over from Jackie French. Leigh is best known for his *Mr Chicken* series as well as his array of characters, such as *Old Tom*, *Horrible Harriet*, *Fiona the Pig* and *Mr Badger*. *Mr Chicken Goes to Paris* has been shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards and the Children's Book Council Awards, as has *Horrible Harriet* and *Old Tom's Holiday*.



Yvette Poshoglian

Yvette Poshoglian is the author of 30 books for children and young people, including the

best-selling *Ella and Olivia* series. Yvette has also written *The Frankie Fox Girl Spy* books, *My Australian Story: Escape from Cockatoo Island* and *Every Minute in Australia*. Yvette is a high school English teacher and recently ran the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.



Paul Russell

Paul Russell is the author of a series of fantasy books for upper-primary aged children set in the magical

world of *Eos*. In 2017 he released his first picture book, *Grandma Forgets*, to positive reviews. He is also a CONDA-winning playwright and teacher. Determined to never grow up, Paul imbues his work with an overriding sense of hope.



Kate and Jol Temple

Kate and Jol are the authors of the *Jimmy Cook Discovers* Third Grade series, an illustrated junior

fiction series about a boy set on being a famous explorer – one disaster at a time. It was selected as Honour Book for 2017 CBCA and shortlisted for Best Designed Book of the Year (ABDA). Their rhyming picture books include *Mike I Don't Like*, *Parrot Carrot* and *I Got This Hat*, which was the 2016 National Simultaneous Storytime Book and read by more than 500,000 kids on the same day. They are both ambassadors for Raising Literacy Australia.

Program Information

All sessions are being held in the Civic Precinct.

Risk assessments are available upon request.

Bus drop-off area is located on Laman Street outside Newcastle Region Library.

MacLean's Booksellers will be on site with a large selection of books and the guest writers will be available for signings.

Bookings - Open at 9am on Monday, 5 February 2018.

Ticket Prices - Author presentations are free but schools need to register their attendance via <https://newcastlewritersfestivalschoolsprogram2018.eventbrite.com.au>

If you register for free events and then would like to reduce numbers please contact the Newcastle Writers Festival at admin@newcastlewritersfestival.org.au

Workshops - These are \$18.50 (inc. GST) per student. There are maximum numbers listed in the schedule. Book via <https://newcastlewritersfestivalschoolsprogram2018.eventbrite.com.au>

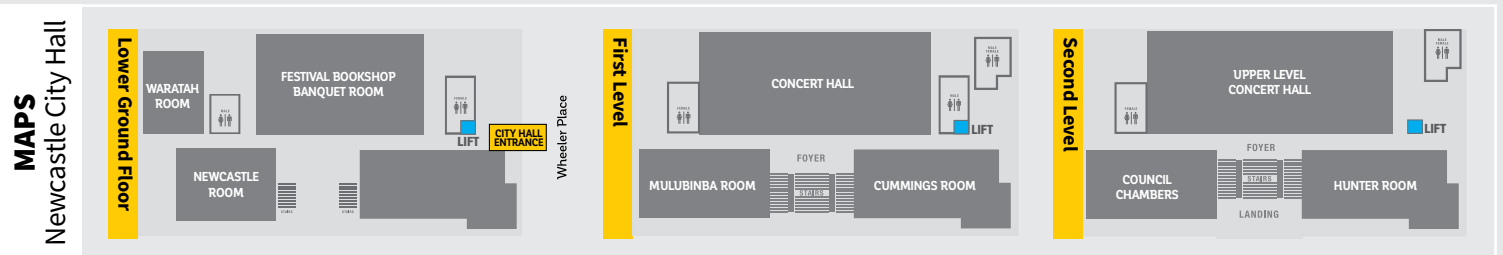
Teachers/Guardians - Free when accompanying students. Teacher/guardian supervision is required at all sessions. If parents are bringing small groups you are expected to remain for the duration of the session.

How to Book - Individual and small group bookings can be made:

- Online at <https://newcastlewritersfestivalschoolsprogram2018.eventbrite.com.au>
- Payment for workshops can be made at the time of booking by credit card

School bookings can be made:

- Online at <https://newcastlewritersfestivalschoolsprogram2018.eventbrite.com.au>. Available places will be noted when booking.



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