

# Omega Writers Conference 2017 program

## 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October

(Organisers reserve the right to change program with no notice)

### Theme – Impacting Society with Grace and Truth

<b>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
1.30pm	Airport shuttle Domestic airport pick up to conference
3.00pm	Registration opens Outside Edmund Rice Room
3.30pm	Airport shuttle Arrival at conference
4.00pm	Omega AGM in Edmund Rice Room–Everyone welcome
5.00pm	General session in Edmund Rice Room:
	Introduction to conference, worship, what to expect, Host groups
	<p><b>Host groups -</b> All delegates will be placed into a small host group representing their genre for the weekend. The leader of the host group will be your connection to information, guidance and pastoral care throughout the weekend. Your Nametag will tell you which group and hosts name and phone number.</p> <p>Purpose of this session will be for everyone to intro who they are, where they are from, writing project and for host to explain any info for weekend and answer questions. Goes straight into dinner if needs too.</p>
6.30pm	Dinner in Dining room
7.30pm 1.5hr	<b>Keynote address – Margie Lawson</b> – Edmund Rice Room
9.00pm	Supper, Stalls and Appointment sign up – Ironbark Room

<b>Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
7.30am	Break fast in Dining room
8.00am	Day registration – Edmund Rice Room
8.30am	General Session 1 hour in Edmund Rice Room Specialised session relating to publishing/editing/marketing involving all stall holders
	30 min Host groups – Questions relating to publishing, editing, marketing Specialised speaker allocated to each host group
10.00am	Morning tea - Dining room
10.30am 1.5hr	General session <b>Keynote speaker – Margie Lawson</b>

12 noon	Lunch and break
2.00pm 1.5hr	Fiction Workshop – Patricia Weerakoon ‘Sex without Sleaze’
	Non Fiction Workshop – James Cooper
	YA/Children Workshop – Alex Marestaing
3.30pm	Afternoon tea in Dining Room
4.00pm 2 hrs.	Fiction Workshop – Carolyn Miller
	Non Fiction Workshop – JoAnne Berthelsen
	YA/Children Workshop – Rochelle Manners, Rowena Beresford, Katrina Roe and Jemima Trappel
6.00pm	Dinner in Dining Room
7.30pm	Caleb awards – guest speaker – Alex Marestaing
9.00pm	Supper and Author book signing?

<b>Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
7.30am	Breakfast in dining room
8.30am	Church service with communion in Edmund Rice room
	30 min - Host Groups (debrief after message, what takeaway from conference, use labyrinth?)
10.00am	Morning Tea and last chance at bookstall
10.30am	Fiction (Advanced) Workshop – Margie Lawson
	Non Fiction Workshop – May Kuan Lim
	YA/Children Workshop – Penny Morrison
12.30pm	Lunch in dining room, blessing and thank you
1.30pm	Conference concludes and Airport shuttle departs conference

**Conference outcome:** To educate, support and inspire Australasian Christian writers

- a) Educate through workshops,
- b) Support through connections regionally, host groups in genres
- c) Inspire through awards night and plenary sessions

**How we will meet your needs as a writer:**

- Connect you with Publishers and editors in Australia through introductory panels, appointments and stalls so you can explore the best ways to publish and promote your work
- Receive feedback on your work in progress through appointments with Publishers and editors
- Equip the beginner to advanced through streamed workshops
- Provide networking opportunities and support through a regional lunch and genre based host groups
- Receive promotion for your book through business cards and book covers in our printed handbook
- Assist you with where to start or where to next through relevant interactive workshops
- Leave with new ideas, new connections and a renewed excitement for your writing project