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CRCS Summer Writing Retreat

Each year the Centre for Responsible Citizenship and Sustainability hosts a summer Writing Retreat to foster a supportive culture of writing. The sequestered time allows us to engage more deeply with our emergent writing in ways that will sustain our writing and help to bring discrete writing projects to fruition.

This year, we're subsidising 50% of the fee for 12 people bringing the cost down to \$175.50 for 3 nights including three meals per day & morning teas. That's \$58.50 per night!



The purpose of the Retreat is to begin to produce or endeavour to complete a piece of work. This may be an article ready for publication, a chapter towards a PhD or book, a paper for a conference or whatever goal you set for your three nights away. Each evening after dinner, two people present their work-in-progress to obtain constructive feedback on their research ideas and writing.

The Philosophy of Writing Retreats

To write over several days, participants must extract themselves from their social embeddedness. The configuration of different levels of seniority and mix of disciplinary expertise allows for a peer writing environment that is both collaborative and constructive because of the evening work-in-progress sessions.

Fern House (above) is air-conditioned and located across the road from the restorative beach of Safety Bay. There are tranquil gardens with outdoor shady sitting areas to work quietly and a large conference room and terrace to work. Each room is equipped with a desk and en-suite.

Enjoy a morning beach swim, late afternoon beach walks before sharing an evening beverage and communal dinner. Meal times are an opportunity to chat informally about your work or you might prefer to walk the labyrinth to grapple with ideas on your own.

Retreat Dates:
11-14th February 2019
2.5 days of writing
(arrive 3pm Mon depart 1.30pm
Thurs)



Objectives:

- Sequester time to write away from your everyday
- Work on a written piece of work
- To reflect, articulate, and share effective and productive writing practices
- Encourage a mutually-supportive writing culture and community of peers
- Create an environment conducive to exploring interdisciplinary interests

- Encourage interaction, support and sharing between the participants

Proposed Retreat Program

<p>Monday 3pm 5pm 6.30pm 7.30pm</p>	<p>11th February Arrive at Safety Bay (Fern House, St John of God), find room, unload your car, setup workspace for several days of quiet writing Beach walk (optional) Shared dinner in dining room Retreat opening – talk about writing plans and ground-rules, allocate Work-in-Progress groups for the evenings</p>
<p>Tue & Wed 8am 12.30pm 1.30pm 5pm 6.30pm 7.30pm</p>	<p>12-13th February Breakfast followed by quiet writing time; start when it suits you, break when it suits you Lunch in dining room Quiet writing time; start when it suits you, break when it suits you. Beach walk (optional) Dinner in dining room Work-in-Progress discussions in which we each have 30-40 mins to talk about our current work, perhaps raising issues for problem-solving or presenting sections for discussion</p>
<p>Thursday 8am 12.30pm 1.30pm</p>	<p>14th February Breakfast followed by quiet writing time; start when it suits you, break when it suits you Lunch in dining room Depart</p>



Registration Process

The CRCS summer writing retreats have been a great success and are very popular.

To secure your place on the Retreat

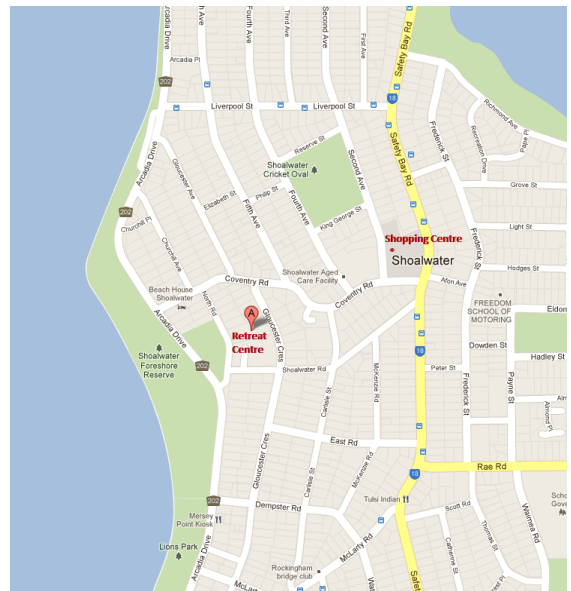
Complete the application form and email it to Rochelle Spencer rochelle.spencer@murdoch.edu.au by **28 January 2019**. ****First in receive the 50% subsidized fee****

Before the Retreat

Upon securing your place, you will be sent the follow:

- Notes on preparation and planning
- Checklist of what to bring
- Map and directions
- Details on how to make payment

To achieve your set goal, you will need to have thought about what you want to write and have done most of the preliminary reading and research BEFORE the retreat and you will need to bring your resource materials with you.



Application for the CRCS Summer Writing Retreat: 11th-14th February 2019

Name: _____

Because there may be a waiting list, preference will be given to participants who intend to stay the whole time, so please confirm that.

- I agree to spend the entire period at the retreat and attend evening work-in-progress sessions.
- My supervisor** supports my attendance at the retreat.
- I am able to access a laptop computer for use during the retreat.

What outcomes are you committed to achieving during the retreat?

- Writing research output (e.g., chapter, article, conference paper) (please specify the output on which you will be working):

- Book/book chapter (please specify book, publisher and chapter topic):

- Refereed journal article or refereed conference paper where the full paper will be peer reviewed and published (please specify Journal or Conference):

- Final chapter/s of my thesis (please specify the chapter/s on which you will be working):

- Special dietary needs
(please note that this is for **medical needs only**, such as gluten free; vegetarian options will be provided)
- Special needs
(please note that this is for **medical needs only**, ramps not stairs, air conditioning etc.)

Please outline the thesis (argument or point of view) of the paper/article/chapter/conference paper that you will be writing during the retreat in approximately 100 words.

Please return completed application form by email to Rochelle Spencer
rochelle.spencer@murdoch.edu.au by CoB **28 January 2019**.