

Workshops

A brief overview

Since the publication of her first children's picture book in 1989, Narelle has been conducting writing and illustrating workshops for children and adults all over Australia – from places as varied as Elcho Island off Arnhem Land, Northern Territory, to the University of Melbourne – as well as international schools in Singapore, Hong Kong and Beijing.

Narelle has a Bachelor of Education degree (Primary and Special Education, majoring in Design and Print-making) and seven years classroom teaching experience in primary and special education settings. She has tutored and lectured in Language and Children's Literature subjects offered by the Faculty of Education at the University of Southern Queensland.

She has been the recipient of three May Gibbs Fellowships in Adelaide and Melbourne, giving guest lectures to students of Education and Fine Arts at the University of Melbourne as part of the Melbourne-based fellowship in 2001.

Narelle is actively involved in assisting other writers and illustrators of picture books at the beginning of their careers. She was selected to be a mentor as part of the Australian Society of Authors Mentorship programme and she conducts workshops and one-on-one editorial consultancies at the Queensland Writers' Centre.

Narelle offers a variety of workshops which include:

A demonstration of the stages of creating the text and illustrations for a picture book from first inspiration to finished artwork

Hands-on writing and storyboarding activities, and hands-on drawing, design, and illustrating activities.

She is regularly an author/illustrator-in-residence offering a combination of workshops over a number of days tailored to meet specific educational requirements and often culminating in a presentation of student writing/illustrations.