

# Coungeau House – Toc H QLD SWWQ Writer's Retreat

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017



36 Banya Street, BONGAREE, BRIBIE ISLAND, QLD 4507.

The place to meet old friends and make new ones, get together with members of your Postal Magazine group and write, in this relaxing, holiday destination at the beach.

## THE STORY OF COUNGEAU HOUSE:

Coungeau is one of the most historic buildings on Bribie Island. It was built in 1915 by an Albanian Wine and Spirit Merchant who owned a liquor business in Petrie Bight, near the Old Customs House in Brisbane. Mr Norman Coungeau and his English wife Emily retired to Bribie and lived in their home from 1919 until she was taken ill and hospitalised. The house was then put on the market to be sold; unfortunately, the offers were so low that Mr Norman Coungeau decided to donate it to the Church of England in 1936 as a holiday home for Anglican clergy.

During the II world war, Coungeau House was often used by high-ranking American and Australian service personnel. After the war, it continued to be used by Anglican Clergy until 1968, when Toc H (Talbot House,) Bribie Island Project bought it. Work was then done to restore the house. It was raised, steel girders were placed in position to support it, and Besser block walls were built enclosing the area underneath. A great deal of the restoration work was done by members of the Brisbane Branch of Toc H and in 1976, the Deeds of Coungeau House were handed over to Toc H Queensland Area.

There will be some writing activities arranged by SWWQ. One will be on Saturday morning at 10 am run by Trudy Graham. "The Trudy Take on Editing."

# SWWQ Bribie Retreat Booking Form

Tea /coffee provided.

\$25.00 per night accommodation in Congeau House. Meals \$10 each.

Evening meal eat out or get delivered at own expense.

Contact Helen Boardman on 0418 761 652 for more details and bookings or email [h.j.boardman17@gmail.com](mailto:h.j.boardman17@gmail.com).

## Booking Form

Name:.....

Phone No:.....Email.....

Next of Kin Contact.....

Days to Visit    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday    Sunday am

Nights to Stay:    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

*Circle days/nights you plan to stay and calculate the accommodation cost, @\$25 per night. If planning to stay overnight, please bring pillows and sheets etc.*

Indicate the number of meals you will require ..... @ \$10 = \$.....

TOTAL PAYMENT \$.....

Payment by cheque – made out to Society of Women Writers, Qld, and sent to Treasurer, Wendy Svartz, 30 Troop Street, Jamboree Heights, Qld 4074. - or direct deposit to Westpac BSB 034-050, Account No. 13-6032. Include your name on the reference line. Email the Treasurer to let her know you have posted the cheque or made direct payment. [treasurer@womenwritersqld.org.au](mailto:treasurer@womenwritersqld.org.au)

**Send your booking form to Helen Boardman or phone her with details.**

**If you know of someone who is not a member, but would like to attend the retreat, a special membership offer of \$15.**