

# Writing Group Program

## 2022

### Theme—This family member.....

We invite you to use the given stimulus for your story of 750 words for our writing group in 2022. In addition, we will be holding a discussion each month, as set out below. **Please refer to the notes on the next page.**

Date	Writing Stimulus	Discussion Topic
Saturday, 15 January 2022	...is someone whom I like to meet	Rhetoric—what is it?
Saturday, 19 March 2022	...was a black sheep	Similes and metaphors
Saturday, 21 May 2022	...was a woman who...	Alliteration, assonance, and onomatopoeia
Saturday, 16 July 2022	...was long-suffering	Cliches and tropes
Saturday, 17 September 2022	...is someone I would prefer was not related to me	Parallel construction and the rule of three
Saturday, 19 November 2022  <b>Christmas celebration</b>	...is best remembered for...  	Metonymy, oxymoron, hyperbole, and litotes

## Notes:

### Time and venue

- Meetings commence at 9.00 am and finish around 11.30 am
- Meetings occur on the third Saturday of January, March, May, July, September, and November
- We meet in the meeting room or online:  
**QFHS Library and Resource Centre**  
**58 Bellevue Avenue**  
**Gaythorne Qld**
- We appreciate your gold coin donation towards the Library and Resource Centre

### About the topics

- The stimuli are suggestions only: you may choose to write on the given theme, or on something completely different
- Remember, it is your choice whether
  - you write at all or just come along to enjoy the fellowship, or
  - you write on any suggested topic
  - contribute to the discussion

### About the meetings

- New members are always welcome
- Our meetings are informal, friendly, and supportive
- After the meeting, we circulate notes rather than formal minutes
- Each meeting commences with introductions and general business—resources, seminars, happenings, etc.
- You are then invited to read your prepared writing and seek feedback if you wish
- The group aims to be constructive, helpful, and empathetic in providing feedback

### About your writing

- We request you adhere to the 750 word limit
- Before you write, ask yourself:
  - Who is my audience?
  - What is the purpose of my story?
- After you have written your story and before the meeting, we suggest you read it aloud (to yourself or a captive audience) and check for readability and listenability<sup>1</sup>  
Ask yourself:
  - Are full dates necessary and significant?
  - Is an exhaustive listing of all members of a family necessary and significant?
  - Is my meaning clear?
  - Have I used a variety of sentence constructions?
  - Have I used straightforward, as opposed to complex, sentence constructions?
  - Have I been careful with my use of pronouns—he, she, him, her, it, etc.?

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<sup>1</sup> Listenable: easy or pleasant to listen to (see <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/listenability?s=t>)