



Leigh Hobbs is an artist and author who works across a wide range of mediums.

He is certainly best known though both in Australia and overseas, for the extremely popular children's books he has written and illustrated featuring his characters **Old Tom, Horrible Harriet, Fiona The Pig, The Freaks in 4F, Mr Chicken and Mr Badger.**



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**Old Tom** has been brought to life by Leigh in eight books featuring this orange, furry, feral rascal with one bung eye and bandaged foot who always carries a fishbone (his dolly.) Leigh's books, plus a highly successful French/Australian animated TV series, have built up Old Tom's reputation to almost cult status amongst children.

Leigh's artwork is included in the collections of various public institutions. His ceramic Flinders Street Station teapots are in The National Gallery of Victoria collection, paintings & sculptures are in Sydney's Powerhouse Museum, The State Libraries of Victoria & WA & private collections in Australia & Europe.

Visiting schools, speaking to students and running workshops, and in his new **virtual sessions**, Leigh draws not only on his own artistic talents and but on his almost 25 years experience as a secondary school art teacher.

At workshops Leigh explains & demonstrates **character development**, leading students through the stages of drawing Old Tom, Horrible Harriet & Mr Chicken to gain confidence; then, onto creating their own characters.

Students of all ages not only gain confidence through experiencing these sessions but will leave Leigh Hobbs's workshops / demonstrations full of excitement, with their imaginations in full flight.

Yesterday was fabulous! The staff and children thoroughly enjoyed your presentation. Harriet's mother said that she went home and was drawing for hours. - D. Haddrick, Cromer Primary School

The students that went to your workshop had a great time & have been busy making up & developing their own characters & writing stories. They have produced some amazing illustrations. Thanks again! - Scott & Kerri, Chevallum State School, QLD

We had a great morning with Leigh Hobbs yesterday- he was fantastic with the kids and they all got a lot out of the workshop with him. I already have some of their pictures hanging up in the Library! Thanks for your help in organising him for us. - Su Allan, Balwyn Primary School

**Requirements:** Please ensure each student has 3 sheets of A4 paper, a pencil (2B preferred) and something hard to lean on to draw.



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