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website www.busybird.com.au
or call the studio on 9434 6365

October Open Mic Night!

What're you waiting for?

Open Mic Night returns for the month of **October!**

So what's your talent? Are you a novelist? A writer of prose? A poet? A singer? A comic? A magician? A mime? Whatever your talent, you have the opportunity to perform for a captive audience!

And, of course, if you just want to come along and watch, have fun, and enjoy an inexpensive night, that's perfectly all right, too!

No bookings are required and refreshments are provided. We also raffle a door prize for the price of entry – a meagre \$5.00!

So come along and have fun!

Details:

- **When**
Wednesday, 19th October
7.00pm
- **Where**
Busybird Publishing Studio ~ Gallery
2/118 Para Road



- **Facebook link**
[Here.](#)

Publish for Profit **Tonight! Tonight! Tonight!**

Publish for Profit is all about networking, meeting others in the writing industry and making connections, exchanging wisdom, and learning lots of new stuff. Every night also has a special lesson, with tonight's about how to get your book into bookshops, and about promotional material you might need!



If you're interested in attending, tickets are \$10.00. You can show up tonight and pay, or book through Eventbrite [here.](#)

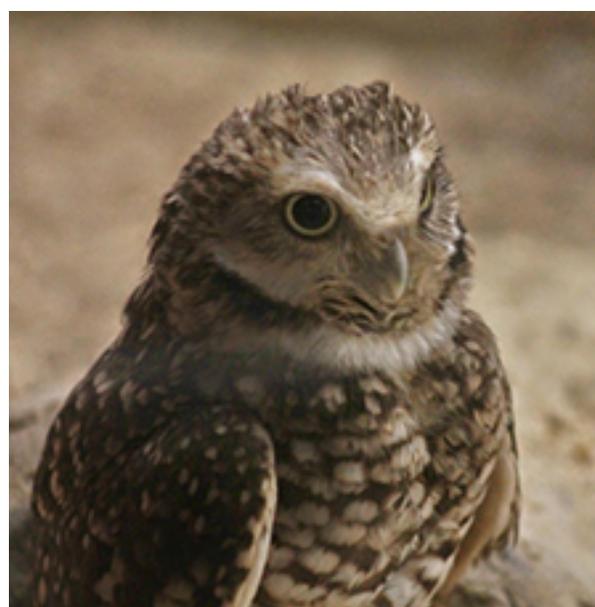
Publish for Profit is held here at Busybird, begins at **7.00pm** and finishes at **8.30pm**.

The Fellowship of the Wing **The Fellowship is now open!**

Busybird wants to help a new writer by providing a cash prize, mentorship, free participation in in-house workshops, discounted publishing services, and more.

This is a prize aimed specifically at **new writers** – that is writers still feeling their way around their craft and in the industry.

To qualify, you must have *less* than three publications – our definition of publication is anything that has gone through a submission process (e.g. submit, be read, accepted, published). If you've blogged on your own website, that's fine.



'To be taken under the wing of already established authors with so much experience in the business is incredibly exciting,' Angus says. 'It makes me feel like even those super-hard challenges have been worth working through.'

– Angus Watson

2016 Busybird Creative Fellow

Entry is just **\$10.00!** And the deadline is **31st October**. Just write us a 500-word proposal on how the Fellowship would help you, fill out the entry form (downloadable [here](#)) and send it all to us. You can either scan your material and email it to admin@busybird.com.au, mail it to us here at

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or you can personally drop it into our studio.

Learn more about our Fellowship on our website [here!](#)

Yoga for Writers

Get stretched!

We had our first *Yoga for Writers* session last week.

Yoga teacher Suzanne Male ran the class through some gentle yoga that was relaxing, but also helped participants centre themselves.

If you feel all knotted up – and particularly if you're a writer – then *Yoga for Writers* could be just the panacea you're looking for. It not only has physical benefits, but mental benefits, too.



The next class is **Thursday, 20th October**, runs from **8.00–9.15pm**, and is held at Busybird Publishing.

If you're interested in attending, you can book through Eventbrite [here](#) or give us a call on (03) 9434 6365.

Busybird's Karma Writing Retreat

Sold out!

Busybird's Karma Kinglake Writing Retreat is this week and we've sold out **every** spot!



'This weekend retreat was an amazing way to expand, explore and elevate my writing. Highly recommended to anyone who has written or anyone who is considering it. Thanks, Busybird Publishing, for the experience.'

– Lauran Rowan

May 2016 Retreat Participant

The [Karma Retreat](#) is beautiful – rebuilt from the ashes of Black Saturday, Karma is a five-star retreat, a kingdom of luxuries amongst the beauty of nature.

‘Both Blaise and Les communicate and impart their knowledge in a way that makes it easy and fun to learn!’

– Yolande White

May 2016 Retreat Participant

Attendees will participate in writing workshops, where they'll learn about the components of writing, workshop their writing, and join in stimulating table-talk.

‘Great writing program. Very supportive. It was fantastic!’

– Colleen Goth

May 2016 Retreat Participant

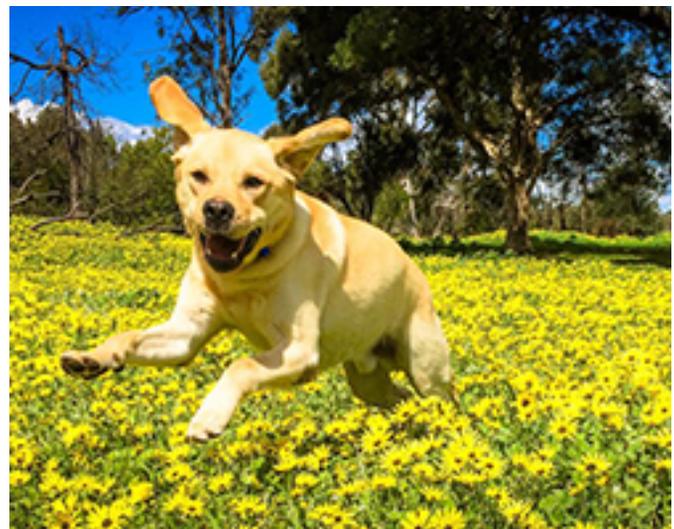
We're looking forward to a great weekend!

How to Use Your Digital SLR Camera

Want to take beautiful shots?

Most people never use but the most basic features when they take a picture. They hit the button and *snap*. That's it! They never know about all the great features that their camera offers – features that can have them taking pictures like a pro!

Kev Howlett has had thirty years' experience in the commercial photography industry, and is also the photo-author of the best-selling [Walk With Me](#), a photo-journal of his trek up to Mount Everest Base Camp and back.



So if you want to get the best out of your camera, Busybird's **How to Use Your Digital SLR Camera** is for **YOU!**

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Monday, 24th October
7–10pm
- **Where**
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Life Writing

Do you have a story to tell?

It might be your own story, or the story of a loved one, a family, or a community or business. You might have all the information you need, but don't know how to get it down into a coherent, compelling story. Or the information might be loose and disparate, and you're wondering where to go next.



If so, Busybird's **Life Writing** workshop will help you find your way! Facilitated by Blaise van Hecke – award-winning author, and director of publishing at Busybird – Life Writing is a must for anybody who's ever wanted to write about life.

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