



SWWQ WRITERS RETREAT 2019

Coungeau House Bribie Island

11th -13th October

We invite all members to join us on beautiful Bribie Island for our annual SWWQ retreat. This is an opportunity for you to meet with old friends, make new friends, write, relax, learn, share your ideas and writing with likeminded women in a fabulous creative and delightful setting. The retreat officially runs from Friday afternoon 11th until after lunch on Sunday 13th October.

Members are welcome to arrive from Wednesday 9th to relax, read and write, however all activity is self-directed, and all food is self-catered until the retreat officially begins.

Accommodation is shared room and dormitory style. There are some bunk beds.
Accommodation is limited and will be allocated on a first come (and paid) basis.

Day visitors are welcome. On the booking form please advise of your approximate arrival and departure times to enable effective catering.

About Coungeau House

Coungeau House is currently under the excellent stewardship of temporary caretaker Christine Clark. She and her group of enthusiastic volunteers are working tirelessly to restore and refresh the facilities and to encourage community group use. We are delighted to again have Coungeau House as the base for our retreat.

Built in 1915 by an Albanian wine and spirit merchant, Coungeau House is one of Bribie Island's historic buildings. Norman Coungeau had a liquor business in Petrie Bight, near Customs House in Brisbane. He retired to Bribie with his English wife Emily in 1919. When Emily was later taken ill, the house was put on the market but offers were so low that in 1936 Coungeau donated it, instead, to the Church of England. It became a holiday home for Anglican clergy. High-ranking American and Australian service personnel stayed at Coungeau House during World War II. Afterwards, it continued to be used by Anglican Clergy until the Toc H (Talbot House) Bribie Island Project bought it in 1968. The house was raised, steel girders were installed, and Besser block walls were built to enclose a spacious area underneath. Much of this restoration work was done by members of the Brisbane Branch of Toc H. The deeds of Coungeau House were handed over to Toc H Queensland in 1976.





Engaging Stories: Credible Characters

Eileen Herbert-Goodall has had many pieces of non-fiction and short fiction published and is the author of a novella titled 'The Sherbrooke Brothers'.

Eileen teaches creative writing with the University of the Sunshine Coast, as well as the Queensland Writers Centre. She holds a Doctorate of Creative Arts.

On Saturday morning Eileen will present a workshop entitled **Engaging stories: Credible Characters**. This workshop will cover an

in-depth discussion concerning the features/aesthetics that contribute to engaging stories, as well as how to use characters (and their experiences in the story world) to help drive plot forward.



Programme

Friday 11th Arrival and Welcome

- + Dinner is usually takeaway (at your cost)
- + Friday Night Salon—come prepared with a short reading to share over coffee and dessert

Saturday 12th

- + Breakfast at your leisure
- + 10.00 –12.00 Engaging Stories: Credible Characters writing workshop—Dr Eileen Herbert - Goodall (University of Sunshine Coast)
- + 1.00—2.00 Lunch (Quiche, salad and bread rolls)
- + 2.00—5.00 - Your Choice -writing reflection/ own time/ join with others to collaborate or write short stories
- + 5.00—6.00 Wine and cheese and chat time
- + 6.00ish Dine out dinner at local eatery (at your cost)

Sunday 13th

- + Poets Breakfast: Bring a favourite piece of poetry (yours or someone else's) to share over breakfast
- + 11.00—12.00 Readers Cup: Quiz style team activity to share your knowledge of contemporary and historical books. Prizes, prizes, prizes!
- + 12.30 BBQ Lunch followed by afternoon

BOOKING FORM

- ✚ **Accommodation at Coungeau House** \$25.00 per night BYO toiletries, linen etc.
- ✚ Day session price (for those not staying) \$5.00 per morning and afternoon session

✚ **Catering Costs and Information**

- ✚ \$15.00 general grocery charge
- ✚ \$10.00 each Saturday and Sunday lunch
- ✚ **Evening Meals:** Friday takeaway and Saturday dine out, at own expense.
- ✚ **Breakfast:** (general groceries will include tea and coffee, milk, bread, butter, jam etc.)
- ✚ BYO alcohol and 'sunset' food.
- ✚ **IF YOU HAVE FOOD ALLERGIES (gluten, dairy etc) YOU WILL NEED TO CATER FOR THESE YOURSELF.**

Name.....

Phone Number.....

Next of Kin Contact Name..... Phone Number.....

Circle days/nights you plan to attend:

Nights Staying: Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Days Visiting Only: Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Calculate accommodation cost @ \$25.00 per night..... \$.....

Calculate cost of sessions if NOT staying overnight @ \$5.00 per session..... \$.....

Add \$15.00 grocery charge and the cost of lunches required @ \$10.00 per lunch..... \$.....

TOTAL PAYMENT..... \$.....

POST: Send form and cheque/money order (Society of Women Writers Queensland Inc.) to

SWWQ, PO Box 12820, George St Post Office, Brisbane City, 4000

DIRECT DEPOSIT: Society of Womens Writers Inc. Bendigo Bank, BSB: 633-000, Account No: 164387243

PLEASE USE YOUR NAME AS A REFERENCE WHEN MAKING YOUR PAYMENT ONLINE

If you know of someone who would like to attend, but is not a member, please let them know about our special \$15.00 retreat membership offer.

The membership form is available on the SWWQ website:

www.womenwritersqld.org.au