



one-day workshop Sunday 31 January 2016

Memories into Memoirs: biography/ autobiography and community history

Have you thought of writing a local or community history?

Is your family keen for you to write the family history, or would you like to write about a family member who has had a long and interesting life, someone else's story or even your own?

Then this one-day *Memories to Memoirs* workshop is for you.

Helen will guide you through the steps involved, from concept to completion. She will provide you with a detailed ten-point plan for getting started through to writing your book, whether it is intended just for family, or for local or national publication. Topics covered include subject/s selection, research and interviewing techniques.

Participants will have the chance to study a range of biographies, considering the style, content and structure. If participants already have an idea or research or some writing they have started of their own they are urged to bring it along so that Helen can offer you some personal direction.

This workshop is a lead-up event to the 2016 Cairns Tropical Writers Festival, 12-14 August, a biennial event hosted by Tropical Writers Inc. A discount is offered if you become a member of TW, which will keep you connected to whatever else is happening as well as have other ongoing benefits.

Setting the date on a weekend will allow working people to attend, as they are often overlooked. Also, starting at 10.00am and finishing at 4.00pm will allow regional writers within a 100kms radius or so of Cairns to arrive in time, and still get home before dark.

WHEN: 10.00am - 4.00pm, Sunday 31 January 2016

WHERE: Botanic Gardens Visitors Centre Meeting Room,
Collins Avenue, Cairns

WORKSHOP INVESTMENT: \$50 full / \$ 45 members of TW

JOINING TW: <http://tropicalwriters.com.au/annualfees.html>

BOOK NOW: <http://www.cairnstropicalwritersfestival.com/2016-memoir-ws.html>

LUNCH: BYO or buy at Visitors Centre cafe next door



Helen Chryssides is a non-fiction author and freelance journalist based in Brisbane. Her articles regularly appear in national publications including *Reader's Digest*, *Who Weekly*, *The Canberra Times*, and the *Good Weekend* magazine in *The Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*. With a Polish and Greek-Cypriot background, Helen also teaches English as a Second Language and has worked with migrants in writing their own stories.

Her books include:

Local Heroes (Collins Dove) which profiles ten prominent Aboriginal people including Cathy Freeman (talking about her Olympic ambitions long before she was famous)

A Different Light (HarperCollins) which chronicles the experience of 11 individuals who came from overseas to settle in Australia and includes Elizabeth Jolley and Bryce Courtenay

Your Home Business (two editions, Allen & Unwin)

Arabian Nightmare (with Richard Arnot, Allen & Unwin)