

GUMNUT PRESS

'WRITE BY THE SEA'

*AUTUMN WRITERS
RETREAT*

28 April to 3 May 2021



The Anchorage Guest House, Rockingham

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Gumnut Press is an independent publishing company based in Perth, Western Australia with a passion for producing engaging books that challenge, excite and inspire every reader.

Founded in 2018, Gumnut Press is committed to providing writers with opportunities to inspire and encourage the author within.

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Relax...



Recharge...



Rejuvenate...



Location... Location... Location

Imagine five days away from the hectic day to day grind. Five days with like minded people dedicated to you and your writing. Five days of peace and tranquility to recharge and rejuvenate your mind, body and soul.

Our inaugural **'Write by the Sea' Writers Retreat** will be held at The Anchorage Guest House, Rockingham. This award-winning homely guest house is set amongst quiet, lush gardens complete with guest only lounge and dining room, private parking and with fabulous hosts, Sylvia and Emiliano, it's sure to be a week to remember.

A room of your own complete with your own ensuite bathroom. The Anchorage Guest House is the ideal location to nurture your creative voice.



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Guest Author

Demelza Carlton

USA Today bestselling author Demelza Carlton has always loved the ocean, but on her first snorkelling trip she found she was afraid of fish. She has since swum with sea lions, sharks and sea cucumbers and stood on spray-drenched cliffs over a seething sea as a seven-metre cyclonic swell surged in, shattering a shipwreck below.

Sensationalist spin? No - Demelza tends to take a camera with her so she can capture and share the moment later; shipwrecks, sharks and all. The author of more than fifty books to date that have sold over 1.7 million copies worldwide, Demelza lives in Perth, Western Australia.

The Ocean's Gift series was her first foray into fiction, followed by the Nightmares trilogy. She swears the Mel Goes to Hell series ambushed her on a crowded train and wouldn't leave her alone. Her Romance a Medieval Fairytale series was written for adults like herself who like their fairytales a little darker than Disney, but still love a happy ending.



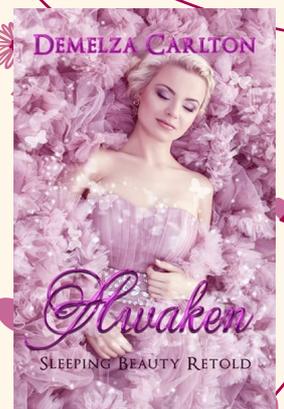
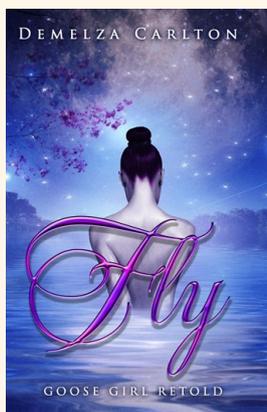
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A few words from Demelza...

I did my Masters degree on shipwreck research, up and down the West Australian coast. From the 1600's to the present day, the true stories of survival and tragedy fascinated me, so when I submitted my research thesis, I decided to write a book to share some of my findings with the world. It had mermaids in it and it definitely wasn't suitable for children. I still can't explain to my research supervisor why I chose to write fiction – but it sure is fun!

All of my books are based on the same premise – an incredible amount of background research on settings and circumstances, setting the scene in my head for when my characters wander in and upset my realistic world with their fictional story. I spent days traipsing through underground bunkers and tunnels for the setting for *Nightmares of Caitlin Lockyer* – and all she has to say about the place is that it's dark. Given what she goes through in an underground bunker, she might be excused for not describing it more thoroughly. Torture can affect a girl that way. I draw on a combination of research and experience for my stories and I hope it shows.

Romance a medieval Fairytale Series



Retreat Schedule

Your retreat will begin on the Wednesday evening with a relaxing welcome accompanied by delicious fresh local produce and wine to chat the night away.

Throughout your retreat you will experience (included in cost of retreat unless stated):

- Welcome gift
- Beautiful morning and evening walks
- Relaxing exclusive writing times
- Networking, brainstorming sessions
- Optional sprint sessions
- All meals provided with no washing up
- Workshops
- An in-conversation talking marketing with Demelza Carlton
- A fun day out exploring the local area (Sunday)
- One-on-one marketing with Demelza Carlton (additional expense)



Retreat Costs

Each writer has their own private room

Private Rooms - \$1,090.00

All rooms include:

- HDTV's & DVD, FOXTEL, private ensuite, fridge, tea & coffee making, air-conditioner, hair-dryer, desk, internet access and original artwork



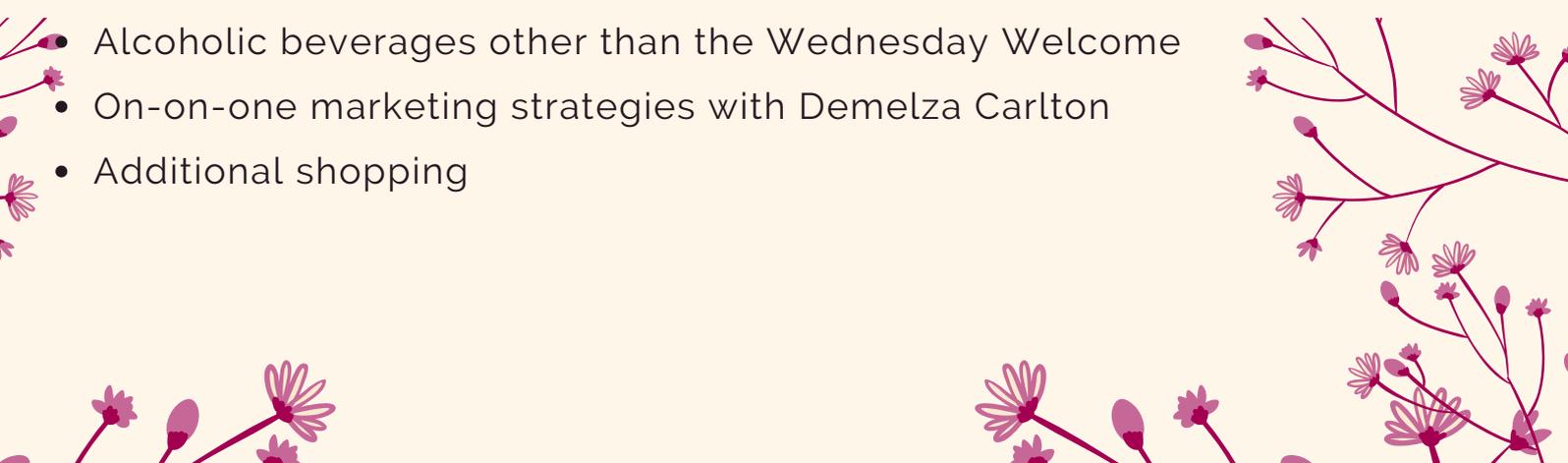
What's included in the retreat cost?

- Accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Writing workshops
- One marketing in-conversation with Demelza Carlton
- All lunches and evening meals on location



What's not included in the retreat cost?

- Airfares and travel to and from the retreat
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses and incidentals
- Additional meals not identified in the schedule
- Alcoholic beverages other than the Wednesday Welcome
- On-on-one marketing strategies with Demelza Carlton
- Additional shopping



How to book

To book, email info@gumnutpress.com

Can you imagine yourself at the Anchorage Guest House?

Places are limited to **6** people.

To secure your place a \$300 deposit is required at time of booking. All payments are made by direct deposit.

Payment Plan #1

Retreat paid in full at time of booking

Payment Plan #2

\$300 deposit paid at time of booking

Balance paid monthly commencing in November 2020 and concluding in March 2021

Payment Plan #3

\$300 deposit paid at time of booking

Balance paid in two instalments in the following months - December 2020, March 2021

Payment Plan #4

\$300 deposit paid at time of booking

Balance paid in one instalment in the following month - January 2021

Additional Information

- Full daily schedule will be available early 2021 and will be placed on our website.
- Final payment must be made 30 days prior to commencement of retreat.
- Deposits are non-refundable.
- If you cancel your booking for whatever reason and are unable to find someone to take your place and Gumnut Press is unable to find a replacement, an additional \$300 will be kept from the refund to cover costs.
- If your place cannot be filled and it is more than 30 days before commencement of the retreat, a refund of 70% of the retreat cost will be given.
- If your place cannot be filled and it is less than 30 days before commencement of the retreat, no refund will be given.
- All requests for refund or changes to the payment schedule must be made in writing.

