

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

COVID-19 Creative and Cultural Arts Program

# Writers in Libraries



Expression of Interest Guidelines



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## Summary

**Council is committed to helping our region recover from COVID-19 by working alongside communities and by supporting and building the capacity of individuals, communities, businesses and organisations.**

We understand that creative industries in South Gippsland have been hard hit due to COVID-19 restrictions which limited trade, reduced income and in some cases caused temporary closures.

To assist with recovery, Council has created the COVID-19 Creative and Cultural Arts Program. The program features 10 initiatives that are aimed at raising the profile of arts and culture in South Gippsland and providing an array of events, workshops and activities.

Writers in Libraries is a residency program for local writers in four West Gippsland Libraries (WGL) across South Gippsland. The residencies will spotlight our libraries while supporting creative endeavour among our writers.

The writer's brief will be to develop (one or a series of) essays, short stories, that respond to the three themes of *isolation, emergence and connection*, documenting this extraordinary time for the future. Writers will have access to the WGL collection and the support of librarians for the development of their work.

## About

- Writers must be local to the South Gippsland area
- Each selected writer will be given a writers fee of \$500
- Works should feature at least one of the following themes: Isolation, Emergence, Connection
- The writing residency will be from 1 February to 28 February 2021
- The libraries hosting writers are Leongatha, Korumburra, Foster and Mirboo North
- An excerpt of the finished work/s will be transposed on to A1 Poster for display across the Shire
- Finished works will be printed out and stored at the participating libraries
- A selection panel of three people will select the five successful writers

## Apply

**Expressions of Interest are now open. Submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday 15 January 2021.**

To submit an expression of interest, please go to:  
**[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/writersinlibraries](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/writersinlibraries)**

### Questions?

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