Poppy the Possum is ‘Paint Cumberland REaD’s’ official mascot dedicated to support the development of children’s early literacy skills from birth, so that they are ready for reading and writing at school.

Research shows that foundation skills learnt between the ages of 0 and 5 years are critical for developing literacy skills at school. The philosophy adopted is that literacy is a key to life’s success.

As part of Cumberland Council’s community literacy capacity building program Poppy the Possum is available to deliver Storytime sessions to the children at your premises.

You can book Poppy to visit your organization by completing the booking form attached.

You can also book your own ‘Sustainable Story Time’ with Poppy at our Bush School which is located at Central Gardens in Merrylands where the children can explore an unstructured and natural play space for children and families, to discover and to experience nature.

Please complete our booking request form to book Poppy for an event or contact Children’s Services on 8757 9000 or at childrens.services@cumberland.nsw.gov.au for more details.

PRIVACY NOTE: Council will collect and hold the personal information contained in this application for the purpose of booking the Poppy the Possum suit for a story time event. The intended recipients of the personal information are officers within Council. The supply of personal information by you is voluntary, however if you cannot provide, or do not wish to provide the information sought, Council may be unable to process your application.

You may make an application for access or amendments to your personal information held by Council under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIP Act) or the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act). You may also make a request that Council suppress your personal information from a public register. Council will consider any such application in accordance with the PPIP Act.

Information provided to Council in correspondence, submissions or requests, including your personal information, may be made publicly available, including on Council’s website, under the GIPA Act. Please notify us if you object to the disclosure of your personal information.
Paint Cumberland REaD
POPPOY STORYTIME REQUEST FORM

Please email a copy of this completed form to childrens.services@cumberland.nsw.gov.au
For more information phone Council’s Children’s Services team on 8757 9000

Service: ____________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
Contact name & number: ____________________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________________
Date of event: _____________________ Time: __________________________
Will your event be open to the public? YES / NO
Will this booking be a reoccurring booking? YES / NO

Booking Poppy Details: (Please tick)
External Event
☐ Poppy at your venue
Includes - Poppy suit with person inside and storyteller (2 staff) for 45 minute session:
Weekdays $240.00
Weekends and/or evenings $310.00
Please Note: 45 minute session includes 30 minute Storytime session and 15 minute meet and greet with Poppy the Possum

The Bush School Event
☐ Poppy at the ‘Bush School’
Includes - Poppy suit with person inside and storyteller (2 staff) for 45 minute session:
Weekdays $240.00
Weekends and/or evenings $310.00
Please Note: 45 minute session includes 30 minute Storytime session and 15 minute meet and greet with Poppy the Possum.

Activity/Event Title: __________________________________________________________
Target age group and number of children involved: __________________________________________________________
*If numbers exceed 20, PA and microphone will be required.
Is there a dressing room available for Poppy? YES / NO
If the story time is being held outside, is there sufficient shade for Poppy? YES / NO
PLEASE NOTE:

• Public Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation will be provided on request
• Working with Children Check Numbers and verifications will be provided on request
• Poppy the Possum will require a shaded/undercover area when holding story times outside
• A suitable private location will need to be provided for Poppy to get dressed and undressed

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Booking form received and confirmed by:

Print Name

Email

Phone

Staff booked for event: YES / NO

Staff names attending event:

Invoice requested and sent: YES / NO

Invoice Paid: YES / NO

Date received:

Evaluation form received: YES / NO

Date received:
Paint Cumberland REaD
STORYTIME EVENT EVALUATION FORM

Service: _____________________________________________________________

Contact number: ____________________________________________________

Email: _____________________________________________________________

Date of event: ______________________ Time: ____________________________

Was your event open to the public? YES / NO

Have you included a photo? YES / NO

Activity/Event Title: __________________________________________________

As a part of our funding we are required to report on total number of participants and how many represented a CALD background. Pls provide the following;

Number of children at the event________________________________________

Number of parents at the event_________________________________________

Number of staff/teachers_______________________________________________

Number of participants from a CALD background__________________________

What was the financial impact of this event? ______________________________

Community Involvement: (who was involved and how?) ______________________

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General community feedback summary: ___________________________________

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Evaluation: (Please provide any feedback on this event, will you run this event or any other similar events again in the future?) ____________________________

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OFFICE USE ONLY:
Data collated for KPI’s by _____________________________________________ (officer)