

Reading Writing **Hotline** **1300 6 555 06**



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Hundreds of volunteer adult literacy tutors ready write now in WA

Hundreds of volunteer tutors are trained up and ready to start helping adult Western Australians who would like to improve their reading and writing skills.

By calling the Reading Writing Hotline on 1300 6 555 06, adult Western Australians can learn about options to improve their literacy, including being paired up one-on-one with a volunteer tutor through the Read Write Now program.

Read Write Now program manager Marcia Barclay said currently there was a surplus of about 150 tutors.

“We’ve just concluded an excellent 4-week training course this weekend, adding another 50 volunteer tutors to our total pool of about 750 tutors right across the state.

“With about 600 current students, we’ve got plenty of extra volunteer tutors keen to help.

“Our tutors are right across the state, including in Perth, Avon Valley, Broome, Geraldton, Bunbury, Margaret River, Collie, Katanning, Bridgetown, Manjimup, Albany, Kalgoorlie and Esperance.

“Often we can match up regional students with a tutor in their town and where that’s not possible we can sometimes arrange lessons via Skype,” Ms Barclay said.

Manager of the national Reading Writing Hotline Vanessa Iles said that nationally most calls were received from men aged between 25 and 44 who often reported recently coming out of employment and finding it hard to get back in due to new literacy requirements.

“The good news for people looking to improve their literacy skills for work or for activities, such as getting a drivers licence or helping children with their homework, is that the Reading Writing Hotline is a free service and has trained teachers who can give advice on the best study options available.

“When people call the Reading Writing Hotline we can then refer callers on to a variety of classes depending on their needs, such as the excellent Read Write Now program in Western Australia, which is helping hundreds of people with their reading and writing across the state, including in regional and remote areas,” Ms Iles said.

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1300 6 555 06

...or visit us online at:

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