



2023 Writing Workshops

✚ 16th September – Illustrated Fiction (Adult), Emeritus

Professor Gary Crew

Venue: North Lakes Community Centre, Meeting Room 2

Time: 10.00am to 11.30am (*break for 1hr.*) 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Cost: \$50.00



This illustrated book workshop will focus particularly on the use of illustration (visual text) in literature intended for mature readers. Illustrated books for children will only be referred to in passing. The workshop is intended for adult participation. Gary will demonstrate the function and purpose of the visual text across a range of genres, concentrating especially on the combination of/interaction between/print text (words), and visual text (images including photos and illustrations), whereby a third (or multiple) range of narratives/interpretations of a work of literature may emerge.

Participants will be exposed to a wide range of rare and highly unusual books which combine visual and print texts to create exciting and innovative outcomes. While many visual images will be considered and interpreted, no participants will be expected to draw or illustrate. The workshop will include a close reading of highly successful internationally published examples of this important and emergent genre. This workshop has been presented in the United Kingdom and the USA where Gary's work is well known.

Gary Crew is Emeritus Professor of Creative Writing at the University of the Sunshine Coast. He is co-patron of the Fellowship of Australian Writers (Queensland). Gary has published over 80 novels and illustrated books internationally, including two anthologies of short stories. He has delivered workshops and addresses on all aspects of writing and literature in Australia, the USA, England, the Pacific Region and Asia. He has a Masters of English Literature (University of Queensland) and a Doctorate of Creative Arts (Creative Writing) (University of the Sunshine Coast). He is particularly interested in researching the macabre and stories forgotten by History. In recent years he has devoted many of his titles to illustrated book for older readers, eco-critical and environmental issues and the long-neglected stories of castaways on the Australian Coast. Among his many awards, Gary has won the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year four times, twice for his novels, twice for the illustrated book category; the New South Wales Premier's Award, the Victorian Premier's Award, the American Children's Book of Distinction, The Aurealis Award for Speculative Fiction, the Wilderness Society's Award for Environmental Writing, and the Royal Geographic Society Whitley Award. He has been twice short listed for the Edgar Allan Poe Mystery Fiction Award in the USA and won the Ned Kelly Award for Crime Writing in Australia. Gary has 3 adult children and 9 grandchildren. He now lives in blissful isolation on Bribie Island overlooking the Pumicestone Passage where he has written extensively on Pamphlett and Finnegan, the convicts castaway on Bribie in 1823. He has a passion for dogs, especially Jack Russell terriers.