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HOW TO BOOK

Online

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08 9758 7316

Box Office

Margaret River Cultural Centre
51 Wallcliffe Road,
Margaret River WA 6285
Open Monday to Friday,
10am - 4pm.

SUPPORT OUR FESTIVAL

Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival is WA's largest regional literary festival run by Arts Margaret River, a not-for-profit community organisation. Arts Hub membership is just one way you can help support our organisation. Sign up for just \$44 (standard) \$28 (concession) or \$165 (corporate) to enjoy discounted festival passes and many other benefits. Visit www.mrrwfestival.com/ tickets or call 08 9758 7316 to find out more.

FESTIVAL PASSES

3 Day Pass

\$180 / \$150 Arts Hub members

Day Pass

Friday

\$60 / \$55 Arts Hub members
Free for pension card holders.
Excludes Feature Events & Workshops.

Saturday or Sunday

\$80 / \$75 Arts Hub members
Excludes Feature Events & Workshops.

Individual Sessions

As listed.

Feature Events & Workshops

As listed. Not included in 3 Day Passes or Day Passes.

WITH THANKS

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WELCOME




Gathering writers and storytellers from Western Australia, interstate and overseas, the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival is a yearly celebration of reading and writing.

Presented by Arts Margaret River, this is the ninth year of the festival, which is now the largest in regional WA. This year, we are delighted to welcome Michael Palin as our international guest, as well as literary icons such as Robert Drewe and Joan London, rising stars such as Nicole Sinclair and Rashida Murphy and celebrated writers and public figures such as Kerry O'Brien, Jane Caro, Clementine Ford, Tim Costello, Stephanie Alexander and Bruce Pascoe.

Join us to see stories come alive, to be inspired and to gain new perspectives. With 50 events including author talks, panel discussions and workshops across a wide range of genres, there is something for readers of all interests. This year our free events and activities will be expanded, so everyone has the opportunity to enjoy and celebrate a love of literature.

This event would not be possible without our dedicated staff and volunteers and the backing of our festival sponsors and supporters. We thank you for joining with us to bring stories to life here in our stunning Margaret River region.

Tanya Perdue
Festival Director

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Find out more about the authors, share festival highlights and join the conversation. Tag your comments, photos and highlights with #mrrwf2017.

WELCOME



Welcome to Western Australia's South West for the State's largest regional literature event – the Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival.

The festival attracts an array of talented authors, journalists, comedians, illustrators, magazine editors, screenwriters and radio hosts from around Australia and overseas.

These gifted individuals will inspire and entertain thousands of people through a range of ticketed and free activities, including solo and panel author discussions, readings, workshops, question and answer sessions, performances and demonstrations.

The Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival is proudly supported by the State Government through the Regional Events Program, delivered by Tourism WA to attract major events and increase visitor numbers to the regions.

Tourism is a vital industry for regional Western Australia. In the year ending September 2016, visitors spent \$9.6 billion in the State, including \$4.3 billion in regional areas.

Events such as the Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival are important because they provide significant economic, social and cultural benefits to regional communities, making them exciting places to visit as well as great places to live.

I encourage all visitors to explore the South West region and enjoy some of the many tourism experiences that it offers such as visiting the award-winning wineries, sampling gourmet food, exploring the majestic caves, and viewing the world-class surf beaches and tall timber forests.

I hope everyone enjoys the festival and their time in the South West.

Gwyn Dolphin

Chief Executive Officer

Tourism Western Australia



On behalf of all Shire of Augusta Margaret River Councillors, I congratulate Arts Margaret River on presenting yet another exceptional Readers and Writers Festival. The 2017 program is a further expansion on what is already a popular and comprehensive annual festival for people of all ages and is a wonderful addition to our region's calendar of events.

The festival is a valuable way of encouraging reading, writing, storytelling and imagining among our community members and visitors. It acts as an instigator for improving literacy, encouraging relaxation, promoting social engagement and broadening our worldly horizons.

The festival is a reinforcement of the Margaret River Region as a hub for creative arts and culture. I encourage everyone to get along and attend a festival event and look forward to showcasing the exceptional Shire library facilities as part of the program offerings.

Ian Earl
President
Shire of Augusta Margaret River



As Patron of the Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival I welcome you to our 2017 event. This year's program is jam-packed with events happening in and around the Margaret River Cultural Centre, as well as the Festival Workshop Series and a number of exciting feature events being held at some of the region's top venues.

In line with this year's theme '*Where stories come alive*', this year's festival will celebrate stories that everyone can share in. Our region is already well-known for its love of the arts and creative pursuits and this festival adds another dimension to our reputation as a centre for the arts.

A very big thank you to the staff and volunteers who help make this event shine. Together we welcome you to South West WA and hope you enjoy your festival stay.

Hon Barry House
Patron of the Margaret River
Readers & Writers Festival
Member for the South West Region
President of the Legislative Council

DAY ONE

FRIDAY 2 JUNE

9.30AM - 10.30AM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Breathing Under Water

Sophie Hardcastle opens up about the stories behind her debut novel *Breathing Under Water* in an effort to help change the lives of thousands of young people living with mental illness.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN

SPONSORED BY:
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11AM - 12PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Love, loss and solitude

Join **Joan London**, an award-winning, internationally renowned writer as she discusses her body of work including *Gilgamesh*, *The Good Parents* and *The Golden Age*.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN

SPONSORED BY:
LIONS CLUB OF MARGARET RIVER

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12PM - 1PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

The right to belong

Tim Costello, **Abdi Aden** and **Isabelle Li** discuss Australia's acceptance of new migrants and deconstruct public perceptions to reveal the humans behind the headlines.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH

SPONSORED BY:
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FREE EVENT

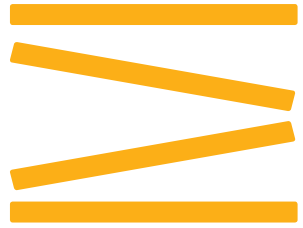
1PM - 2PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Emerging writers share their stories

Emerging WA writing talents **AK Alliss**, **Rashida Murphy**, **Nicole Sinclair** and **Sarina Lewis** share the stories behind their writing, what inspires them, where they have been and where we can expect to see them next.

PRESENTED BY: NIOMI O'HARA

SPONSORED BY: SEVEN SEAS TEA & RIVERFRESH IGA



2PM - 3PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Sowing seeds, planting a book

Bill Bunbury discusses the idea that people and place are one and that social history is strongly connected to environmental experience in his latest book *Invisible Country*.

PRESENTED BY: IAN PARMENTER
SPONSORED BY:
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3PM - 4PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Girt by sea: the influence of the oceans

Join acclaimed Australian writers **Robert Drewe** and **Tim Baker** as they explore their personal experiences with the ocean as a source of inspiration for their stories.

PRESENTED BY: BILL BUNBURY
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4.30PM - 5.30PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Food for thought

Anna Gare, Ian Parmenter and **Stephanie Alexander** discuss what food means to them in this delicious session of personal stories about growing, cooking, eating and writing about food.

PRESENTED BY: AMANDA SMITH
SPONSORED BY:
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IMAGE: JOHN SWANNELL



FEATURE EVENT

6.30PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Festival Launch

Join us for the opening of the 2017 Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival with MC **Jane Caro**, live music by Sydney duo **Beautifully Mad**, the announcement of the Visual Stories Art Competition winners and talk from our special guest **Michael Palin**. Includes canapés by Settlers Tavern and Howard Park wine.

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\$25 / \$15 ARTS HUB MEMBERS
THIS FEATURE EVENT IS NOT INCLUDED
IN 3 DAY PASSES OR DAY PASSES.

DAY TWO

SATURDAY 3 JUNE

9.30AM - 10.30AM

CULTURAL CENTRE **WRITERS' ROOM**

On zen, writing and creativity

Brigid Lowry offers advice, observations & reality checks in equal measure in her latest book *Still Life with Teapot*. An essential brew for people who love to make lists, for people who love to write and for people who love to read about writing.

PRESENTED BY: NICOLE SINCLAIR

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12PM - 1PM

CULTURAL CENTRE **WRITERS' ROOM**

Bloodlines

Join South West WA writer **Nicole Sinclair** as she speaks about her debut novel *Bloodlines*. It's about running from your past, women, family, love, and the tragedies that forever mark our lives. *Bloodlines* was shortlisted for the 2014 TAG Hungerford Award.

PRESENTED BY: GILLIAN O'SHAUGHNESSY

SPONSORED BY:
MARGARET RIVER BOOKSHOP

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9.30AM - 10.30AM

CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Surfing stories from around the world

Tim Baker and **Sophie Hardcastle** share their favourite surfing experiences from some of the world's most far flung places to those waves that are closer to home. Both funny and fearless, this is a must-see session to kick start your day.

PRESENTED BY: ANTHONY PANCIA

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BUSSELTON TOURISM ASSOCIATION

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2PM - 3PM

CULTURAL CENTRE **WRITERS' ROOM**

Wild Boys

Helena Pastor explores the challenges of tough love from a mother's perspective and offers an intimate insight into reconnecting teenagers with their families and communities in her book *Wild Boys*.

PRESENTED BY: MARGOT EDWARDS

SPONSORED BY:
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3PM - 4PM

CULTURAL CENTRE **WRITERS' ROOM**

A Chinese Affair

The sixteen stories in **Isabelle Li's** *A Chinese Affair* explore 'what it means to leave behind one's familiar environment and establish a new life, the struggle to survive and thrive, the triumph and compromise, love and heartache, failure and resilience'.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN

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12PM - 1PM

CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

A journey from fact to fiction

Join celebrated Australian writer **Robert Drewe** as he discusses his journey from journalism to fiction and his body of work including *The Body Surfers*, *Our Sunshine*, *The Shark Net* and *The Penguin Book of the Beach*.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN

SPONSORED BY: SOUTH WEST
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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11AM - 12PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Fight Like A Girl

Popular columnist, writer and feminist **Clementine Ford** lays out all the ways in which girls and women are hurt and held back, and unapologetically demands that the world do better.

PRESENTED BY: NIOMI O'HARA

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2PM - 3PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Leadership, imagination & courage

Kerry O'Brien has been reporting and commenting on Australian politics for 50 years. O'Brien discusses one of Australia's most intriguing public figures in his book *Keating*.

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THE WEST AUSTRALIAN

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FREE EVENT

1PM - 2PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**



Margaret River Press Short Story Winners Panel

The winners of the 2017 Margaret River Press Short Story Competition discuss their writing. This event features Laura Elvery (winner), Leslie Thiele (South West winner) and Emily Paull who is a writer of short fiction and historical fiction.

PRESENTED BY: DONNA MAZZA

SPONSORED BY: MARGARET RIVER PRESS

Don't miss out on Full Circle with Michael Palin, an evening with Stephanie Alexander and performance of The One. [See page 11 for details.](#)

3PM - 4PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

True Girt

First there was *Girt*, now comes *True Girt*. Hear author **David Hunt** as he takes us to the Australian frontier with hardy pioneers, gun-slinging bushrangers, directionally challenged explorers and lots of sheep.

PRESENTED BY: GILLIAN O'SHAUGHNESSY

SPONSORED BY: THE BREAK
MARGARET RIVER BEACH HOUSES

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4.30PM - 5.30PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Perfectly imperfect

Join successful writers and public figures **Clementine Ford & Jane Caro** for a candid discussion on the challenges and triumphs of balancing careers, families and pressures from society and ourselves.

PRESENTED BY: NIOMI O'HARA

SPONSORED BY: MARGARETS FOREST
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DAY THREE

SUNDAY 4 JUNE

9.30AM - 10.30AM

CULTURAL CENTRE **WRITERS' ROOM**

Noongar Bush Medicine

Noongar elder **Vivienne Hansen** and retired nurse educator **John Horsfall**, discuss *Noongar Bush Medicine*. Their book has been compiled from knowledge passed on by Noongar elders and covers the medicinal plants used by Aboriginal people of South West WA.

PRESENTED BY: MARGOT EDWARDS

SPONSORED BY: ADAMSON'S RIVERSIDE ACCOMMODATION

\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

11AM - 12PM

CULTURAL CENTRE **WRITERS' ROOM**

Extinctions

Join **Josephine Wilson** as she talks about her latest book *Extinctions*, a novel about all kinds of extinction – natural, racial, national and personal – and what we can do to prevent them.

PRESENTED BY:

GILLIAN O'SHAUGHNESSY

SPONSORED BY:

COWARAMUP LIONS CLUB

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9.30AM - 10.30AM

CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Coffee & Papers

Start your morning with a coffee, the day's news and hot topics as told by our journalists, festival guests and local icons who make Margaret River what it is. Features **Ian Parmenter**, **Tim Baker**, **James Foley** and more.

PRESENTED BY: NIOMI O'HARA

SPONSORED BY: DUNSBOROUGH LIONS CLUB

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12PM - 1PM

CULTURAL CENTRE **WRITERS' ROOM**

The Historian's Daughter

The Historian's Daughter, was short-listed in the Dundee International Book Prize in 2015 as a manuscript and published by UWA Publishing in September 2016. Join **Rashida Murphy** as she talks about her debut novel, set in an old house with 'too many windows and women'.

PRESENTED BY: MARGOT EDWARDS

SPONSORED BY: KSP WRITERS CENTRE

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2PM - 3PM

CULTURAL CENTRE **WRITERS' ROOM**

On the road: travel tales from the U.K. and America by bike

Stephen Starling's book *Three Harleys, Three Aussies, One American Dream* puts you in the saddle for an exhilarating ride around the USA while **Alistair McGuinness** speaks of his book *End to End* for which he cycled from one end of Britain to another.

PRESENTED BY: ANTHONY PANCIA

SPONSORED BY: CITY OF BUSSELTON

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2PM - 3PM

CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Media & politics: truth, lies and influence

Join much-loved media personalities **Jane Caro** and **Kerry O'Brien** for a conversation on politics, media and influence from the political landscape overseas to the current state of affairs in Australia.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH

SPONSORED BY: NIGHT HARVEST WINES

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11AM - 12PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Faith: embracing life in all its uncertainty

In a world that is so often challenging with corruption, war and intolerance, **Tim Costello** takes us on a journey through the notion of faith and how we all need to believe in something greater than ourselves.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH

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3PM - 4PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Black seeds: agriculture or accident?

Join **Bruce Pascoe** as he puts forward a compelling argument for reconsideration of the hunter-gatherer label for pre-colonial Aboriginal Australians. *Dark Emu* won the 2016 NSW Premier's Book of the Year and Indigenous Writer's Prize.

PRESENTED BY: BILL BUNBURY

SPONSORED BY: THE WEST
AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS

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12PM - 1PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Shining: The Story of a Lucky Man

Abdi Aden was unable to speak English when he arrived in Australia as a refugee.

Shining: The Story of a Lucky Man, tells the story of how Abdi Aden fled from and survived Somalia's civil war.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN

SPONSORED BY: ROTARY CLUB OF
MARGARET RIVER

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4.30PM - 5.30PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Closing event: the favourite books of the authors

Join some of our favourite authors for a conversation about their most-loved books. This is a must-see session for all avid book readers. Features **Josephine Wilson, Sophie Hardcastle & Tim Costello**.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN

SPONSORED BY:
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FREE EVENT

1PM - 2PM
CULTURAL CENTRE **AUDITORIUM**

Margies Poetry SLAM

Slam contestants are given a microphone, a live audience and just two minutes to impress the judges with their original spoken word, poetry, hip hop, monologues and stories.

PRESENTED BY: ALLAN BOYD &
COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS

SPONSORED BY: PERTH SLAM

FREE EVENTS FOR ALL TO ENJOY

Discover free activities at the Margaret River Cultural Centre on Saturday and Sunday of the festival. Listen to free lunch time talks each day, check out the storytelling tent, enjoy market stalls with local goods and much more!

FEATURE EVENTS

For the ultimate festival experience, book tickets to one or more of these feature events for emerging writers, avid readers and those who enjoy their books served with the region's best produce.

Please note, tickets to Feature Events are not included in Festival Passes. Bookings essential.

FRIDAY 2 JUNE **6.30PM**
CULTURAL CENTRE AUDITORIUM



Festival Launch

Join us for the opening of the 2017 Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival with MC

Jane Caro, live music by Sydney duo **Beautifully Mad**, the announcement of the Visual Stories Art Competition winners and talk from our special guest **Michael Palin**. Includes canapés by Settlers Tavern and Howard Park wine

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\$25 / \$15 ARTS HUB MEMBERS

SATURDAY 3 JUNE **3.30PM - 4.30PM**
RIVERSMITH CAFÉ



Backstage banter with Anna Gare & Ian Parmenter

Join **Anna Gare** and **Ian Parmenter** as they chat about their respective experiences working in television, writing books and sharing their love of food. Includes afternoon tea.

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\$30 / \$25 ARTS HUB MEMBERS

SATURDAY 3 JUNE **7.30PM**
VOYAGER ESTATE



The Cook's Table: An evening with Stephanie Alexander

In this must-see event, beloved cook and food educator, **Stephanie Alexander**, shares some of her favourite menus, most precious memories, and decades of experience in the kitchen together with celebrity cook **Anna Gare**. Includes a three course meal from Stephanie's latest book *The Cook's Table*. Wine available for purchase.

PRESENTED BY: ANNA GARE
SPONSORED BY: VOYAGER ESTATE
\$85 / \$80 ARTS HUB MEMBERS

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SATURDAY 3 5.30PM - 6.30PM
CULTURAL CENTRE AUDITORIUM

Full Circle with Michael Palin

Michael Palin has captivated audiences from around the world from the early Python days to his self-penned travel documentaries and books which have taken him from the North pole to the Sahara desert, from the Himalayas to Brazil. Michael Palin is famed for his humour and wit; join him in one of the highlights of this year's festival as he looks back over his extraordinary career.

\$40 / \$35 ARTS HUB MEMBERS

IMAGE: JOHN SWANNELL



SATURDAY 3 JUNE 8PM
CULTURAL CENTRE AUDITORIUM



The One

The One is a theatrical fever dream that takes the boy gets girl cliché and impales it with marriage's grim history. An angry guitar sits under hissed words as the story of Him and Her breaks apart in this new piece written by **Jeffrey Jay Fowler** (FAG/STAG) and performed by **Georgia King** and **Mark Storen**. Suitable for ages 15 years and over.

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ARTS MARGARET RIVER
\$25 / \$20 ARTS HUB MEMBERS

SUNDAY 4 JUNE 9.30AM - 11AM
VOYAGER ESTATE



Breakfast with Kerry O'Brien

Join one of Australia's most distinguished and respected journalists, **Kerry O'Brien**, for breakfast as he reveals stories from his 50 year career. Kerry has specialised in national politics for the *ABC*, as well as the *Ten* and *Seven* networks and has interviewed many world leaders including Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela, Margaret Thatcher and Tony Blair. Get the inside story before the release of Kerry's new book. Includes breakfast.

SPONSORED BY: VOYAGER ESTATE
\$42 / \$38 ARTS HUB MEMBERS

SUNDAY 4 JUNE 11.15AM - 12PM
LIMEBURNERS DISTILLERY



Surfing: sport or art?

Surfing writer and author of many best-selling surfing biographies **Tim Baker**, talks to **Anthony Pancia** about whether surfing is a competitive sport or performance art. Join Tim and Anthony for an engaging conversation on surfing culture, art and community. Includes a tasting and light nibbles.

PRESENTED BY: ANTHONY PANCIA
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LIMEBURNERS DISTILLERY
\$30 / \$25 ARTS HUB MEMBERS

FESTIVAL WORKSHOP SERIES

For full access to some of the festival's top writing talents, immerse yourself in the Festival Workshop Series to gain friendly tips and practical experience, whatever your writing passion may be.

FRIDAY

FRIDAY 2 **9.30AM - 11AM**
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE

Self Publishing in the Digital Age

Join Debbie Lee from **Ingram Content Group** and Julie-Ann Harper from **Pick-a-WooWoo Publishing Group** as they facilitate an information session on the latest options for authors who wish to self-publish their books.

SPONSORED BY:
INGRAM CONTENT GROUP &
PICK-A-WOOWOO PUBLISHING GROUP
\$20



FRIDAY 2 **1.30PM - 3PM**
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE

Pitch to Margaret River Press

At this session you will receive feedback that covers pace, writing style, structure, characters and next steps towards publication.

Open to creative adult fiction writers, poets and short story writers.

Writers in these categories must meet at least two of the following criteria:

- (i) has been a member of a writing group for at least two years
- (ii) had a story published online, in a magazine or journal
- (iii) attended a writing workshop.

Creative adult fiction writers to submit no more than eight thousand words, a short bio and a detailed synopsis. Poets to submit ten poems, a short bio and a synopsis. Short story writers to submit three stories of no more than six thousand words, a short bio and a detailed synopsis.

Limited to eight participants.

All manuscripts must be submitted by Friday, April 28th to info@margaretriverpress.com.

Late submissions cannot be accepted.

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\$100 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.
LIMITED SESSIONS OF 10 MINUTES EACH.



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PRESS

SATURDAY

SATURDAY 3 9.30AM - 11AM
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE



Picture Book Illustration

Join award winning children's author and illustrator **James Foley** as he explains what goes into illustrating a story, including the techniques that are used and the secrets of character design. You will then get to try your hand at illustration.

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SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE
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SATURDAY 3 11.30AM - 1PM
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE



Surf & Travel Writing

Learn how to capture your surfing and travel stories with biographer, author and editor **Tim Baker** as he introduces exercises to get you started and explains the processes of writing and editing, whether it be for publication or pleasure.

SPONSORED BY:
MAINBREAK TRAVEL
\$50 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

FREE EVENTS

SATURDAY 3 1.30PM - 3PM
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE

SLAM Poetry

Join **Allan Boyd** from Perth SLAM in this hands-on and practical workshop to learn how to share your story and get your message across. Discover how to write and perform your words with crowd-pleasing confidence then put it into practice in the Margies SLAM on Sunday.

SPONSORED BY: PEPPERMINT BROOK COTTAGES



SUNDAY 4 11.30AM - 12.30PM
CULTURAL CENTRE STORYTELLING TENT

Beautifully Mad Song Writing

Join **Tony King**, 2009 Australian Songwriter of the Year for a free song writing workshop for Under 25's.

Over his 25 year career, Tony has composed music for many hundreds of hours of television, including drama, children's animation, documentaries, and feature films. With a background in blues, folk and jazz, Tony will guide you on your song writing journey to explore the art of storytelling through music.

SPONSORED BY: CHIC RUSTIQUE



FESTIVAL WORKSHOP SERIES

SUNDAY

SUNDAY 4 9.30AM - 11AM
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFF



Juicy Writing

In this workshop **Brigid Lowry** will guide you through a number of creative exercises designed to improve your writing. It is suitable for writers of all ages and stages, providing inspiration, information and insight in a playful yet purposeful way.

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\$50 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

SUNDAY 4 11.30AM - 1PM
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFF



A Garam Masala God

In this workshop **Sarina Lewis** will take you on a guided tour of what makes food writing original, captivating and deeply personal. Discover your own 'food language', how to understand that language, and how to create a fertile environment that seeds inspiration.

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THE GOOD OLIVE
\$50 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

LOCAL LIBRARIES

FRIDAY 2 11.30AM - 1PM
MARGARET RIVER LIBRARY

Moving Memoirs Workshop

Helena Pastor provides tips and tricks on the process of writing a page-turning memoir and shares valuable lessons she learned from working with some of Australia's leading editors. Be guided through the process of writing your memoir with focus, structure and confidence.

SPONSORED BY: THE NOBLE GRAPE
FREE



FRIDAY 2 12PM - 1PM
AUGUSTA LIBRARY

End to End: John O'Groats, Broken Spokes and a Dog called Gretna

To cycle 890 miles, from one end of Britain to another **Alistair McGuinness** had only had eight weeks to prepare, rarely cycled and didn't own a bike. Join this Busselton-based author as he describes the tales that lead to his book *End to End*.

SPONSORED BY: SUMMERSTAR TOURIST PARKS
FREE



MEET THE AUTHORS

The 2017 Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival showcases an array of storytelling talent. With 50 writers, journalists, illustrators and presenters we invite readers to join writers as we hear stories brought to life in many forms.



ABDI ADEN

After fleeing civil war in Somalia, Abdi embarked on an incredible journey that saw him land in Melbourne. He arrived alone, aged 16. Abdi's is a story of resilience and enduring optimism.



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER

Stephanie Alexander AO is regarded as one of Australia's great food educators. Stephanie's fifth book, *The Cook's Companion* is regarded as an Australian classic, and has sold 500,000 copies. Photo by Mark Chew.



AK ALLISS

AK (Adam) Alliss has always had a love of reading, writing and human nature; he is currently completing his B.Sc. in Human Behavioural Studies (Psychology) and just released his first book *Frame*.



FELICE ARENA

Felice Arena is one of Australia's much-loved children's authors. His books have topped best-seller lists and garnered several awards, including six Australian Children's Choice Book Awards. Young Readers & Writers Festival only.

MEET THE AUTHORS



TIM BAKER

Tim Baker is Australia's favourite surfing writer, author of many best-selling surfing biographies and collected surf stories.



ALLAN BOYD

Based in Perth, Allan Boyd (the antipoet) has been delivering performance poetry and organising dynamic poetry arts and music events since 1995.



ROBERT DREWE

Robert Drewe's novels, short stories and memoirs — including *The Drowner*, *Our Sunshine*, *The Shark Net*, and *The Bodysurfers* — have won national and international prizes, been widely translated, and adapted for film, television, radio and theatre around the world.



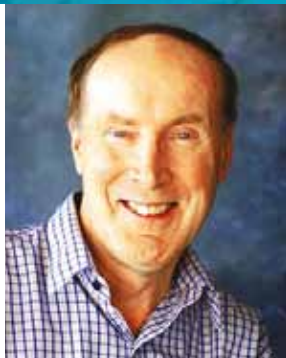
LAURA ELVERY

Laura Elvery is this year's winner of the Margaret River Short Story Competition. Her work has been published in *The Big Issue Fiction Edition*, *Kill Your Darlings*, *Award-Winning Australian Writing* and *Griffith Review*.



JAMES FOLEY

James makes books for courageous kids. He writes and draws, gives talks and runs workshops. He comes from a long line of queuing enthusiasts.



BILL BUNBURY

Bill Bunbury is an ABC radio producer with 40 years' experience. He has won five Radio National and international awards for his radio documentaries and is the author of 12 books on Australian social history.



JANE CARO

Jane Caro is an author, novelist, journalist, broadcaster, columnist, advertising writer and social commentator. She spent 30 years as an advertising writer and her creative work has won many national and international awards.



TIM COSTELLO

Tim Costello is one of Australia's leading voices on social justice and global poverty and has been instrumental in ensuring these issues are placed on the national and international agenda.



CLEMENTINE FORD

Clementine is a Melbourne based writer, speaker and feminist thinker. She is a columnist for Fairfax's *Daily Life* and is a regular contributor to *The Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*.



ANNA GARE

Anna Gare is considered one of Australia's most loved female celebrity cooks. Following her success on national television, Anna has written three cookbooks titled *Homemade-Simply Delicious Food*, *Eat in* and the recently launched *Delicious Everyday*.



VIVIENNE HANSEN

Vivienne 'Binyarn' Hansen is a Balladong Wadjuk Yorga woman from the Bibbulmun Nation, or Noongar people, of the South West of Western Australia. She was also the first Indigenous member of the National Herbalist Association of Australia.

MEET THE AUTHORS



SOPHIE HARDCASTLE

Sophie Hardcastle's books include *Running like China* and *Breathing Under Water*. She has also written for various magazines and was recently named as one of Triple J's '25 Under 25 who are nailing it'.



JOHN HORSFALL

John Horsfall holds a Bachelor of Applied Science, a Graduate Diploma in Education and a Diploma in Naturopathy and Herbal Medicine. While working at Curtin University's Centre for Aboriginal Studies, he co-wrote *Noongar Bush Medicine*.



JOAN LONDON

Joan London is an award-winning Australian author whose books have all been published internationally to critical acclaim, including *Gilgamesh* (2001), *The Good Parents* (2008) and *The Golden Age* (2014).



BRIGID LOWRY

Brigid Lowry has a Master's Degree in Creative Writing. She writes poetry, essays, young adult books, and lists. Her latest title is *Still Life with Teapot: On Zen, Memoir and Creativity*.



ALISTAIR McGUINNESS

Alistair was born in the UK and now resides in Australia with his family. He is passionate about travel and is a member of the Australian Society of Travel Writers.



DAVID HUNT

David Hunt is the author of *Girt: The Unauthorised History of Australia*, which won the 2014 Indie Award for non-fiction and was shortlisted in both the NSW Premier's Literary Awards and Australian Book Industry Awards. His latest book is *True Girt*.



SARINA LEWIS

Sarina Lewis has lived and worked as a freelance food, travel and culture journalist in Australia for *Vogue*, *SBS* and *Fairfax* and has also worked overseas. Sarina's writing finds its roots in her Anglo-Indian heritage.



ISABELLE LI

Isabelle Li grew up in China and migrated to Australia in 1999. Her collection of short stories, *A Chinese Affair*, was published by Margaret River Press in 2016.



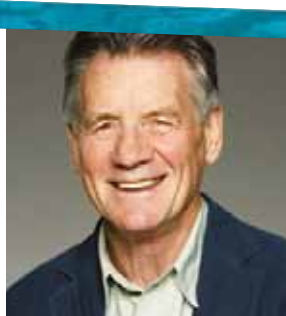
RASHIDA MURPHY

Rashida Murphy has a Master's in English Literature and a PhD in Writing. In 2016 she won the Magdalena Prize for feminist research for her thesis which includes the novel *The Historian's Daughter*.



KERRY O'BRIEN

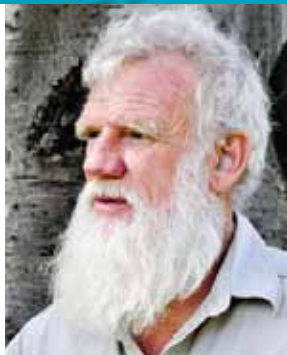
Kerry O'Brien is one of Australia's most distinguished and respected journalists. He is the former editor, presenter and interviewer for the *7.30 Report*, *Four Corners* and *Lateline*.



MICHAEL PALIN

Michael Palin is well known as a member of *Monty Python*, he's appeared in numerous films and has presented eight very successful travel series along with their accompanying books.
Photo by John Swannell.

MEET THE AUTHORS



BRUCE PASCOE

Bruce Pascoe is a Bunurong, Tasmanian, and Yuin man who has written more than 30 books. In 2016, Bruce's most recent non-fiction book, *Dark Emu*, won the Book of the Year and Indigenous Writer's Prize in the NSW Premier's Literary Awards.



HELENA PASTOR

Helena Pastor is a Dutch-Australian writer of memoir and fiction. She lives in Armidale and is the author of *Wild Boys: A Parent's Story of Tough Love* (UQP, 2015).



STEPHEN STARLING

Stephen W. Starling wanders the world as a travel writer. His latest book, *Three Harleys, Three Aussies, One American Dream*, chronicles racing along the backroads of the USA searching for the real America.



LESLIE THIELE

Leslie Thiele is this year's winner of the South West prize of the Margaret River Short Story Competition. Leslie studies writing at Bunbury's ECU campus and has learnt more there about a writers' craft than she ever managed by herself.



JOSEPHINE WILSON

Josephine Wilson is the co-author of the performance/theatre work *The Geography of Haunted Places*, and author of the novel *Cusp*. Her latest novel is *Extinctions*.



IAN PARMENTER

Ian Parmenter is a noted food, wine and travel writer, and broadcaster; the founding Festival Director of *Tasting Australia*; and the former presenter/producer of the award-winning ABC TV series *Consuming Passions*.



EMILY PAULL

Emily Paull has been a Young Writer-in-Residence at the Katherine Susannah Prichard Writers' Centre, was shortlisted for the 2015 John Marsden/Hachette Australia Prize and was highly commended in the 2016 Hadow/Stuart award.



NICOLE SINCLAIR

Nicole has lived and worked in Papua New Guinea and now lives in the South West of Western Australia. *Bloodlines* is Nicole's first novel and was shortlisted for the 2014 TAG Hungerford Award. Photo by Jessica Edgar



MEET THE PRESENTERS



MARGOT EDWARDS

Margot Edwards is a writer, storyteller, playwright and community artist, based in Margaret River since 1990, previously from NSW.



JAMES LUSH

James Lush is the founder and director of Lush Digital Media. With a Master's Degree in Psychology James started out at the BBC in the UK.



ANTHONY PANCIA

Anthony Pancia is a Margaret River based writer with an interest in news and current affairs but a strong preference for just going surfing instead.



AMANDA SMITH

Amanda Smith is passionate about food and wine and has worked in the hospitality industry as a chef, manager and trainer for over 30 years.



WILL YEOMAN

William Yeoman is Literary Editor and arts writer for *The West Australian* newspaper. A keen amateur musician, he is also a regular contributor to classical music magazines *Limelight* and *Gramophone*.



DONNA MAZZA

Donna Mazza teaches writing and literature at Edith Cowan University South West campus and has been a judge of the Margaret River Short Story Competition.



NIOMI O'HARA

Niomi O'Hara loves to hear and share stories as the presenter of the Saturday Breakfast program for ABC South West.



GILLIAN O'SHAUGHNESSY

Gillian started work at the ABC in 1996 in the newsroom as a cadet reporter, and worked in television, radio and online news and current affairs as a journalist for 15 years.



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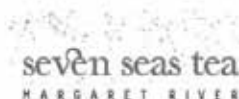
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OTHER VENUES

Most events are held at the Margaret River Cultural Centre. Some feature events and workshops are held at other venues. Please check the program and your ticket for details.

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272 Bussell Highway
Margaret River

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66 Allnut Terrace
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ACCESSIBILITY

The Cultural Centre is wheelchair accessible. Phone 08 9758 7316 if you have any questions and we will be happy to assist.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Food trucks will be available for food and coffee fixes. Please bring your water bottle to refill at the festival water station.

PARKING

Limited parking available at the front and rear of the Cultural Centre. Please share a ride where possible.



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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 02 JUNE

CULTURAL CENTRE AUDITORIUM

9.30am - 10.30am	Breathing Under Water, p4	
11am - 12pm	Love, loss and solitude, p4	
12pm - 1pm	The right to belong, p4	
1pm - 2pm	Emerging writers share their stories, p4 FREE	
2pm - 3pm	Sowing seeds, planting a book, p5	
3pm - 4pm	Girt by sea: the influence of the oceans, p5	
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Food for thought, p5	
After Dark	Festival Launch, 6.30pm, p5 & p10	

SATURDAY 03 JUNE

CULTURAL CENTRE AUDITORIUM

CULTURAL CENTRE WRITERS' ROOM

9.30am - 10.30am	Surfing stories from around the world, p6	On zen, writing and creativity, p6
11am - 12pm	Fight Like A Girl, p7	
12pm - 1pm	A Journey from Fact to Fiction, p6	Bloodlines, p6
1pm - 2pm	Margaret River Press Short Story Winners Panel, p7 FREE	
2pm - 3pm	Leadership, imagination & courage, p7	Wild Boys, p6
3pm - 4pm	True Girl, p7	A Chinese Affair, p6
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Perfectly imperfect, p7	
After Dark	Full Circle with Michael Palin, 5.30pm - 6.30pm, p11	
	The One, 8pm, p11	

SUNDAY 04 JUNE

CULTURAL CENTRE AUDITORIUM

CULTURAL CENTRE WRITERS' ROOM

9.30am - 10.30am	Coffee & Papers, p8	Noongar Bush Medicine, p8
11am - 12pm	Faith: embracing life in all its uncertainty, p9	Extinctions, p8
12pm - 1pm	Shining: The Story of a Lucky Man, p9	The Historian's Daughter, p8
1pm - 2pm	Margies Poetry SLAM, p9 FREE	
2pm - 3pm	Media & politics: truth, lies and influence, p8	On the road: travel tales from the U.K and America by bike, p8
3pm - 4pm	Black seeds: agriculture or accident?, p9	
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Closing event: the favourite books of the authors, p9	

* The Beautifully Mad Songwriting Workshop and other free events will be held in the Storytelling Tent at the Cultural Centre on Saturday and Sunday. Check www.mrrwfestival for details.

SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE	MARGARET RIVER LIBRARY	AUGUSTA LIBRARY
Self-Publishing in the Digital Age Workshop, 9.30am - 11am, p12		
	Moving Memoirs Workshop, 11.30am - 1pm, p14 FREE	
		End to End: John O'Groats, Broken Spokes and a Dog called Gretna, 12pm - 1pm, p14 FREE
Pitch to Margaret River Press 1.30pm - 3pm, p12		

SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE	RIVERSMITH CAFE	VOYAGER ESTATE WINERY
Picture Book Illustration, 9.30am - 11am, p13		
Surf & Travel Writing, 11.30am - 1pm, p13		
SLAM Poetry Workshop, 1.30pm - 3pm, p13 FREE		
	Backstage Banter with Anna Gare & Ian Parmenter, 3.30 - 4.30pm, p10	
		The Cook's Table: an evening with Stephanie Alexander, 7.30pm, p10

SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE	LIMEBURNERS DISTILLERY	VOYAGER ESTATE WINERY
Juicy Writing Workshop, 9.30am - 11am, p14		Breakfast with Kerry O'Brien, p11
A Garam Masala God, 11.30am - 1pm, p14	Surfing: sport or art? 11.15am - 12pm, p11	

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