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Bestselling author ANDY GRIFFITHS is coming to Gladstone! Bookings have exceeded expectations and nearly 3000 students from throughout this and neighbouring regions are eagerly awaiting their participation in his sessions.

Andy Griffiths is best known for *The Treehouse* series, the *JUST!* books and *The Day My Bum Went Psycho*. Over the last 20 years Andy's books have been *New York Times* bestsellers, adapted for the stage and television and won more than 50 Australian children's choice awards. Andy, a passionate advocate for literacy, is an ambassador for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation and The Pyjama Foundation.

Andy Griffiths's *The 52-Storey Treehouse* illustrated by Terry Denton won Book of the Year 2015 – the first time in the 15-year-old Australian Book Industry Awards history that a children's book has been overall winner. *The 52-Storey Treehouse* also won the prize for best book for younger children. The best-selling book in Australia in 2014, it and the other three books in the *Treehouse* series have been widely acknowledged for their huge impact on children's reading. The *Treehouse* series has total sales of 1.5 million in Australia and NZ is also selling well in the US.

Our program includes:

Student Sessions with Andy Griffiths (Dates: Monday 13–Wednesday 15 July 2015) Venues: Tannum Sands State School (Monday) and Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre (GECC) (Tuesday/ Wednesday) presented by the BWF and the CCLC. **[Years 1–8]** School groups and individuals to book with CCLC. **Contact: Chris McMaster Email cmcma18@eq.edu.au** NB Schools are reminded that this **Friday 19 June** is the final day for cancellations of their group bookings; spaces are limited and we would welcome the opportunity to fill any made vacant.

Andy Griffiths will also conduct a Book Signing Session for the General Public (Date: Tuesday 14 July 2015) Venue: GRC Library 4.00–6.00pm. No Bookings are required and all are welcome. **Books will be for sale before, during and after the visit, and details are on our website.**

You can also view:

'The Many Story Treehouse Exhibition featuring illustrations by Terry Denton for the phenomenal series by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton.' **Venue:** Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum. Curated by Books Illustrated, Melbourne, and presented by GRAGM and the CCLC. **(Dates: 14 July–22 August 2015)** School groups to book with GRAGM. **Contact: Ph 07 4976 6766 Email gragm@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au**

The 52 Storey Treehouse play space Venue: Gladstone City Library presented by the BWF and the GRC **(Dates: 23 June–31 August 2015)** School groups to book with Gladstone City Library. **Contact: Bettina Nissen Ph 07 4976 6400 Email BettinaN@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au**

A performance of *The 26-Storey Treehouse* written by Richard Tulloch. **(Date: Friday 26th June 2015)**
Venue: Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre (GECC) for **Contact: GECC Ph 4972 2822**
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