

DR. SARAH PYE



AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
SCIENCE COMMUNICATOR
WORKSHOP FACILITATOR
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ENVIRONMENTALIST
WILDLIFE LOVER
ADVENTURER



'Dr Sarah Pye may be a writer, speaker and teacher, but that hasn't always been the case.

Sarah was born on a tiny British outpost on the Mediterranean called Gibraltar, then spent the summers of her first decade plying the waters of the Norfolk broads aboard a classic wooden boat. (Think *Swallows and Amazons*).

When she was 13, Sarah's teacher parents moved their family onto a 30ft sea-going ketch. She was boat-schooled by the world around her – holding night watches, grocery shopping in foreign ports, and hunkering down in ranging storms.

At 17, Sarah left her floating home for college in the United States. She obtained her commercial captain's license before she could drive a car. Then, with a hospitality management degree under her arm, continued her westward migration to Hawaii, and on to Australia's Whitsunday Islands. Sarah's business, [Ocean Rafting](#), was awarded the Queensland Tourism Award for Best Adventure Product in 2001.

Sarah published her first book, a guidebook called ***Kids Welcome to Queensland***, in 2009. The resulting travel business led to Sarah being named [Sunshine Coast Small Business Woman of the Year](#) in 2010.

A trip to Borneo with her daughter in 2012 changed the trajectory of Sarah's life once again, when she met Malaysian ecologist, Wong Siew Te. Sarah asked how she could help Wong save sun bears from extinction. He replied:

'Do what you do best'.

For the last 14 years, Sarah has done just that: Creating a sun bear adoption program which helps raise money for conservation, writing Wong's biography as her Doctor of Creative Arts Degree, writing six children's books about his adventures in the jungle, running an online monthly event for wildlife lovers around the world, and conducting workshops (nationally and internationally) which reconnect all ages with nature.

Sarah hopes there are many more adventures to come. Starting in mid-2027, she will hit the road in her camper, *Wombat*, meeting readers and conducting workshops along the way!



LITERARY ACCOLADES

Saving Sun Bears

One man's quest to save a species

Published in 2000, the biography of Dr Wong Siew Te was reviewed by Dame Judi Dench who said 'I highly recommend this inspirational story'. It was an award-winning finalist in the Animals: Narrative Non-Fiction category of the 2021 International Book Awards.



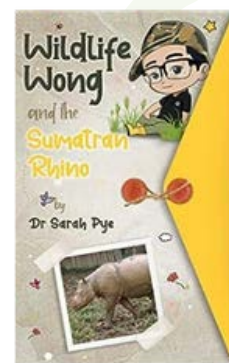
Wildlife Wong and the Sun Bear

The first book in the Wildlife Wong series for 8-12 year-olds was an award-winning finalist in the Children's Non-Fiction category of the 2021 International Book Awards.



The Wildlife Wong series (6 books)

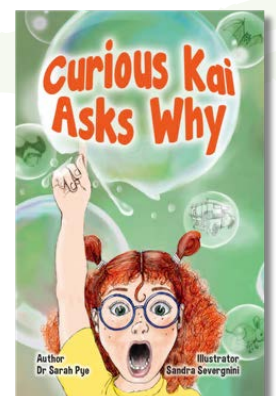
Each of the six Wildlife Wong books includes a nonfiction narrative, cool animals facts and experiments that link to curriculum. The series was shortlisted for an Australian Educational Publishing Award in 2022.



Curious Kai Asks Why



Sarah's latest book was published recently, It is in the running for an International Book Award, the Prime Minister's Literary Award, the Wilderness Society's Environmental Award for Children's Literature, and the Royal Society, Young People's Book Prize, UK. All fingers and toes are crossed!



TESTIMONIALS



**Head Librarian,
Marlborough College,
Malaysia, 2026**

Sarah visited us on our World Book Day, and the energy, enthusiasm and passion she brought had a visibly profound impact on our pupils. The workshops were informative, interesting and incredibly engaging thanks to Sarah's great warmth and willingness to involve the children - it was a true delight to see the children impersonating Sumatran Rhinos!



**President,
Queensland Koala
Cruisaders, 2025**

So incredibly pleased and impressed with Sarah's content and presentations! She's inclusive and engaging, and her enthusiasm for the environment and ability to relate to young people really set her apart. Enthusiasm is "contagious" and Sarah does a terrific job of bringing her audience along on her journey. We're looking forward to more!



**Immanuel Lutheran
College, 2023**

Our teachers were absolutely raving about your presentation and having Pongo the puppet: all age appropriate and the kids were on the edges of their seats! So well done!



**Head Librarian,
Jerudong
International School,
Brunei - 2025**

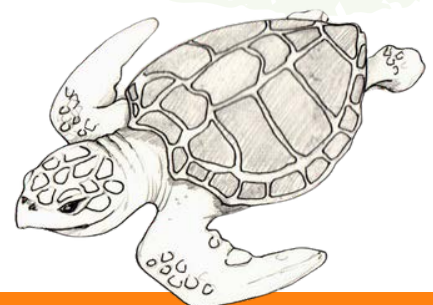
Wow, what an amazing week! This Book Week was truly the best experience I've had in my 16 years of program management at our school. I've just returned from rave reviews from the head of school, teachers, and students who greeted me in the corridors. Sarah Pye was absolutely incredible.

Leading up to the event, I had the usual pre-booking anxiety—wondering if the sessions would be successful, if Sarah would be able to connect with all our diverse audiences, and whether the subject matter and language would be appropriate. But all my worries disappeared the moment I met Sarah, and they were completely gone after her first performance.

Sarah was not only engaging and entertaining, but her classroom management was phenomenal with every year group. She had an uncanny ability to read the room and adjust accordingly. As a captivating storyteller, she inspired our students across the entire STEAM curriculum, creating a meaningful experience for everyone from ages 6 to 17.

Her professionalism and polished speaking were evident throughout, and she kept the students captivated and fully engaged. Behind the scenes, she was flexible, accommodating, and an absolute delight to work with.

I can't thank Sarah enough for making this week such a memorable and successful one. She truly exceeded all expectations!



SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

for small groups



WHAT SORT OF ANIMAL AM I ?

Suitability: Prep and lower primary

Students learn about some of the incredible animals in Sarah's books through storytelling, puppetry and a multimedia presentation. They then embrace their 'inner animal' and colour an animal mask to take home. The focus can be on Australian, or Bornean species.

☞ *Can't rate Doctor Sarah highly enough. Her depth of knowledge and mastery in working with students of all abilities with genuine enthusiasm is absolutely outstanding, and any setting would be delighted with her.*



THE COOLEST ANIMALS YOU NEVER KNEW EXISTED

Suitability: Prep and lower primary

This workshop starts with a multimedia presentation introducing some of the coolest rainforest animals on earth. Then students become part of the action: using puppets to act out a story from *Wildlife Wong and the Fig Wasp*.

☞ *Sarah's school visit was very informative and engaging. She has some awesome teaching methods and ideas... I wish there was more time!*

GROUP SIZE

The workshops on this page are best suited to in-person groups of 10-30.

COSTS

Half day (2 x 1 hour workshops) \$600

Full day (3-4 x 1 hour workshops) \$950

TRAVEL

For road travel, the first 100km return from the Sunshine Coast, Queensland is included. Additional driving is billed at \$1 per kilometre.

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SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

for small groups



RAINFOREST IN A JAR

Suitable for: Primary
Not suitable for: International tours

Did you know the oldest terrarium in the world was built in 1960? Sarah uses a multimedia presentation to explain how a rainforest system works, and explore themes of biodiversity. Then students make their very own rainforest in a jar to take home.

👂 *Pitched really well to the age of the cohort. Great information that tied in so well to our Unit of Inquiry on Sharing the Planet. The making of the terrarium allowed the children to understand the layers of the rainforest and of course they got to take them home.*



SCIENCE STORYTELLING: FACT OR FICTION?

Suitability: Upper primary

Sarah uses her books to explore the differences between nonfiction and fiction; narratives and informational text. Students learn the importance of research, planning and editing, and add tools to their own writing toolbox. They even get to help Sarah research her next book!

👂 *Getting into how you go about writing your book and planning was fantastic. After you left, many students went back to evaluate their own planning for their stories, which was GREAT!*

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SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

for small groups

THE PARLIAMENT OF ANIMALS

This exploration of civics and stewardship is suitable for one class or a group of student leaders.

Hypothetical developers propose a monorail development. The mayor (Sarah) calls a town meeting and invites human and non-human residents.

Students are allocated a character, research their character's needs, then present their perspective at the town gathering before voting for or against the monorail.

The day ends with a discussion of civics and Australian democracy.

Suitability: Years 5-9



5x1-hour sessions,
2x2.5 hour sessions,
or 1 day program

Email for a full prospectus including
curriculum alignment and
underlying research.

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SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

for large groups

AROUND THE BEND




In this honest keynote address, Dr Sarah Pye shares the highs and lows of her adventurous life: from a 'boat-schooled teenager' sailing the world, to a restaurant manager in Hawaii, a boat captain in the Whitsundays and a single mum on the Sunshine Coast. Through anecdotes of life-threatening storms, momentous rejection letters and podium finishes, participants learn there is more than one path to your goals.

Suitability: Upper high school

☺☺ *Sarah had such a magnetic personality and put a smile on my face as soon as she started talking. Her 'go with the flow' attitude has made me excited for my future and finding multiple purposes like her. She is such a cool lady.*

THE BEST DOCTORATE IN THE WORLD



In 2012, in the middle of the humid jungle of Borneo, Sarah Pye met the smallest bear species in the world, and the man dedicated to saving them. When she asked how she could help, 'do what you do best' was the powerful reply. Those five words led Sarah on a new trajectory, and in this talk she takes you along for the ride.

Suitability: Upper high school

☺☺ *Sarah's passion for nature, conservation, and animals really came through, and both staff and children learned a great deal. Several teachers commented on how informative and inspiring your session was.*

GROUP SIZE

The presentations on this page are suitable for groups over 30, or online cohorts.

COSTS

Online hour	\$400
Half day (2 x 1 hour workshops)	\$600
Full day (3-4 x 1 hour workshops)	\$950

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TEACHER PD SESSIONS



SCIENCE STORYTELLING IN THE CLASSROOM

In this one-hour session, Sarah uses her children's books and teacher resources to illustrate how narratives have the capacity to represent complex topics in an accessible way, resulting in greater recall and engagement while igniting natural wonder and promoting environmental stewardship. Check out the resources on her website.

🗣️ *The live web presentation was fantastic thank you. Excellent clear communication with a dash of humour!*

PARLIAMENT OF ANIMALS TRAINING

All the materials for hosting your own Parliament of Animals are available at no cost, thanks to Sunshine Coast Council. In this session, Sarah takes groups of up to 30 teachers through the 5-hour workshop, pointing out the pressure points along the way and increasing capacity for future facilitation of this innovative exploration of civics and environment.



COSTS

1-hour PD session
online/in person:
\$50 per person
Minimum numbers: 10

Full-day P of A workshop
in person:
\$950 total
Max number: 30

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OSHC/VACATION CARE WORKSHOPS

for small groups



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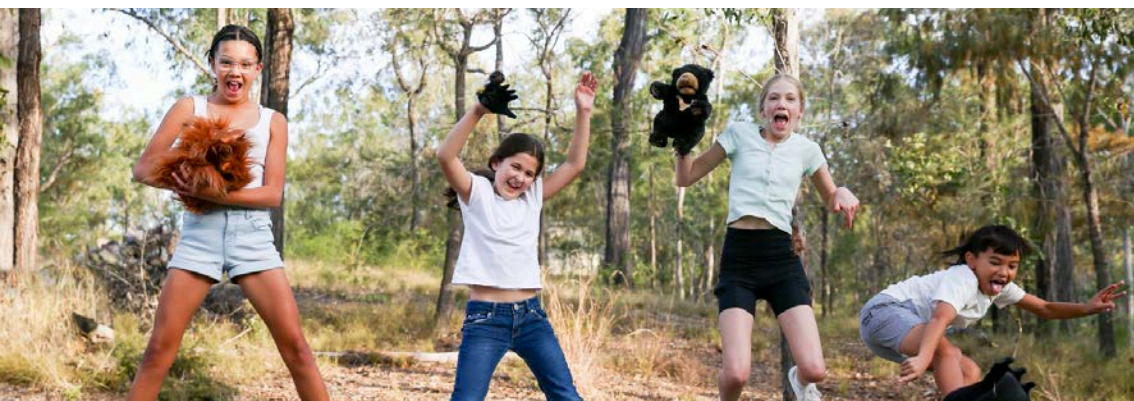
👉 *It was a privilege to have Sarah visit- the day flew by, and the children had the most wonderful time (Pongo the orangutan is still being talked about!).*



SOCK IT TO ME!

Sarah and her sidekicks, Luna and Pongo, teach kids how to make an animal sock puppet. Once created, they have fun practicing puppetry movement, voices and ventriloquism.

NEW



GROUP SIZE

The workshops on this page are suitable for groups under 30.

COSTS

Half day (2 x 1 hour workshops) \$600

Children bring their own jar or sock.

Add \$1 per child for other supplies.

TRAVEL

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ADULT WORKSHOPS

for small groups



WRITING AND PUBLISHING KIDS' BOOKS

Do you have a story itching to get out? In this three-hour, hands-on workshop, Sarah introduces you to the journey from idea to publication: researching, planning, writing, editing, self-publishing, distribution and promotion - saving you a few stumbles along the way!



PLANT AND SIP

Laugh with friends and get dirt under your fingernails while you build your own personalised terrarium. Gather your mates, choose the location, and bring the bubbles. Sarah will lead you through the stages of creating a unique, long-lasting 'rainforest in a jar' and keeping it alive. All terrarium materials are included.

COSTS

3-hour writing
workshop:
\$900

Maximum numbers: 30
Bring a notebook!

PLANT AND SIP

1.5 hour workshop:
\$99 per person

Minimum numbers: 8
Maximum numbers: 16
All terrarium materials
provided.

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ADULT PRESENTATIONS

for large groups

CAN THE PEN SAVE THE WORLD?



Take a journey through environmental books that have changed the way we see the natural world: launching ground-breaking ideas, igniting environmental movements, and shaping governance. Then work together to add to the reading list which Sarah will send you afterwards, and discover ways YOUR pen can save the world!

👏 *This was such a well polished presentation. Not only did I learn about the power of the pen, but I now have a reading list to keep me busy for the next year!*

BORNEO BEARS AND BOOKS



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👏 *Sarah's material resonated with the audience on a number of levels helped by her easy and engaging presentation style. The audience left with a clear understanding of the problem and a silent resolve to help spread her message, particularly to their grandchildren.*

GROUP SIZE

Any size will do!

COSTS

Online/in-person
1 hour plus 30 minutes for questions, book sales and signing \$400

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FREEBIES!

WORLD OF WILDLIFE: EXPERTS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

On the 10th of every month, Dr Sarah and Dr Wong host the World of Wildlife - a gathering for wildlife lovers around the world. Sign up [here](#).

It features a different guest speaker each time! Feel free to use these resources in your classroom. If you subscribe on the YouTube channel you won't miss new ones!



[How can art spark wildlife conservation?](#)



[Saving sun bears with data](#)



[What are they doing right in the Galapagos Islands?](#)



[The superpowers of bats](#)



[Can you discover a new insect?](#)



[Are drones the future of wildlife conservation?](#)



[Learn about 'bird listening'](#)



[Do shark nets save humans?](#)



[The power of a picture](#)



[How can we save koalas?](#)



[The black market of dino bones](#)



[What is multi-species justice?](#)

TRAVEL WITH SARAH

BORNEO WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

Gather your friends and spend 9 days exploring the incredible wildlife of Borneo with Sarah. Highlights include:

- The chance to see wildlife endemic to Borneo, and found nowhere else
- Exclusive behind the scenes tour of the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre with the hero of Sarah's books, Director, Dr Wong Siew Te
- Arriving to the Sukau Rainforest Lodge by boat
- Numerous river wildlife spotting tours
- Night safari and hiking in the rainforest.

🦋 I saw so many animals that I never thought I would get to see before this trip.

GROUP SIZE

Minimum 6, maximum 10

COSTS

Borneo starts from : \$6,500

Accommodation is twin share and additional costs for flights.



HIKE THE PEKOE TRAIL - SRI LANKA

Gather your friends and spend 10 days walking through ancient lands and tea plantations. Highlights include:

- Trek 80km of scenic trails in the central highlands over 7 days
- Explore historic and cultural sites, including tea plantations
- Learn meditation from a monk, and Sri Lankan cooking from a chef!
- Stay in comfort and travel with your own bus and experienced walking guide.

COSTS

Sri Lanka starts from: \$3,900

Accommodation is twin share, and additional costs for flights.

