

BALLARAT WRITERS' FESTIVAL 20 - 22 October 2017

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FESTIVAL PROGRAM SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2017

MADE Theatre HMS Theatre Trades Hall

10am - 11am

One Doctor's Uplifting Journey
A Time for Grace

Mark Nethercote, Author & Paediatrician, shares his IVF experience.

Walking and Writing the Camino Santiago
Two Steps Forward

Anne Buist & Graeme Simsion on the power of renewal.

How We Made Democracy
A Word is a Word is a Word

David Astle unwraps the Festival theme of democracy.

11.30am - 12.30pm

Borderline Democracy
Crossing the Line

Kim McGrath in discussion on the Timor Sea's secret history.

Voices from the Margins
Hope Farm & The Crying Place

Peggy Frew & Lia Hills talk about representing the 'other'.

Emerging in the Region
Lovesick & Sway

Jean Flynn & Michelle Ham discuss debuts with Kirstyn McDermot.

2.00pm - 3.00pm

Refugees and other "illegals"
Where to now? - Across the Seas

Klaus Neumann talks with refugee advocate Maureen Riches.

Re-working the 'real'
The Lost Papers

Marija Pericic, 2017 Vogel Award winner, talks about her novel.

The Peak Years
A Challenge to the System

Patricia & Don Edgar on their book Peak: Reinventing Middle Age

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Writing with Pictures
Wind & Sky Documentaries

Lucinda Horrocks shows the doco-makers way with Mary Debrett.

Life's Battles
Back to Broady

Caroline van de Pol on her memoir of a young girl's experiences.

Diverse Words Poetry Reading
With Barry Breen & Elizabeth Gleeson, Bronwyn Blaiklock, Ross Donlon, & Jessica Wilkinson

TICKETED WORKSHOPS

Old Law Courts TH Conference

Dorothy Johnston
Writing Crime

10am to 12pm

Accomplished Crime Author Dorothy Johnston on creating crime fictions.

Barry Breen
Poetry of Haiku

10am to 12pm

Renowned Ballarat Poet, Barry Breen. Introduces the art of Japanese Haiku.

Chris Corbett
Start Screenwriting

2pm to 4pm

An introduction to the fundamentals of screenwriting.

Elly Varrenti
Creative Non-Fiction

2pm to 4pm

Freelancer, columnist and broadcaster. Elly Varrenti, helps you progress real works of creative non-fiction.

WEEKEND CHILDRENS PROGRAM

FREE @ M.A.D.E

10.15am - 11.45am
Meredith Costain
author of *Ella Diaries*
For 5-8 years

1.15pm - 2.45pm
Phil Kettle
author of the *"Too Cool"* series
Workshop for 8-12 years

Helen Macpherson Smith Theatre, Camp St
Writers Victoria Workshop - Writing the Past

Friday 20th 10am to 4pm

Author Ali Alizadeh provides participants with the opportunity to write poetry or prose based either on their own life stories or on famous figures and events in history.

Tickets via writersvictoria.org.au



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10am - 11am

Dying with Dignity
A Time to Die

Rodney Syme, euthanasia advocate & President of Dying with Dignity.

Voices from the Edge
The Choke

Sofie Laguna talks with critic & ABC Book Show panelist, Jason Steger.

Unexpected & Unorthodox
One Halal of a Story

Sam Dastyari conversing with Van Badham about his memoir.

11.30am - 12.30pm

Secrets From the Archives
The Whitlam Dismissal and the Palace

Jenny Hocking in conversation with Brett Edgington.

Regional Noir

Angela Savage with Lindy Cameron on the ever-evolving regional noir.

Writing YA
Every Breath & Notes from the Teenage Underground

Ellie Marney, Simmone Howell & Cath Crowley talk about Young Adult writing.

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Words for Performance

10am to 12pm

Emilie Zoey Baker, acclaimed Slam Poet, introduces the form of Spoken Word.

Memoir & Life Writing

10am to 12pm

Kari O'Gorman, published Author & Teacher, on writing life and memoir.

1PM - 2PM TICKETED PANEL HMS Theatre

FIXING DEMOCRACY

Sam Dastyari, Dennis Altman, Judy Brett, Jenny Hocking & Nayuka Gorrie with Van Badham

2.30pm - 3.30pm

LGBT Rights
Queer Wars

Dennis Altman AM with Lucinda Horrocks discuss civil rights in action.

The Writing Life
Family Skeleton

Carmel Bird, 2016 Patrick White Literary Award winner.

Personal & Passionate
Finding Nevo & Neon Pilgrim

Nevo Zisin & Lisa Dempster in conversation about personal journeys

Word House

2.30pm to 4.30pm

Alison Arnold & Cath Crowley help you discover creativity, inspiration & the writing life.

Writing Online

2.30pm to 4.30pm

Karen Andrews, Poet and Blogger, shows you how to navigate forms of online writing.

4.00pm - 5.00pm

Determination
Recognition or Treaty?

Nayuka Gorrie, Journalist & Activist, on self-determination.

Our 2nd PM
The Enigmatic Mr Deakin

Judith Brett in conversation with Anne Beggs Sunter.

Luddites & Art in England
The Competition

Caroline Miley talks to David Twomey about her historical fiction.

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10.15am - 11.45am

Wendy McKay-Taylor
author of Mouse Mayhem
Writing for 5-8 years

1.15am - 2.45pm

Claire Saxby
author of Koala
Activity session for 8-12 years

Black Box Theatre, Camp St

Ticketed Performance - The Chekhov Project

Friday 7.30pm Saturday 7.30pm Sunday 4.00pm

The Federation University 2nd Year Acting Company delves into the evocative short stories of Chekhov, to present a performative mosaic of his writing as part of the Ballarat Writers Festival.

Tickets by Federation University through Eventbrite.



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