

**Monday 31 October 2016**

## **Aspiring local writers to launch *Painted Words 2016***

Bendigo TAFE's professional writing and editing students will launch their original anthology of writing, *Painted Words 2016*, on 17 November.

*Painted Words 2016* will contain original poetry, short stories, flash fiction, extracts from student novels, re-imaged myths and non-fiction.

According to teacher Peter Wiseman, the annual production of *Painted Words* is a major task for the budding writers and a tradition that began in 2005.

"Publishing *Painted Words* gives them substantive, hands-on experience and accurately replicates the time and budget constraints placed on publishers and self-published writers," he said.

"As well as experiencing real-world publishing protocols, stresses and timelines, students also see themselves and their fellow students published – a goal shared by most writers."

For student Janet Bayliss who hopes to establish herself as a published writer/poet and gain accreditation as an editor, seeing her own work in print is definitely a dream-come-true.

"Having the opportunity as a student to see your work published is a validation of both the talent and the hard work that goes into it. Through this process students learn to accept critiques and edits of their work – something writers and journalists encounter every day in the course of their employment," she said.

Bendigo TAFE's [Certificate IV and Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing](#) has produced cohorts of successful graduates since its inception, with the program offering pathways into writing, arts and communication degrees at university as well as creative careers in writing.

More information about the program is available at [bendigotafe.edu.au](http://bendigotafe.edu.au).

### **Media welcome to attend a photo opportunity.**

When: Thursday 17 November 2016, from 6.30pm  
Where: Bendigo TAFE city campus' restaurant 18eightyseven  
McCrae Street, Bendigo

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