



2020 Rottnest Retreat Program

Please note: Where you see 'TBC' means we are still waiting on some minor details in order to complete the program. We expect to receive this information very soon and a final, updated version of the 2020 Program will be uploaded shortly after.

All activities are OPTIONAL. You don't have to attend everything!

A map of all retreat venues is included in your cottage welcome pack.

Before-you-leave Info. Please read

Ferry details: Don't forget to book your own ferry ticket.

For details on Fremantle/Perth ferries visit: www.rottnestexpress.com.au

For details on Hillarys ferries visit: www.rottnestfastferries.com.au

For details on Sealink ferries: www.sealinkrottnest.com.au

Please make your own bookings when you are ready, and we will see you either on the ferry or on the island!

Bikes

Bikes can be hired at time of booking your ferry or on the island, at your own expense. Or you can bring your own.

Check-in & Cottages

Each cottage has an allocated keyholder. Cottage check-in is generally available from 2pm.

Download the cottage list here: **Rottnest 2020 Cottage List** (members only access – you'll need to be logged in to the SCBWI website to access this).

Are you a keyholder? Please go to the Visitor Centre when you arrive on the island. You will be asked to give them a mobile number and credit card (for security purposes). The Visitor Centre will then text you when your cottage keys are ready to be collected.

Please note that bedlinen/ bath towels are provided.

Sunday 7 June

Arrive Rottnest Island

On arrival, make your way to **The Dome Café** for coffee and/or a bite to eat.

11am

Welcome to the 2020 Retreat!

Venue: *The Dome Café*

Welcome all retreaters, introduce our interstate guests and hand out welcome packs. There is one welcome pack per cottage. We'll also run through the retreat program and answer any questions you may have.

Your allocated cottage keyholder will need to collect the key – keys are usually ready for collection around 2pm.

1.00pm – 3.25pm

One-on-One Critiques

Venue: *Dome Café*

Individual session times have been advised to participants.

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Illustration WIP Round with GUS GORDON – Session 1

Venue: *Quokka Central* (check your welcome pack map for cottage number)

*Illustrators must have booked and been told to attend either session 1 or session 2 prior to the retreat.

2.00pm – 2.50pm

Remote Region Members Catch-up

Venue: *The Dome Café*

Remote Region Members, come and join SCBWI West Remote Regions Coordinator Dianne Wolfer for a casual get-together and a chance to say hello and meet each other face-to-face.

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Sketch & Scribble

Venue: *Meet at The Salt Store*

Let Illustration Coordinator Aśka lead you around the Island with pencils and pens at the ready for when inspiration hits! Both writers and illustrators are welcome to join this activity.

4:30pm

Acknowledgement of Wadjemup

Venue: *Quokka Central* (check your welcome pack map for cottage number)

From here we will walk to The Basin then the lighthouse for a bit of quiet reflection.

6.30pm

Pot Luck Dinner and the 30 Second Rottnest Pitch

Venue: All at *Quokka Central* (check your welcome pack map for cottage number)

What's for dinner tonight? Who knows?! Each cottage will be assigned a main or dessert, what you then bring is up to you! Check the cottage list when it comes out (usually two weeks before the retreat) to see what you have been allocated.

You will need to bring your own plate, cutlery and glass. And you will need to take those items back to your cottage with you when you leave at the end of the night.

Once we've eaten it's time to get fast and furious for the famous...

The 30 Second Rottnest Pitch!

Bring along an idea and participate in this fun ***optional*** activity.

How it works: You have 30 seconds to 'pitch' a children's book idea to your fellow retreaters and our interstate guests.

After hearing all the pitches, our guests will each choose their TOP 3 favourite pitches making them our **2020 Pitch Award winners**. Winners will be announced on the last morning of the retreat.

Pitch rules:

- Your pitch must be no longer than 30 seconds. Keep it short, sweet, and snappy.
- We suggest using the following format as a guide:

My name is [A].

I'm pitching a [genre/form] for [readership/age group].

It's about ...

GOOD LUCK!

Monday 8 June

10.00am – 12:25pm

One-on-One Critique Sessions

Venue: *Dome Café*

Individual session times have been advised to participants.

10.00am – 12:00 noon

Peer Group WIP Rounds

Groups, leaders and venues:

WIP Rounds are small critique groups led by experienced SCBWI writer/illustrators. Share extracts from a work in progress and receive a speed critique/suggestions from the group.

You should hear from your group leader by email prior to the retreat, with more instructions specific to your group.

10:00am – 12 noon

Illustration WIP Round with GUS GORDON – Session 2

Venue: *Quokka Central* (check your welcome pack map for cottage number)

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1:30pm – 4:30pm

Workshop 1: Structural Narrative with SUE WHITING

Venue: *Upstairs, The Rottnest Island Country Club* (The golf course club house).

Please bring your notebooks and pens and pencils!

6.30 pm

SCBWI West Karaoke Kaos and Thomsons Dinner

Venue: Thomsons Café

We're dusting off the karaoke machine and we've bought a new CD of classics so get your singing voices ready!

Set Menu; dietary restrictions accommodated (if you advised this on registration).

Dinner is included in registration cost. Drinks are at own expense.

Tuesday 9 June

9:30am – 12:30pm

Workshop 2: Illustrating in Mixed Media and Collage with GUS GORDON

Venue: *Upstairs, The Rottnest Island Country Club* (The golf course club house)

What to bring TBC

12:30 LUNCH BREAK

Bring your own or grab some at the main settlement.

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Workshop 3: Writing/Editing workshop with CLAIR HUME details TBC

Venue: *Upstairs, The Rottnest Island Country Club* (The golf course club house).

What to bring TBC

Portfolio Showcase

Illustrators, we will set tables up inside the Country Club for you to display your portfolios. Please feel free to bring business cards and/or postcards to leave next to your work.

***IMPORTANT!** Set-up for the portfolio showcase will be in the morning before workshops begin so bring our portfolios at 9:30am, find a spot on the table and leave your work for all to browse during the day. Please remove portfolios when we leave the venue at 4:40pm.

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Readings in the Church

Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Henderson Ave (Behind Dome Café)

*Those who are reading have already received an email informing them of what to prepare

Everyone is invited to come along and listen. BYO beverage of your choice.

Dinner tonight is DYO or meet at the pub for casual dinner with other SCBWI's

Wednesday 10 June

8.45 Cottage Check-out

9.00am -10.00am

Farewell Words and 30 Second Pitch Winners!

Venue: *Weather permitting, bring your coffee and/or breakfast and meet on the grass area in front of the Dome Cafe*

Please be prompt to this event as our publishing guests have to catch an early ferry back to Perth and we'll need to start on time.

There are no more formal events after the farewell words but feel free to head to the pub or bakery if you wish, get some work and/or chatting done, and catch the later ferry home.