



## Booranga Writers' Centre Residency Program

Each year Booranga Writers' Centre offers a limited number of paid opportunities for Writers-in-Residence. This program is subject to annual funding from the NSW Government through Create NSW and is open to Australian writers.

In 1987 Wagga Wagga Writers Writers (WWWW) was set up by Charles Sturt University academic David Gilbey and student/poet Anthony Lawrence. Since then Booranga (our more familiar moniker) has hosted hundreds of literary events and assisted scores of aspiring regional writers.



### About Booranga

Booranga is a federation-style cottage (formerly the orchard manager's family home in the days of the Wagga Wagga Agricultural College), overlooking Charles Sturt University's (CSU) Winery, grapevines and olive grove – so it's quite picturesque. Located approximately 10km from the City of Wagga Wagga, access to town for those without a car is by bus, however bike loan can be arranged. Basic pantry supplies (i.e. dishwashing liquid, fly spray, clothes washing powder) are provided. There are no shops or facilities within walking distance (except for the CSU winery and CSU's Mini-Mart during Business Hours). The facilities consist of a one bedroom apartment with double bed, and sofa bed. The location, while relatively isolated within the spacious grounds of the campus, is very peaceful, a lovely uninterrupted environment in which to write. Local wildlife includes cockatoos, crows, wrens and kangaroos. The writer's flat is basic but fully self-contained.

Booranga Writers' Centre serves its members and local community in several ways, focusing on building a strong community for emerging and established writers in the Riverina. Booranga supports regional reading and writing groups, collaborates and shares resources with local arts organisations and projects, and supports regional literacy through the presence of writers in local schools and with CSU's English students, where possible.

Through Booranga Writers' Centre's paid residencies, writers of different genres and backgrounds are able to stay at the Writers' Centre for a minimum of two weeks, with the aim of providing professional development opportunities for regionally-based writers.

### Our Writer-in-Residence Program

This program supports writers by providing a unique opportunity for both escape and engagement at Booranga where they can work on their own writing and share their skills and insights with writers and others in the region.

During the Residency, which includes a stipend of \$2000, the writer is expected to give one public reading in the city (usually a weekday evening) and one workshop (usually a Saturday afternoon) at Booranga and be available for a few school/university/community events.

For example, it is expected that the Writer-in-Residence will be available to relevant students on campus at Charles Sturt University – usually by coming to a class – and may also like to visit one of the nearby towns, e.g. Leeton, Griffith, Narrandera, to provide a workshop.

Naturally, the format and details of these activities are varied to suit each Writer-in-Residence.



**Booranga Residency Application Form (2020)**  
**Applications close 5pm AEST on 31 May 2019**

Full Name.....

Email.....

Mobile: .....Other Contact Number .....

Street Address .....

City..... State .....Postcode .....

Country.....

Your Website (if available) .....

I classify as a  regional/rural writer  CALD writer  ATSI writer

Preference for Residency duration (NOTE: not all will be available):

. Two weeks Three weeks Four weeks

Please indicate preferred month in order of preference (1 – 4 or N/A if not available):

March .....  May.....  July.....  September.....

Please submit your application as one PDF and include the following:

- Cover Letter outlining your Project information (1 pg)
- Brief workshop proposal
- CV including short Bio and previous publications (up to 4pp)
- Two References
- Sample Work (up to 10pp)

Dates of each residency are determined in consultation with the successful applicant, to best suit both the applicant and Booranga Writers' Centre. In addition to providing a workshop and reading, it is expected that successful applicants will have some interaction with the Booranga writing community, including a limited number of mentoring sessions with selected contributors.

Applications close 5pm AEST on 31 May. Writers will receive notification around mid-July.

Signature..... Date .....

Successful applicants are expected to sign an Agreement detailing terms of the Residency. They will also be required to provide:

- Date of Birth (DOB) for CSU internet login
- Hi-resolution recent image
- Biography for publicity purposes.

Please return this form and attachment by email to: **Booranga@csu.edu.au**