



# TROPICAL WRITERS - CAIRNS

## Mission Statement

As writers we celebrate our individual creativity and our collective energy by supporting each other in our shared need to write. We learn from each other, help each other, and critique each others writing *with respect*. We encourage each other to reach individual goals, and rejoice in each others successes. Most of all we nurture the creative muse in each of us and share a mutual understanding of that strange creative force that compels us to put pen to paper.

## Profile

Tropical writers began as an informal gathering of a handful of writers in 2005. It has now grown to an active membership of 30 writers of all genres with a range of experience, including published authors. It is an inclusive and supportive group that gives serious critique while having a lot of fun.

## Milestones

- 2006 - 1st Tropical Writers anthology 'Between the Leaves' published.
- 2007 - 2nd Tropical Writers Anthology 'Mangoes on Fire' published
- 2008 - Inaugural Tropical Writers Festival. Literary Dinner. Visiting author Nick Earls.
- 2008 - 3rd Tropical Writers anthology 'Raining on the Sun' published.
- 2009 - Literary lunch with visiting author Nigel Krauth
- 2009 - Tropical Writers involved with the inaugural Yungaburra Book Fair

## Looking ahead to 2010

### Tropical Writers Festival - 16th and 17th of October 2010

Partnered by QWC and Arts Nexus - funded by Regional Arts Fund. Visiting authors to be announced.

This is a grass roots event to celebrate Writing in our Region and is designed to have appeal to both writers and readers. 2 free public arenas, workshops. Literary Dinner, performance, Book Club events. We encourage input from regional writing and reading communities - contact details below.

**Launch of Tropical Writers 4th Anthology**  
to be celebrated during the Tropical Writers Festival Activities.

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