

MAESONS SOAPBOX

STORIES
CLOSER
TO
YOU



A travelling
community
bookstore
and
storytelling
space where
every voice
matters, every
book is joy,
and every
small act of
change
counts.



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ABOUT MAESONS SOAPBOX

Our Story

Maesons Soapbox is a bookstore-on-wheels and storytelling platform bringing diverse, relatable stories directly into communities - especially regional and remote.

We believe stories build connection, confidence, and belonging.

Through books, creative workshops, and collaborative projects, Maesons Soapbox creates spaces where young people and communities can explore ideas, share their voices, and see themselves reflected in the world around them.

Books in WA - The Reality

71% of WA kids read for pleasure - down from 79% just a few years ago.

90% of children spend more time on screens than on books

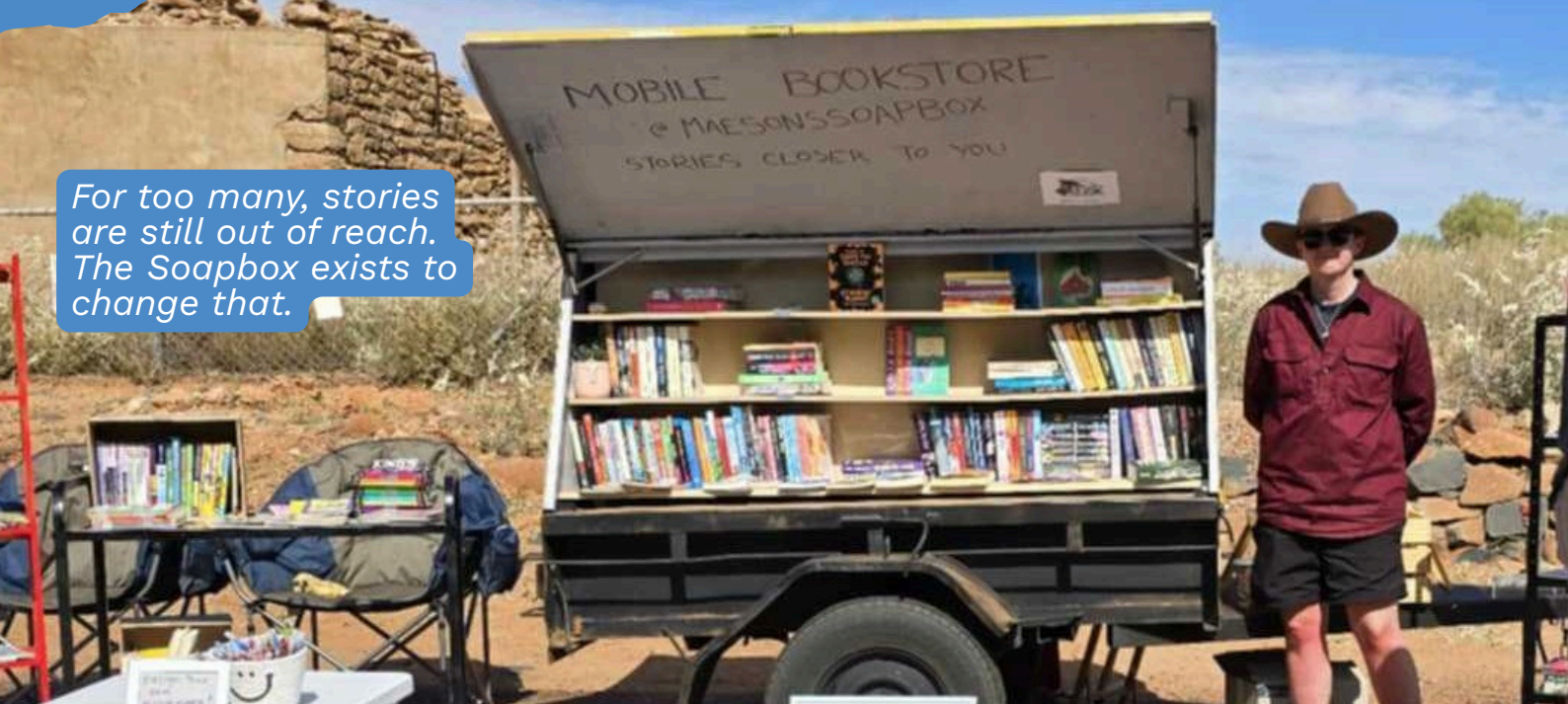
Between 2017-18 and 2021-22, participation in creative writing among children dropped from 23% to 19%.

Only ~50% of Australians read for enjoyment

“The closest bookstore to Carnarvon is Geraldton. 500km is a long way to drive for a book”

*Community Member,
Carnarvon, September 2025*

For too many, stories are still out of reach. The Soapbox exists to change that.



Maesons Soapbox offers:



Books & Bookstore-on-Wheels

A curated travelling bookstore bringing diverse, relatable stories into communities - especially regional and remote.

✦ Fiction, nonfiction, zines, youth voices.

Creative Workshops and Programs

Interactive experiences where participants explore, create, and share their own stories.

- 🎨 Zine-making
- 📖 Stories Closer to You
- 📝 Community story walls
- 👉 Youth writing workshops
- 📚 Collaborative anthologies



Platform for Voices

Opportunities for young people and communities to have their stories published, amplified, and celebrated through Soapbox projects.

- 🌐 Publications
- 📖 Print anthologies
- 🎨 Exhibitions
- 👉 Collaborations



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WHY BOOK US?

Impact

- Strengthens communities through stories.
- Encourages young people to share their voice and feel heard.
- Encourages literacy, creativity, and confidence.
- Creates meaningful, memorable experiences.

Who We Work With

- Schools & Libraries
- Youth Centres & Community Hubs
- Local Councils, Festivals, & Community Organisations
- Anyone!

BOOK US FOR...

Pop-Up Bookstore Activations

- **Bring a curated travelling bookstore and storytelling space directly to your community.**

- Community & School Events
- Festivals & Market Days
- Libraries and Youth Soaces
- Regional & Remote Activations

A place for books, connection and shared stories.

Creative Workshops and Programs

- **Zine-Making for Storytelling**
Stories of Self, People, Power & Place
- **Community Story Walls**
Collaborative Storytelling Installations
- **Collaborative Anthologies**
From writing to publication
- **Stories Closer to You**
Reading engagement & love of reading
- **Youth Expression Workshops**
Creative voice & self-expression
- **Programs available as short sessions, extended workshops, or multi-day projects.**

Bespoke Workshops, Facilitation & Speaking

Custom-designed sessions for schools, organisations, and community groups.

- **Storytelling for Social Change**
Building empathy, challenging systems, and creating impact through stories.
- **Youth Advocacy & Leadership**
Empowering youth with the confidence, tools, and voice to shape their communities.
- **Literacy & Reading Engagement**
Helping young people rediscover reading as something meaningful, enjoyable, and for them.
- **Tailored programs built around your community, goals, and participants.**



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BOOKSTORE- ON-WHEELS



POP-UP ACTIVATION

ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE

Maesons Soapbox is a curated travelling bookstore bringing diverse, relatable books and stories directly into communities - especially regional and remote.

Each pop-up creates a welcoming space for people to browse, connect, discover new stories, and fall in love with reading.

Perfect for festivals, market days, school fairs & open days, libraries, youth events, and community celebrations.

FORMAT

Duration: Flexible

Audience: All Ages

Delivery Mode: On-site pop-up bookstore activation

WHAT WE BRING:

A fully set-up mobile bookstore and storytelling space, including:

- Curated collection of fiction, nonfiction, zines & youth voices
- Browsing tables & displays
- Reading & conversation spaces
- Friendly facilitation & community engagement



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ZINE-MAKING FOR STORYTELLING

Stories of Self, Place, People & Power

WORKSHOP



ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Zines (short for 'magazines' or 'fanzines') are handmade, self-published booklets that give anyone the power to share their voices, ideas, and creativity. In this workshop, participants will design and create their own zines - exploring zine-making as both a fun hands-on activity, and as a form of independent publishing and self-expression.

Perfect for schools, youth groups & services, libraries & community centres, arts & wellbeing programs, and community festivals and events.

FORMAT

Duration: Flexible (45min - ½ day program)

Group Size: 10 - 30

Age Group: 10+ **Adjustments can be made for younger groups

Delivery Mode: In-person facilitated workshop / independent activity at bookstore pop-up

MATERIALS/RESOURCES

Provided by Maesons Soapbox

- ✓ Paper, Pens, Scissors, Glue, Collage Items, Example Zines.

Host to Provide

- ✓ Venue. Tables, Chairs (Soapbox can provide in some instances)

Participants will:

- ✓ Explore personal stories through creative practice
- ✓ Discover the history and purpose of zines
- ✓ Learn safe storytelling principles
- ✓ Build confidence in sharing stories.
- ✓ Leave with a finished zine - Contribute to the Soapbox Zine Library



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STORIES CLOSER TO YOU



Reading Engagement & Story Connection WORKSHOP

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Stories Closer To You is a creative workshop designed to help young people and communities reconnect with reading - not as a task, but as something meaningful, personal, and enjoyable.

Through conversation, hands-on activities, and story exploration, participants discover how books reflect their lives, their questions, and their world.

Perfect for schools, youth groups, libraries, community spaces, and wellbeing programs.

FORMAT

Duration: Flexible (45min - ½ day)

Group Size: 10 - 30

Age Group: 8+ Adaptable for All Ages

Delivery Mode: In-person facilitated workshop, independent activity at bookstore pop-up

WHAT PARTICIPANTS WILL DO

- ✓ Explore stories that reflect their own lives & experiences
- ✓ Discover books that match their interests, ideas, & curiosity
- ✓ Engage in low-pressure, creative reading activities
- ✓ Build confidence and connection around reading
- ✓ Leave with new ideas about what reading can be

MATERIALS/RESOURCES

Provided by Maesons Soapbox

- ✓ Curated books, reading prompts, activity resources, facilitation.

Host to Provide

- ✓ Venue, Tables, Chairs (Soapbox can provide in some instances)

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COMMUNITY STORY WALLS



A Collaborative Storytelling Installation INITIATIVE

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Community Story Walls is a participatory storytelling experience where individuals and communities are invited to contribute short stories, reflections, drawings, quotes, and messages that come together to form a shared public artwork.

The wall becomes a living collection of voices - celebrating identity, place, memory, and belonging.

Perfect for schools, libraries, festivals, community events, youth spaces, and public programs.

FORMAT

Duration: Flexible (1-6hr or Multi-day)

Audience: All Ages

Delivery Mode: On-site facilitated installation

WHAT PARTICIPANTS WILL DO

- ✓ Share short written reflections, stories, quotes, and drawings.
- ✓ Respond to creative prompts about identity, place, and community.
- ✓ Contribute to a growing collective artwork.
- ✓ See their voice become part of something larger.

MATERIALS/RESOURCES

Provided by Maesons Soapbox

- ✓ Story wall materials, prompts, creative tools, facilitation.

Host to Provide

- ✓ Space for installation (indoor or outdoor), tables & chairs (if required)

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YOUTH EXPRESSION

Creative Voice and Self-Expression



WORKSHOP

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Youth Expression Workshops are creative sessions that support young people to explore their voice across different forms of expression - including writing, art, spoken word, and creative media.

Developed in collaboration with youth platforms such as WhyNot, these workshops create space for young people to share what matters to them, in the ways that feel most natural and powerful.

The focus is on process over perfection, encouraging creativity, curiosity, and courage across all forms of storytelling.

Perfect for schools, youth programs, libraries, and community spaces.

FORMAT

Duration: Flexible (45min - ½ day)

Group Size: 10 - 30

Age Group: 15 - 30

Delivery Mode: In-person facilitated workshop

WHAT PARTICIPANTS WILL DO

- ✓ Explore different forms of creative expression.
- ✓ Respond to creative prompts and story starters.
- ✓ Create personal pieces across one or multiple mediums.
- ✓ Share (optionally) in a supportive space.
- ✓ Build confidence in their voice and ideas.

MATERIALS/RESOURCES

Provided by Maesons Soapbox

- ✓ Creative prompts, example works, art & writing materials, facilitation

Host to Provide

- ✓ Venue, Tables, Chairs (Soapbox can provide in some instances)

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COLLABORATIVE ANTHOLOGIES



From Story to Publication

PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Collaborative Anthologies is a longer-form storytelling project where participants move from idea to finished publication — contributing writing, artwork, and creative pieces to a shared print or digital anthology.

This program brings together the creative process of workshops with the real-world experience of publishing, offering young people and communities the opportunity to see their stories preserved, celebrated, and shared.

Perfect for schools, youth programs, community groups, libraries, and regional projects.

FORMAT

Duration: Multi-session (Custom Design)

Group Size: 10-30 (flexible by project)

Age Group: 15 - 30 (flexible)

Delivery Mode: In-person workshops with optional online collaboration

OUTCOMES

Increased confidence in creative work and collaboration; Practical experience in publishing; Strengthened community connection through shared storytelling; Tangible published outcome to keep and share.

MATERIALS/RESOURCES

Provided by Maesons Soapbox

- ✓ Facilitation, creative resources, coordination, publishing guidance

Host to Provide

- ✓ Venue, Tables, Chairs (Soapbox can provide in some instances)

WHAT PARTICIPANTS WILL DO

- ✓ Develop original written, visual, and creative works.
- ✓ Participate in guided workshops across drafting, editing, and design.
- ✓ Learn the basic of publishing and collaboration.
- ✓ Contribute to a produced shared anthology.
- ✓ Celebrate their work through a launch or showcase event.

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BESPOKE WORKSHOPS, FACILITATION, AND SPEAKING

Designing Stories, Systems, & Change



ABOUT THIS WORK

Alongside our core programs, Maesons Soapbox offers bespoke workshops, facilitation, and speaking for schools, organisations, and community groups seeking deeper engagement, tailored learning, and meaningful impact.

These sessions are custom-designed in collaboration with partners - shaped around your goals, your community, and the change you want to create.

FORMAT

Duration: Multi-session (Custom Design)

Audience: Youth, Educators, Community Organisations, Leaders

Delivery Mode: In-person or Hybrid

HOW IT WORKS

Every engagement is tailored and may include:

- Workshops & creative sessions
- Facilitation of conversations & forums
- Keynote talks & presentations
- Program design & community consultation
- Youth voice & leadership processes

CORE FOCUS AREAS

Storytelling for Social Change

Using personal stories to build empathy, challenge systems, and create real-world impact.

Literacy & Reading Engagement

Helping youth and communities reconnect with reading as something meaningful, accessible, and for them - and empowering media literacy through reading and stories.

Youth Advocacy & Leadership

Empowering young people with the confidence, tools, and voice to shape their communities.

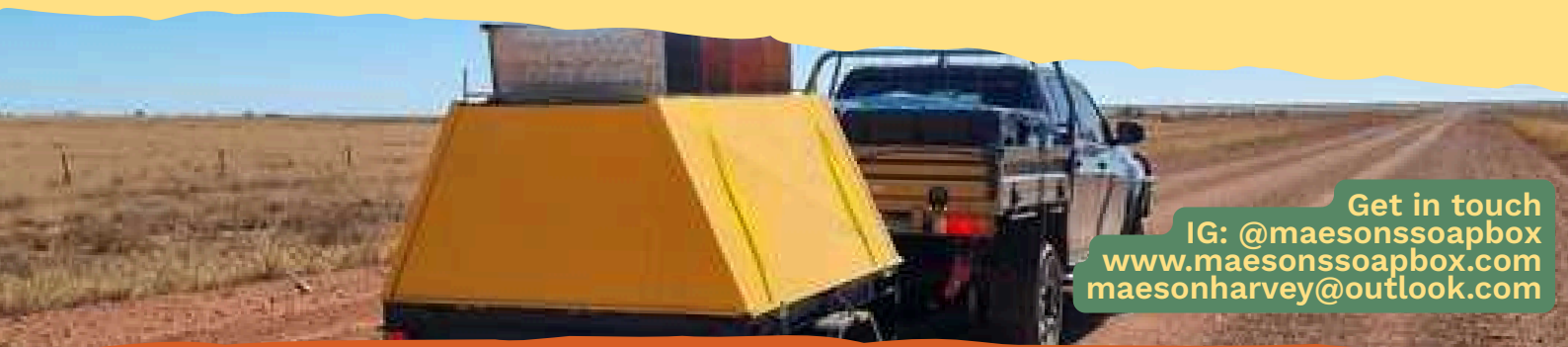
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BOOKING PROCESS

1. Browse our offerings
2. Get in touch with your dates and group information
3. Confirm experience and requirements
4. We bring the Soapbox to you!

Maesons Soapbox is committed to making experiences accessible to all communities. If budget is a varriet, please reach out - we're open to discussing options, partnerships, or funding pathways that make it possible.



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Workshop & Facilitation Fees

All fees include: Facilitation by Maeson Harvey, full workshop delivery, and all creative materials. Additional costs associated with printing and publication may be required.

Group Size

10-30 participants per session.

Travel & Regional Delivery

- Workshops delivered across WA.
- Travel fees may apply for regional & remote locations - quoted at booking.

Creative Workshops & Programs

Workshop Areas Include: Zine-making for Storytelling, Stories Closer To You, Community Story Walls, Youth Writing Workshops, Storytelling for Social Change etc.

Session Options:

45-60min session - \$350

Best for taster sessions, classes, festivals & short programs

90 min session - \$500

Allows time for deeper creative work and skill development.

2 hour session - \$700

Full creative arc with extended making, reflection & collaboration

Half-day program (3-4 hrs) - \$950

Includes multiple creative cycles, extended support, and optional showcase/reflection

Pop-Up Bookstore Activations

Up to 3 hours on site - \$350

Up to 6 hours on site - \$600

Full day (6-8 hrs) - \$850

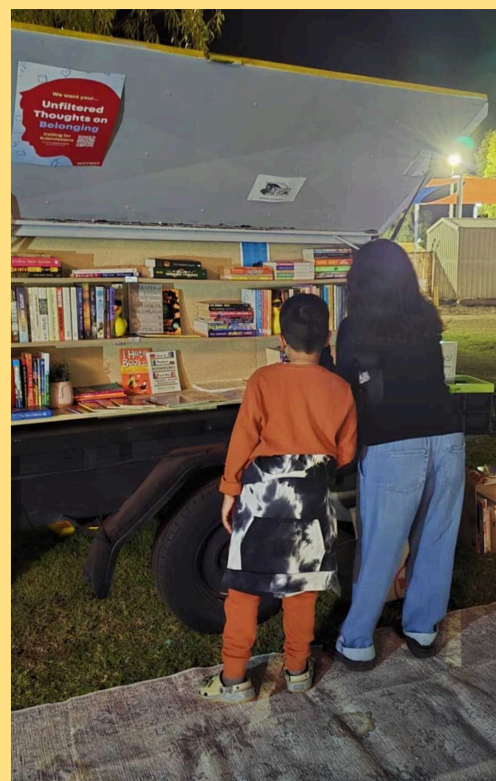
Includes full setup, curation, on-site operation, and community engagement activities.

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