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2016



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OUR OFFICIAL BOOKSELLER, [THE BEST LITTLE BOOKSHOP IN TOWN](#) WILL BE SELLING BOOKS AT EVENTS..

Please try and book tickets in advance, even for free events. WWF reserves a number of tickets for financially disadvantaged people. Please contact the team in advance if you are unable to attend an event due to financial constraints.

FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST

PROGRAM LAUNCH OF THE 2016 WOLLONGONG WRITERS FESTIVAL

Bringing together two talented Wollongong natives, author Ashley Hay talks to ABC journalist Kate Evans about Hay's life and writing. Join us for the launch of the festival program and after party. Enjoy free finger food. Buy a selection of books and Hay's latest releases.

MC: Adam Norris
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: The Cabbage Tree Hotel, Fairy Meadow
\$15 Entry

SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

POETRY MASTERCLASS WITH VISITING POET FROM SCOTLAND. PAM BEASANT

From Orkney to Wollongong: a writer's sense of place. Pam will talk about how poetry derives from place. She will encourage participants to write about their own place, or sense of being out of place.

Time: 12.30pm - 3.00pm
Venue: Wollongong Art Gallery, Wollongong
\$40 Entry - cash only at the door

SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

READING WITH PAM BEASANT

Join us for an afternoon of reading with Pam and local poets, as part of her national tour of readings and teaching. Afternoon tea will be served.

Time: 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Venue: Wollongong Art Gallery, Wollongong
Gold coin / pink paper donation

MONDAY 12/13/14TH OCTOBER

RESIDENCY WITH MIREILLE JUCHAU

Mireille Juchau will have a discussion about her book, *The World Without Us*, at Warrawong Library, Mireille will address creative writing students at the University of Wollongong.

Time: 1.30pm on 12th October 2016
Venue: Warrawong Library, Hoskins Ave, Warrawong
Free Entry, but tickets must be booked online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/author-talk-mireille-juchau-tickets-26577740738>

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

CREATIVE DIALOGUES: SUBVERSIVE NARRATIVES: THE GENRES OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

This panel will respond to Sweatshop's White Supremacy performance to explore notions of 'white guilt' and delve into questions surrounding post-colonial histories.

In partnership with South Coast Writers Centre, Wollongong City Council and Wollongong Art Gallery. Launch of SCWC's *Dreaming Inside Vol. IV*

Featuring: Aunty Barbara Nicholson, Sukhmani Khorana, Mike Griffiths and Luis Romero Gomez

Time: 12.00pm for 12.15pm to 2.00pm
Venue: Wollongong Art Gallery, 46 Burelli Street
\$10 Entry

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

LAUNCH OF *AUSTRALIAN POETRY* AND READINGS FROM *NET NEEDLE*. ROBERT ADAMSON AND ROBBIE COBURN

Poetry Magazine, the Australian edition, edited by Robert Adamson. *Poetry Magazine* was founded in Chicago by Harriet Monroe in 1912.

The magazine has since published a new issue every month for one hundred years.

Time: 1.30pm to 2.00pm
Venue: Jane's Cafe, 1/40-42 Flinders St, Wollongong
Free Entry

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

ROCKET READINGS. JUDITH BEVERIDGE AND STEPHEN EDGAR

Rocket Readings is a lively poetry event. Two featured poets, stars of Australian poetry. Followed by an open mic section with a three minute limit.

Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Venue: Jane's Cafe, 1/40-42 Flinders St, Wollongong
\$10 Entry

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

BEN FRATER RETROSPECTIVE

Ben Frater reading his work on YouTube.

Time: 3.30pm - 3.45pm
Venue: Jane's Cafe, 1/40-42 Flinders St, Wollongong
\$10 Gets you entry to all poetry events on 27.11.16

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

THE MADDEST TEA PARTY

Tim Heffernan, Alise Blayney, Phillip Hall, Robbie Coburn, Michele Seminara, Ariel Riveros Pavez and Robert Adamson explore their experience of illness and recovery through poetry.

Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Venue: Jane's Cafe, 1/40-42 Flinders St, Wollongong
\$10 Gets you entry to all poetry events on 27.11.16

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

MAD POETS READING

The poets from the panel and those that participated in the workshop in October will read from their work.

Time: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Venue: Jane's Cafe, 1/40-42 Flinders St, Wollongong
\$10 Gets you entry to all poetry events on 27.11.16

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

SOUTH COAST READINGS

Celebrate the writings of the South Coast. Ten writers will read 500 words of other writers, all from the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, and the south coast of NSW. It will be funny, crazy, entertaining and there is wine and pizza.

Time: 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Venue: Jane's Cafe, 1/40-42 Flinders St, Wollongong
\$5 Entry

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

SWEATSHOP PERFORMANCE: WHITE SUPREMACY

Race, gender, class, sexuality and disability. The writers from SWEATSHOP take you across the intersections with performance readings that span along the highways of Western Sydney. Featuring: Tamar Chnorhokian, Monikka Eliah, Shirley Le, Stephen Pham and Peter Polites.

Time: 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue: Jane's Cafe, 1/40-42 Flinders St, Wollongong
\$10 Entry

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

WOLLONGONG COMEDY

Stand up comedy acts.

Time: 8.00pm for 8.30pm start

Venue: The Builders Basement Bar, 61 Church St
Tickets online: \$15 / Tickets at the door: \$20

ALL TICKETS ARE TO BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT
<http://www.wollongongwritersfestival.com/events-2/>

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

CHILDREN'S READING TREE

Book readings, a book hunt, kids' library, drawing and craft. The Reading Tree space is open from 9.30am to 3.30pm with performances and readings.

At 10am, join Hilary Bell and Matthew Martin, creators of their playful history of Sydney, written in verse, for a reading, talk about creating a book, and an art activity.

At 2pm Lah-Lah. Best known as the loveable red and white stripy sock singing and dancing Lah-Lah, star of ABC Kids TV smash hit show Lah-Lah's Adventures.

Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

Venue: Wollongong Central
Free Entry

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

'SEX ON THE BEACH': ROMANCE WRITERS PANEL

Discussion of romance writing in Australia, with local authors: Catherine Evans, Cassandra Samuels, Donna Gallagher and Rachel Brookes. This event is run in partnership with the Australian Romance Readers Association.

MC: Diane Robson

Time: 1.00pm to 2.30pm

Venue: Beach Burrito, Globe Lane, Wollongong
\$10 Entry

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER

MAD POETRY: A WORKSHOP WITH TIM HEFFERNAN

"There is an increasing market for mental hospital stuff. I am a fool if I don't relive, recreate it.' Sylvia Plath. Don't be a fool! While Sylvia can't be there, you can.

Some poems from this workshop will be selected for publication on the Verity La website. Verity La is an on-line creative arts journal.

Time: 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Venue: Jane's Cafe, 1/40-42 Flinders St, Wollongong
\$5 Entry

THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

FEMINIST BOOK CLUB WITH MARY VAN REYK

What could be better than a night of wine, feminism, and a great book? Join Mary van Reyk as she hosts an interactive feminist book club at Jane's. Discussion will be on Courtney Collins fascinating portrayal of a female bush ranger in her debut novel, *The Burial*.

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Jane's Cafe, 1/40-42 Flinders St, Wollongong
Free Entry

WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

ROCK & RHYME / A SOUTH COAST WRITERS CENTRE EVENT

A night of rhyming poetry and music. Everyone is welcome. Each performer will have a maximum of five minutes. The emphasis, for both poets and musicians, is on the entertainment value of the performance.

Time: 6.00pm, starting at 6.30pm

Venue: Dicey Rileys, 329-333 Crown St, Wollongong
\$5 Entry to enter open mic, cash at the door

ALL TICKETS ARE TO BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT
<http://www.wollongongwritersfestival.com/events-2/>

WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

HOW TO WRITE THE FUNNY STUFF WITH STU MACPHERSON: A WOLLONGONG COMEDY EVENT

Learn all aspects of comedy writing, including standup comedy material, humorous written articles and the general principles of comedy.

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Tickets & Venue on the website: www.wollongongcomedy.com.au

Limited spaces available, book on the website above
\$25 Entry

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

TEXAS TO THE GONG DUET SLAM / ENOUGH SAID POETRY SLAM

Five poets from the Enough Said Poetry Slam in Wollongong will be in competition with five poets from Mic Check in Texas. Live event with Wollongong poets and audience while the Texas poets will appear via Skype. Feature poets are Madi Mae Parker and Francesca Willow, a poetry dance duo act.

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Jane's Cafe, 1/40-42 Flinders St, Wollongong
\$10 Entry

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

SOUTH ASIAN AUSTRALIAN STORIES WITH MICHELLE CAHILL, SUNIL BADAMI, ROANNA GONSALVES AND SUKHMANI KHORANI

This panel will feature cinematic, aesthetic and lyrical narratives which engage with the subcontinent and with the relationships between South Asian Australian writers and their other home. With the failures of multiculturalism being apparent in Australia, for many newcomers home can be an imaginary, a philosophic space, a theoretical crisis and a place of rich invention for the recasting of myth, culture, language and tradition. South Asian Stories presents four outstanding writers whose vivid representations bridge an evolving Australia cultural landscape with South Asia.

Time: 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Venue: Wollongong Art Gallery, 46 Burelli Street
\$10 Entry

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

CREATIVE DIALOGUES: FUNDING AVAILABLE TO AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS IN A TIME OF SHRINKING OPPORTUNITIES. WITH TANIA MASTROIANNI (CULTURE BANK), SAM WILD (ARTSNSW), JILL EDDINGTON (AUSTRALIA COUNCIL), JENNY THOMPSON (WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL) AND AUTHOR PIP NEWLING.

A discussion about funding opportunities for artists and organisations in Australia from grant givers, and an author who has received grants.

In partnership with South Coast Writers Centre, Wollongong City Council and Wollongong Art Gallery

Time: 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Venue: Wollongong Art Gallery, 46 Burelli Street
\$10 Entry

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

THE FESTIVAL LAUNCH

Kick off the festival weekend at our launch. Music, food and drink, couple of short speeches. The winner of the inaugural Wollongong Writers Festival short story competition will be announced. Lorin Reid performs the poem she wrote while floating at Cocoon Floatation - www.cocoonfloatation.com.au. Book store, a selection of second hand books.

MC: Adam Norris / Music: Big Earle
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Wollongong Art Gallery, 46 Burelli Street

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

THE ART OF STORYTELLING WITH LILLI PANG

In our time of fast-paced headlines and 140 character tweets, the art of storytelling is one worth valuing. Join acclaimed storyteller and performer Lilli Pang and explore what makes a great story, how stories weave our culture and history to make connections.

Book at www.wildrumpus.com.au
Times and venue on the Wild Rumpus website
\$30 Entry

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

COMIC BOOK ILLUSTRATING WITH LOUIE JOYCE

Create and tell your own story through the art of comics and zines. Learn a bit about the history and role of comics in written history, and have a go at developing your own unique style and aesthetic through illustration and storytelling.

Wild Rumpus Makers' Market Wollongong Town Hall.

Book at www.wildrumpus.com.au
Times and venue on the Wild Rumpus website
\$25 Entry

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

CHILDREN'S READING TREE

Book readings, a book hunt, kids' library, drawing and craft. At 10am, origami and books for kids with Sandy Fussell, local award-winning author of Sad, the Dog and the Samurai Kids series. At 2pm Murray Cook, formerly the Red Wiggle, will entertain the crowd.

Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: Wollongong Central
Free Entry

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

MEDITATING ON MEMOIR WORKSHOP WITH JAN CORNALL

Visualization, guided meditations and timed writing exercises will take participants deep into sense memory, as they learn how to evoke the setting, characters and narrative arc which will bring their memoir to life.

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm
Venue: Wollongong Art Gallery, 46 Burelli Street
Places limited to 20 people
\$40 Entry

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

WALTER MASON IN CONVERSATION WITH VIETNAMESE WRITERS. WALTER MASON (MC) AND THANG NO WILL BE IN THE GALLERY. TALKING TO BLOGGER, NGUYEN DIEU LINH (DI LI) AND NOVELIST, UONG TRIEU.

Walter Mason, a writer fluent in Vietnamese language and culture discusses writing with authors and a translator. Walter Mason and Thang Ngo, a Sydney based food blogger will be at the Gallery and Di Li, Vietnam's most exciting blogger and Uong Trieu, author of four novels will be skyped in from Vietnam.

Time: 12.30pm - 1.30pm
Venue: Wollongong Art Gallery, 46 Burelli Street
\$10 Entry

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

THRILLER EDGE WITH CHRIS ALLEN, GREG BARRON AND JAYE FORD

How do some of Australia's hottest thriller authors write action stories? Chris Allen, Greg Barron, and Jaye Ford go head to head comparing writing styles and what makes them tell action yarns, as well as some diverse tales of how they like to bring the international baddies to account.

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Venue: Beach Burrito, Globe Lane, Wollongong
\$10 Entry

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

TRANSLATION PROGRAMS: RED ROOM COMPANY, TIM HEFFERNAN AND HAIDER CATAN, TAMRYN BENNETT, JOEL SCOTT

Discussion about translation programs happening in Australia today. Discussion about, Lyrikline, a collaboration with Red Room Company, over 15 poets and translators from Wollongong and Berlin, Germany. Haider and Tim will discuss their translations of poetry from Babylon, Iraq. During these performances, the poets literally flirt with death.

Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Venue: Wollongong Art Gallery, 46 Burelli Street
\$10 Entry