

Deborah Abela
c/o Maraya Bell – Walker Books

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Dear Deborah,

I am writing to extend an invitation to you to participate in the Byron Writers Festival 2020 program, which marks our 24th year. We would be thrilled to include you in the program. Byron Writers Festival is a series of encounters with interesting minds. It is renowned for its relaxed informal atmosphere and diverse program of stimulating and entertaining conversations. We aim to bring writers together in an environment that nurtures and invigorates them as much as it does our audiences.

The Festival will open on Thursday evening 6 August with the main program running from **Friday 7 August to Sunday 9 August 2020** – Sunday includes our Kids Big Day Out featuring a line-up of children's authors to inspire kids aged 6 to 12.

As well as the main program, we'd like to include you in our Primary Schools program which runs from **Tuesday 4 August to Thursday 6 August**. I'm attaching documents from this year as an indication of how our Primary schools program works. So an itinerary could look something like this:

Tuesday 4 August	Primary Schools Day, Lismore or Murwillumbah
Wednesday 5 August	Primary Schools Day, Byron
Thursday 6 August	Primary Schools Day Grafton
Friday-Sun: 7-9 Aug	Main program including Kids Big Day Out on the Sunday

The main Festival is held in marquees and indoor venues at the beautiful *Elements of Byron* beachside resort. Writers stay in various locations around Byron Bay. Byron Writers Festival 2019 was highly successful with an ongoing increase in audience attendances and booming book sales every year, enshrining Byron Writers Festival as a pivotal regional Australian arts event.

We would be delighted if you would say yes to joining in our celebration of books, writing, reading and big ideas. It would be an honour to host you.

Warm regards



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