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### HOW TO BOOK

#### Online

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#### Phone

08 9758 7316

#### Pre Sales

Arts Margaret River,  
Community Centre,  
Tunbridge Street,  
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](http://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.

### FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE AT VOYAGER ESTATE

Tickets can only be purchased from the Festival Box Office, Voyager Estate, on the festival weekend. Pre-purchased tickets and passes must be collected at the Festival Box Office on the festival weekend.



# WELCOME

Arts Margaret River is proud to present the 10th annual Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival. This year's Festival will be held in the magical grounds of Voyager Estate. Please come and join us to hear the tales and stories that have helped shape individuals, cultures and the world we live in.

We are pleased to have such a diverse selection of guests flying from various parts of the world to attend this event, such as international authors Geraldine Brooks and Assaf Gavron. Closer to home we bring you Dr Karl, Tony Jones and Rosie Batty, to name just a few. There are over 50 authors and presenters attending, and over 50 events including author talks, panel discussions, workshops, free activities and much more.

This year's Festival theme is 'Stories that Shape Us'. The program will provoke, inspire and empower us as we share the personal journeys, obstacles and triumphs that have brought many authors to this festival.

Please come and join us in this beautiful Margaret River Region to celebrate the love of Literature at the 2018 Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all those who have made this possible - the dedicated staff, volunteers, festival sponsors and supporters who work together to make it happen.

**Kerrie Yabsley**  
Festival Director



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## FOLLOW US ONLINE

Find out more about the authors, share festival highlights and join the conversation. Tag your comments, photos and highlights with #mrrwf2018.

WELCOME



The McGowan Government is a proud sponsor of 2018 Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival through Tourism WA's Regional Events Program.

The program supports medium to large regional events across the State to boost tourism, increase community vibrancy and participation, and develop regional areas.

The Regional Events Program plays an important role in positioning Western Australia as an exciting destination to visit and a great place to live by showcasing and promoting a region's unique and diverse attractions.

Tourism is a key pillar of the McGowan Government's plan to diversify the economy, create jobs and develop business opportunities, especially in regional Western Australia. In 2016-17, visitors spent \$10.1 billion in the State, including \$4.5 billion in regional areas.

We hope everyone enjoys the event and takes the time to explore the South West region.

**HON PAUL PAPALIA CSC MLA**  
Minister for Tourism

**HON ALANNAH MACTIERNAN MLC**  
Minister for Regional Development





Welcome to the 10th year of the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival.

We are so proud to host this celebration of the written word and we welcome avid readers and passionate writers to our unique Shire.

‘Stories that Shape Us’ can be interpreted many ways. Each of us carries an internal story that we create from many sources, to build our world views, and a view of our own lives. Together, as a community, we build a narrative which constructs our society, our culture.

Creative artists, including writers, interpret, imagine and reflect our cultural stories, develop depth and complexity which can delight and challenge us.

Enjoy these offerings and I sincerely hope that the stimulating presentations and informal discussions with fellow festival goers mystifies and sustains your deep yearnings.

**PAM TOWNSHED**

President, Shire of Augusta Margaret River



As Patron of the Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival I welcome you to our 2018 event. The Margaret River Reader and Writers Festival is one of many events which have matured in recent years to add to the appeal of the Margaret River Brand as a place of premium quality. A visit to this area is a unique and inspiring experience.

This year's program is jam-packed with the main Festival being held at Voyager Estate, while workshops and feature events can be found all around the area, reaching as far as Augusta through to Busselton.

In line with this year's theme ‘Stories that Shape Us’, this year's festival will look at the stories and decisions we make in life that contribute to who we are today. Our region is already well-known for its love of the arts and creative pursuits, the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival adds another dimension to our reputation as a centre for the creative 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.

**BARRY HOUSE**

Patron of the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival

# GETTING HERE

## FESTIVAL HUB VOYAGER ESTATE

### MAIN STAGE & WRITERS' ROOM & VOYAGER ESTATE RESTAURANT

41 Stevens Road,  
Margaret River

For all festival enquiries  
contact Arts Margaret River  
on 08 9758 7316

## FOOD AND DRINKS

Food trucks will be available  
for food and coffee.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Voyager Estate is wheelchair  
accessible. Phone Arts Margaret  
River on 089758 7316 if you have  
any questions and we will be  
happy to assist.

## PARKING

Festival parking will be  
available in a designated  
area at Voyager Estate.

## WEATHER

Please be advised that the Main  
Stage and Writers' Room are  
marquees located on the grounds  
of Voyager Estate. Please dress  
warmly and be prepared in the  
event of wet weather.

## COURTESY BUS SERVICE

A FREE shuttle bus service will  
operate on Friday, Saturday and  
Sunday of the festival weekend  
between Margaret River Town  
and Voyager Estate. Pick up and  
drop off will be from outside the  
Shire building on Wallcliffe Road.

## SHUTTLE BUS TIMETABLE

### FRIDAY

TOWN PICK UP	VOYAGER ARRIVAL
8:45am	9:00am
5:30pm	5:45pm
6pm	6:15pm

### VOYAGER PICK UP TOWN ARRIVAL

4:45pm	5pm
7:45pm	8pm
8:15pm	8:30pm

### SATURDAY

TOWN PICK UP	VOYAGER ARRIVAL
8:45am	9am
12:30pm	12:45pm
6:15pm	6:30pm

### VOYAGER PICK UP TOWN ARRIVAL

1:00pm	1:15pm
6:45pm	7pm
9pm	9:15pm

### SUNDAY

TOWN PICK UP	VOYAGER ARRIVAL
8:45am	9am
12:30pm	12:45pm

### VOYAGER PICK UP TOWN ARRIVAL

1:00pm	1:15pm
5:45pm	6pm



# DAY ONE

## FRIDAY 1 JUNE

9.30AM

VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

### The Good Teacher

The school day started with 362 students and seventeen teachers. It ended with three people missing. Join author **P.J. Kelly** as he takes us through his debut novel about a battle between right and wrong, good and evil, common sense and the law.

PRESENTED BY: CHARLOTTE GUEST

SPONSORED BY:

LIONS CLUB OF BUSSELTON

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11AM

VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

### The Art & Science of Aging

Join celebrated Australian talents **Dr Karl Kruszelnicki**, **Nikki Gemmell** and *The West Australian's* Health + Medicine Editor **Cathy O'Leary** as they speak on the harder and softer points of aging. The number of people living at the same time may double in future, so what are the implications? Don't miss out on the opportunity to hear some thought-provoking view points on what it means to age with dignity.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH

SPONSORED BY:

SHIRE OF AUGUSTA- MARGARET RIVER

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12PM

VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

### A Creative Mind: The Writer's Life

From fact to fiction, page to stage, and computer games to song writing, **Assaf Gavron** is an internationally acclaimed Israeli writer who has done it all. Join Assaf as he speaks about his incredibly varied writing career, including his biggest challenges, accomplishments and the stories that shaped him into the person and writer he is today.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN

SPONSORED BY:

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## FREE EVENT

1PM

VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

### Q&A High School Special: How to change the world

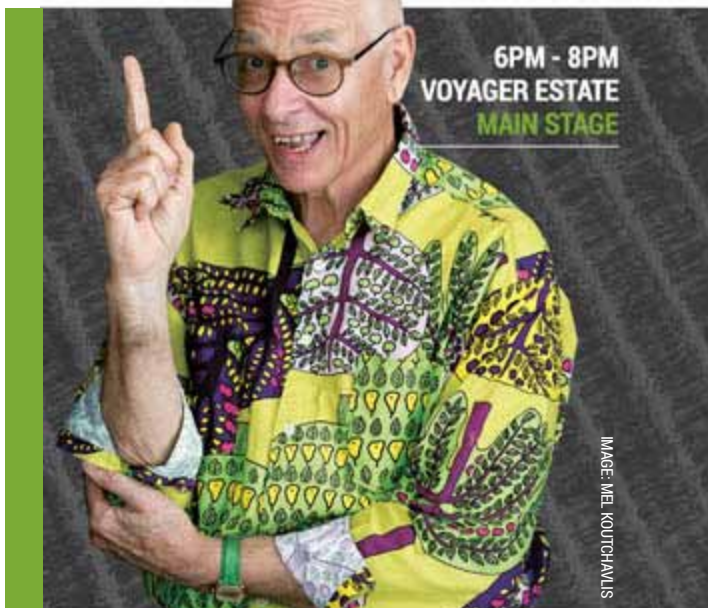
A special Margaret River based Q&A where **Peter Greste**, **Rosie Batty**, **David Ritter**, **Andrew Roff** and local high school students share their ideas and views on how we can create a better world for all of us.

SPONSORED BY: ROTARY MARGARET RIVER

# DAY ONE

FRIDAY 1 JUNE

## FESTIVAL LAUNCH



2PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

### In conversation with **A.S. Patric**

Winner of the 2016 Miles Franklin Award, **A.S. Patric**, talks about his compelling body of work. *Black Rock White City*, explores the immigrant experience with ferocity, beauty and humour, while his haunting new novel, *Atlantic Black*, is a 'powerful and mesmerising voyage into darkness'.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN

SPONSORED BY:

WONDERLAND TENTS & EVENTS

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3.30PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

### The Fight to Stop Adani

Greenpeace Australia CEO **David Ritter** speaks about the fight to stop the Adani Coal Mine Project, north of the Galilee Basin in Central Queensland. The book provides a timely and colourful account of the history of the greatest environmental fight of the decade.

PRESENTED BY: BILL BUNBURY

SPONSORED BY:

CAPE TO CAPE EXPLORER TOURS

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11AM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

### Twenty Two Years to Life

What is the one thing you wish for more than anything else in the world? And what would you do if that one thing, once granted, was taken from you? Join **Mohammed Massoud Morsi** as he speaks about his latest novel, *Twenty Two Years to Life*.

PRESENTED BY: ROSEMARY SAYER

SPONSORED BY:

PEPPERMINT BROOK COTTAGES

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## Festival Launch

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PRESENTED BY: DR KARL KRUSZELNICKI

SPONSORED BY: VOYAGER ESTATE WINES,  
MARGARET RIVER DAIRY COMPANY &  
MARGARET RIVER CATERING & HIRE

\$35 / \$25 ARTS HUB MEMBERS



## FREE EVENT

12PM VOYAGER ESTATE  
WRITERS' ROOM

### Winner of the Margaret River Press Short Story Competition

**Andrew Roff & Tiffany Hastie** are the winners of the 2018 Margaret River Press Short Story Competition. Join them to discuss their writing.

PRESENTED BY:  
CHARLOTTE GUEST

SPONSORED BY:  
MARGARET RIVER PRESS

2PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

### The Enlightenment of the Greengage Tree

Join **Shokoofeh Azar** as she talks about her extraordinarily powerful and evocative literary novel set in Iran in the period immediately after the Islamic Revolution. Using the lyrical magic realism style of classical Persian storytelling, Azar draws the reader deep into the heart of a family caught in the post-revolutionary chaos.

PRESENTED BY: ROSEMARY SAYER  
SPONSORED BY: SEVEN SEAS TEA  
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3.30PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

### Imaginarium

Immersing you in a world of travel, nature, interiors, art, oddities and curiosities, award-winning Australian stylist **Sibella Court** talks about her latest book *Imaginarium*. Fuel your imagination for your own creativity, design and adventures in this must-see session.

PRESENTED BY: NIOMI O'HARA  
SPONSORED BY: SOUL CAMPING  
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

# DAY TWO

## SATURDAY 2 JUNE

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9.30AM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

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### The Other Wife

A secret wife. A secret life.

A killer who knows.

Join one of the greatest crime writers of today, **Michael**

**Robotham**, as he speaks for the first time about his new book *The Other Wife*.

PRESENTED BY: SARAH SCHLADOW

SPONSORED BY:  
MARGARET RIVER BOOKSHOP

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11AM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

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### On Mother

Join **Sarah Ferguson** as she talks about her new book, *On Mother*.

The sudden death of Sarah's mother throws light on their relationship with poignant clarity and reveals the person who lived beyond motherhood. A vivid account of a mother's love over decades and across continents, and an engrossing reflection on mothers and daughters.

PRESENTED BY: VAHRI MCKENZIE

SPONSORED BY: CAPE LODGE

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12PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

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### The Twentieth Man

**Tony Jones**, one of Australia's most admired journalists, has written a brilliantly compelling thriller, taking us from the savage mountains of Yugoslavia to Canberra's brutal yet covert power struggles, in a novel that's intelligent, informed and utterly suspenseful. Join Tony as he speaks about *The Twentieth Man*.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN

SPONSORED BY: MAIN BREAK TRAVEL

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9.30AM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

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### Talking Books

Kick back, relax and listen

to **Marieke Hardy, PJ Kelly,**

**Sisonke Msimang** and **Charlotte**

**Guest** as they share the books that made them laugh, cry and helped shape them in some way.

PRESENTED BY: SARINA KAMINI

SPONSORED BY: THE RIVER HOTEL

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11AM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

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### Worth Fighting For

**Dana Vulin** was the victim of a hideous, unprovoked attack by a woman who'd been stalking and harassing her for weeks. Incorrectly believing that Dana was having an affair with her estranged husband, she burst into Dana's apartment, doused her with methylated spirits and set her alight. Join us for this remarkable woman's true story of survival, strength and triumph, as told in her book *Worth Fighting For*.

PRESENTED BY: NICOLE SINCLAIR

SPONSORED BY: MARGARETS FOREST  
HOLIDAY APARTMENTS

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2PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

## After

*After* by **Nikki Gemmell** is the story of the often difficult, prickly relationship between mothers and daughters, and how that changes over time. As anguished as it is truthful, as powerful as it is profound, *After* is about life and death, elderly parents, mothers and daughters, hurt and healing, and about how little, sometimes, we know the ones we love the most.

PRESENTED BY: NICOLE SINCLAIR  
SPONSORED BY: RIVERGLEN CHALETs  
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12PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

## Places That Shape Us

Join **Sibella Court**, **Martine Perret** and **Mohammed Massoud Morsi** as they share insight into the places that have shaped them and their creative pursuits.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH  
SPONSORED BY: THE GOOD OLIVE  
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3.30PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

## Karl, The Universe and Everything

Could there be life on one of Saturn's moons? How much power could you collect from all the lightning on Earth? Why do books have book-smell? And is your home WiFi really spying on you? Join **Dr Karl Kruszelnicki**, as he talks about *Karl, The Universe and Everything* in this must-see session.

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BUSSELTON TOURISM ASSOCIATION  
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2PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

## A New Australian

How does our birth shape who we are? How does jumping on a boat and choosing a better future, in a foreign country really feel? How do the choices that are made for us compare to the ones we make for ourselves. Join Children's author **Deborah Abela** as she talks of real life choices and fictional realities.

PRESENTED BY: VAHRI MCKENZIE  
SPONSORED BY:  
LIONS CLUB OF MARGARET RIVER  
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

FREE EVENT



1PM - 2PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

## Food for thought

Join **Jude Blereau**, **Holly Davis** and **Jodie Lane** as they discuss the importance of what you eat and how to incorporate wholesome, nourishing and sustainable food practices and philosophies into your life. Listen to how these women have shaped their lives and sustained their lifestyles around these beliefs.

PRESENTED BY: SARINA KAMINI  
SPONSORED BY: MARGARET RIVER  
READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL



3.30PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

## Criminal Minds

Join **Michael Robotham**, **Garry Disher** and **Leigh Straw** as they discuss the inspiration behind their writing, whether fiction or fact; how they get inside the heads of the characters they create and weave their stories together to create compelling books for readers.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH  
SPONSORED BY:  
NIGHT HARVEST WINES  
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

# DAY THREE

## SUNDAY 3 JUNE

9.30AM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

### 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.

Features: **Nikki Gemmell**, **Ian Parmenter**, **Rosemary Sayer**, **Chris Nixon** and more.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN  
SPONSORED BY:  
WEST REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS  
\$20 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

11AM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

### A Mother's Story

Hear **Rosie Batty**, one of Australia's most courageous women and Australian of the Year 2015, speak about her profound memoir, *A Mother's Story*. Since her son Luke was killed by his father in a violent incident in 2014, Rosie has become an outspoken crusader against domestic violence, winning hearts and minds all over Australia.

PRESENTED BY: NICOLE SINCLAIR  
SPONSORED BY: DARBY PARK  
\$25 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

12PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

### In and Outside The Prison Walls

In 2013 Australian journalist **Peter Greste** was imprisoned in Egypt for 'spreading false news'. He was held in solitary confinement for over a month, before being charged and later sentenced to seven years imprisonment. Join Human Rights Medallist Peter Greste as he shares how he survived both mentally and emotionally through this time. Released from jail in 2015, Peter's experience has driven him to become a respected advocate for freedom of speech within the press.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN  
SPONSORED BY: PERTH CENTRE  
OF PEN INTERNATIONAL  
\$25 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

## FREE EVENT

1PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

### The Importance of Stories

Come and listen to **Isaac (Zac) Webb** who was born in Undalup (Busselton) and grew up on Wadandi Boodja. Zac grew up listening to his father, Wayne Webb, who remembers sitting with the old people and listening to the stories of Boodja (Country) that have been passed down through the generations. Zac continues his family's Cultural obligations to the people and the Boodja (Country).

SPONSORED BY: UNDALUP ASSOCIATION INC



11AM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

### The Next Chapter

Uncover the secret lives of two Miles Franklin award-winning authors, **A.S. Patric** and **Josphine Wilson**, who will share their stories on where they started, how they live now and where they are going next.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH  
SPONSORED BY: LIONS CLUB  
OF COWARAMUP  
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2PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

## Finding Nevo

Meet **Nevo Zisin**: girl, boy, he, she, him, her, they, them, daughter, son, teacher, student, friend, gay, bi, lesbian, trans, homo, Jew, dyke, masculine, feminine, androgynous, queer. Personal, political and passionate *Finding Nevo* is an autobiography about gender and everything that comes with it.

PRESENTED BY: SARAH SCHDALOW  
SPONSORED BY: COUNTRY ARTS WA  
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3.30PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

## Geraldine Brooks In Conversation

Join **Geraldine Brooks**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *People of the Book*, *Year of Wonders* and *March* as she speaks about her remarkable writing career including her most recent historical novel *The Secret Chord*, an utterly absorbing story about King David's extraordinary rise to power and fall from grace.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN  
SPONSORED BY: LOTTERYWEST  
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4.30PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

## Closing Event: Questions I've Asked Myself

What makes you, you? Is it how you think of yourself, how others think of you, or something else entirely? Join **Nikki Gemmell**, **Marieke Hardy** and **Nevo Zisin** as they discuss their stories of self discovery and identity.

PRESENTED BY: SARAH SCHDALOW  
SPONSORED BY: POST NEWSPAPERS  
\$20 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

12PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

## Always Another Country

Join **Sisonke Msimang** as she speaks about her book *Always Another Country*, a memoir of exile and home. At heart, her story is one of coming-of-age, and while well-known South African political figures appear in these pages, it is nevertheless an intimate story, a testament to family bonds and sisterhood.

PRESENTED BY: ROSEMARY SAYER  
SPONSORED BY: ADAMSONS  
RIVERSIDE ACCOMMODATION  
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

2PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

## Her

Beautifully and powerfully written, **Garry Disher's** latest book takes a look at the darker side of Australia's past – particularly the status of girls and women in our society. Join Garry as he shares with us the story of *Her*.

PRESENTED BY: NICOLE SINCLAIR  
SPONSORED BY: MARGARET RIVER  
DISTILLING CO  
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

3.30PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

## After the War

In this deeply personal account, historian and writer, **Leigh Straw**, seeks a better understanding of what soldiers experience once the fighting stops. In her latest book, *After the War*, she uses the personal struggles of soldiers and their families to increase our understanding of the legacy of World War I.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH  
SPONSORED BY: RIVERFRESH IGA  
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS



# 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.

SATURDAY 2 JUNE 12.30PM - 2PM  
STAY MARGARET RIVER



## Fierce Women in Fiction

What is women's fiction?  
Is it fiction written by women,  
for women, or about women?  
Join **Anthea Hodgson**, and  
**Sasha Wasley** as they discuss  
why we need to make room for  
women's stories by women.  
Includes lunch.

PRESENTED BY:  
SARAH SCHLADOW

SPONSORED BY:  
STAY MARGARET RIVER  
\$45 / \$40 ARTS HUB MEMBERS

SATURDAY 2 JUNE 3.30PM - 4.30PM  
RIVERSMITH



## Healthy and Whole

Join wholefoods extraordinaires  
**Holly Davis** and **Jude Blereau**  
in conversation as they talk  
about the benefits of  
wholefood cooking and provide  
a demonstration  
and tasting  
of their  
creations.

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SATURDAY 2 JUNE 5PM - 6.30PM  
VOYAGER ESTATE, MAIN STAGE



## Kingdom of Olives and Ash

*Kingdom of Olives and Ash* is a  
ground-breaking collection of  
essays showing the human cost  
of fifty years of Israeli occupation  
of the West Bank and Gaza. Join  
international writers **Geraldine  
Brooks** and **Assaf Gavron**, together  
with **Avner Gvaryahu**, Executive  
Director of Israeli NGO Breaking the  
Silence – an organisation comprised  
of former Israeli soldiers who  
served in the occupied territories  
– as they provide a deeper  
understanding of the conflict.

PRESENTED BY: TONY JONES  
SPONSORED BY: TOURISM WA  
\$35 / \$30 ARTS HUB MEMBERS

**FRIDAY 1 JUNE 6PM - 8PM**  
**VOYAGER ESTATE MAIN STAGE**

## Festival Launch

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**\$35 / \$25 ARTS HUB MEMBERS**



**SATURDAY 2 JUNE 7PM**  
**VOYAGER ESTATE RESTAURANT**



### Dinner with The Doctor

Join **Dr Karl Kruszelnicki** for a delicious three course meal with a side of science as he makes you laugh, makes you think AND best of all, makes you smarterer! Includes a three course meal and a healthy dose of entertainment. Wine available for purchase.

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**\$85 / \$80 ARTS HUB MEMBERS**

**SUNDAY 3 JUNE 9.30AM - 11AM**  
**VOYAGER ESTATE RESTAURANT**



### Breakfast with Michael Robotham

Join **Michael Robotham** for breakfast as he talks about his astonishing career as a high profile UK Journalist, writer of autobiographies and crime novels, many of which have been adapted for film and TV productions. Learn about what has shaped Michael's writing and where he plans to take this in the future.

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Each year the Visual Stories Art Competition and Exhibition forms an exciting part of the Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival. This year artists have been asked to respond to the festival theme *Stories that Shape Us* with a 3D artwork in the form of a 'story pole'.

**These poles will be exhibited at the festival hub in Voyager Estate's Gardens from 21st of May to 3rd of June.**

The winners of the competition will be officially announced at the festival launch.



# MEET THE AUTHORS & GUEST SPEAKERS



## DEBORAH ABELA

Deborah's written twenty-five books, including the *Max Remy Superspy* series and *Grimsdon* and *New City*, about kids living in a climate-changed world. She has won awards for her books, but mostly hopes to be as brave as her characters.



## SHOKOOFEH AZAR

Shokoofeh Azar is a shining star of Iranian literature, profoundly affecting her readers with philosophical and existential illuminations. *The Enlightenment of the Greengage Tree* is Azar's first novel to be translated into English.

**The 2018 Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival showcases an array of story-telling talent. With 50 writers, journalists, illustrators and presenters we invite readers to join writers as we hear stories brought to life in many forms.**



## ROSIE BATTY

Rosie Battay became an out-spoken and dynamic crusader against domestic violence after her son was killed by his father in a horrendous event that shocked not only the nation, but the world. Her book is called *A Mother's Story*.



## JUDE BLEREAU

Jude Blereau was living a wholefood life long before 'wholefood' was a buzzword for healthy living, and has been actively involved in the wholefood world for around 25 years.



IMAGE: RANDI BAIRD

## GERALDINE BROOKS

Geraldine Brooks is a journalist and novelist. She's written three works of non-fiction and five novels, including the 2006 Pulitzer Prize winning *March* and the ABIA Book of the Year, *People of the Book*.



IMAGE: DAVID HUTTON

## SIBELLA COURT

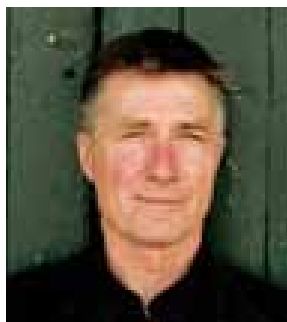
Sibella Court is an interior stylist, owner of The Society Inc. store and author of the bestselling and award-winning books *Etcetera*, *The Stylist's Guide to NYC*, *Nomad*, *Bowerbird*, and *Gypsy*.



IMAGE: BEN DEANLEY

## HOLLY DAVIS

Holly is one of the co-founders of Sydney's Iku Wholefoods (1985) and Jude Blereau's Whole and Natural Foods Chefs Training Program (2010). She has been a long time champion for the attainment of great health through the use of sustainable organic wholefoods.



## GARRY DISHER

Garry Disher has published over 50 praised and widely translated books: crime and literary fiction, YA and children's novels, and writers' handbooks. Many have won awards and appeared on best-books-of-the-year lists in Australia, Germany and the USA.



## SARAH FERGUSON

Sarah Ferguson is an award-winning investigative journalist at the ABC. She wrote *The Killing Season Uncut* with Patricia Drum in 2016.



IMAGE: FANA FENG

## ASSAF GAVRON

Assaf Gavron is an acclaimed Israeli writer who has published six novels, a collection of short stories and a non-fiction collection of Jerusalem falafel-joint reviews. His fiction has been adapted for the stage and optioned for movies.

## MEET THE AUTHORS & GUEST SPEAKERS



IMAGE: KATHY LUU

### NIKKI GEMMELL

Nikki Gemmell is the best-selling author of thirteen novels, including the international best-seller, *The Bride Stripped Bare*. Her most recent book, *After*, is a fiercely brave, poignant and powerful memoir.



### PETER GRESTE

Professor Peter Greste is an award-winning foreign correspondent who spent 25 years in some of the world's most volatile places. Peter became a headline himself, when he and two of his colleagues were arrested in Cairo while working for Al Jazeera, and charged with 21 terrorism offences.



IMAGE: QUIQUE KIRSZENBAUM

### AVNER GVARYAHU

During his army service, Avner Gvaryahu served in the special forces of the paratroopers brigade. After he was discharged he joined Breaking the Silence and later became director of the Public Outreach. He is now the organization's Executive Director.



IMAGE: THE AGE

### MARIEKE HARDY

Marieke is a curator, screenwriter, artist, author and immersive theatre maker. She has penned regular columns for *The Age*, *The Drum* and *Frankie* magazine, and written for many television shows.



### TIFFANY HASTIE

Tiffany Hastie is a student at Edith Cowan University in Bunbury, studying a Bachelor of Arts as a Writing and Literature Major. She recently won the Talus Prize for her prose *Good Boy*, and a commendation for her poem *The Stick*.





## ANTHEA HODGSON

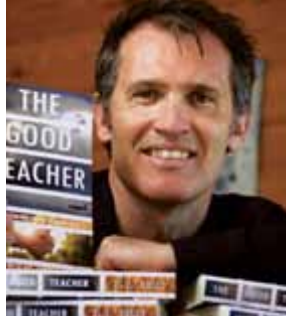
Anthea Hodgson is a country girl from the WA wheatbelt. She worked as a radio producer in WA, NSW and QLD before returning to WA. With her 2016 debut novel, *The Drifter*, we were introduced to an exciting new voice in rural writing.



IMAGE: BEN DEANLEY

## TONY JONES

Tony Jones joined Four Corners as a reporter and then went to Dateline at SBS. He subsequently was an ABC foreign correspondent and today he hosts Q & A on Monday nights. *The Twentieth Man* is his first novel.



## PJ KELLY

PJ is a primary school teacher who lives in a beachside suburb of Perth. PJ's work was the catalyst for the main question that drives his book *The Good Teacher*; 'How far would you go to save a child?'



IMAGE: MEL KOUTCHAVIS

## DR KARL KRUSZELNICKI

Dr Karl is a popular science communicator on radio and television, author of 43 books and Julius Sumner Miller Fellow at University of Sydney. He just loves science to pieces.



## JODIE LANE

Jodie is the co-owner and manager of Fair Harvest Permaculture in Margaret River. She has developed food gardens, taught permaculture, and has a strong focus on community and sustainability. In 2014 Jodie was the WA runner up in the Rural Women's Award for her local food project.



## MOHAMMED MASSOUD MORSI

Mohammed is an Egyptian-Danish-Australian photographer, journalist and writer, published internationally and now in Australia. His latest works include the novellas *Twenty Two Years To Life* and *What Is Past Is Dead*.





## SISONKE MSIMANG

Sisonke Msimang is a South African writer whose work is focussed on race, gender and democracy. She has written for a range of international publications including the New York Times, the Guardian, Newsweek and Al Jazeera.



## CHRIS NIXON

Chris Nixon is an illustrator, designer and creative director based in Perth, WA. Inspired by the West Coast and classic surf culture with an emphasis on the handmade and crafted, his work and direction spreads across a wide range of media.



## CATHY O'LEARY

The State's most experienced health reporter, Cathy O'Leary started her career before most people had heard of statins and body mass index. She reports on all things health and medical at The West Australian.



## 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*.



## A.S. PATRIC

A. S. Patric's debut novel *Black Rock White City* is the winner of the 2016 Miles Franklin Literary Award. His second novel *Atlantic Black* was published in 2017 to critical acclaim. He is also the author of *The Rattler & other stories* and *Bruno Kramzer*.



IMAGE: DAVID DARE PARKER



IMAGE: ELIA COLLEY



IMAGE: TONY MOTT

## MARTINE PERRET

Martine Perret worked as a freelance photographer and desk editor at The Australian Financial Review. Her interest in photojournalism led to a decade covering UN Peacekeeping missions. She now lives in Margaret River and has published two books *From Above* and *Beyond*.

## DAVID RITTER

David Ritter is the CEO of Greenpeace Australia Pacific, is a widely published commentator on current affairs and is the author of two books on Indigenous land justice as well as the lead author of *The Coal Truth*.

## MICHAEL ROBOTHAM

Michael was an investigative journalist working across America, Australia and Britain. As a journalist and writer he investigated notorious cases and killers, such as the serial killer couple Fred and Rosemary West.



## ANDREW ROFF

Andrew Roff is the recipient of a 2018 Varuna House Residential Fellowship. His work has appeared in *Overland* and *Antithesis Journal*. In 2016 he was shortlisted for the Wakefield Press Unpublished Manuscript Award at the Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature.



## LEIGH STRAW

Leigh Straw is an academic, historian, and writer. She is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle and author of Australian history and true crime books.



## DANA VULIN

In 2012, an enraged and drug-fuelled stranger broke into Dana Vulin's home, doused her in methylated spirits and set her on fire. *Worth Fighting For* is the true story of how one extraordinary woman fought for what she believed in.



## SASHA WASLEY

Sasha Wasley was born and raised in WA and now lives in the Perth hills with her partner and two daughters. Sasha has a PhD in feminist theory and is an animal lover who is enthusiastic about social and environmental issues.



## ISZAAC (ZAC) WEBB

Pibulman / Wadandi Man, South West of WA. Cultural Custodian of Wadandi country, Member of the Dowark Foundation and the National Trust Association, WA.



## JOSEPHINE WILSON

Josephine Wilson's novel, *Extinctions*, won the UWA Publishing inaugural Dorothy Hewett Award for an Unpublished Manuscript, the 2017 Miles Franklin Literary Award, and was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Fiction.



## NEVO ZISIN

Nevo Zisin is a young activist, educator, public speaker and the author of newly released *Finding Nevo*, a memoir on gender transition. Nevo engages in activism which aims to spread awareness and understanding around LGBTIQ+ issues.

IMAGE: THERESA HARRISON

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## MEET THE PRESENTERS



### ALLAN BOYD

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



### BILL BUNBURY

Bill Bunbury is an ABC radio producer with 40 years' experience. He has won 5 Radio National and International awards for his radio documentaries and is the author of 12 books on Australian social history.



### CHARLOTTE GUEST

Charlotte Guest is a Western Australian writer and Publishing Officer at UWA Publishing. Her work has appeared in *Island Magazine*, *Overland*, *Australian Book Review*, *Westerly Magazine* and elsewhere. *Soap* (Recent Work Press, 2017) is her debut collection of poetry.



### SARINA KAMINI

Sarina Kamini is a journalist-cum-author. The former food critic, and food and culture writer worked for fifteen years in newspapers, food guides and magazines internationally. Sarina now lives and writes in Margaret River. Her first book is *Spirits in a Spice Jar*.



### JAMES LUSH

James Lush is the Founder and Director of Lush: The Content Agency. With a Masters Degree in Psychology James started out at the BBC in the UK and is a regular on the ABC in Perth.





## DR VAHRI McKENZIE

Dr Vahri McKenzie is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Arts and Humanities at Edith Cowan University South West. Her short fiction won the South West Writer's Prize in the Margaret River Short Story Competition in 2013.



## NIOMI O'HARA

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



## ROSEMARY SAYER

Rosemary Sayer is a writer, researcher and former journalist. Her third book *More to the story – conversations with refugees* was published in 2015 by Margaret River Press.



## SARAH SCHLADOW

Dr Sarah Schladow has a teaching and research background in a range of literary and cultural studies, as well as a business career. Sarah's reading covers a range of fiction and non-fiction texts; and she enjoys exploring their wider cultural and socio-historical contexts.



## NICOLE SINCLAIR

Nicole Sinclair has a PhD in Creative Writing and her first novel, *Bloodlines*, was shortlisted for the 2014 TAG Hungerford Award. Nicole's short fiction and non-fiction has appeared in the Review of Australian Fiction, Westerly, Indigo Journal and Award Winning Australian Writing.



## 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.

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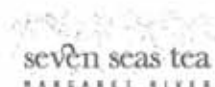


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12pm		A Creative Mind: The Writer's Life, p5	Winner of the Margaret River Press Short Story Competition, p7 <b>FREE</b>
1pm		Q&A High School Special: How to change the world, p5 <b>FREE</b>	
2pm		In conversation with A.S. Patric, p6	The Enlightenment of the Greengage Tree, p7
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12pm		The Twentieth Man, p8	Places That Shape Us, p9
1pm		Food for Thought, p9 <b>FREE</b>	
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3.30pm		Karl, The Universe and Everything, p9	Criminal Minds, p9
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		Margies Poetry SLAM, 2pm - 3pm, p13 <b>FREE</b>
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