

# The Universe is Made of Stories

**Authors and Presenters**  
Festival Information

**2-4 May 2025**  
**[mrrwfestival.com](http://mrrwfestival.com)**



## PLACE

The town of Margaret River is firmly situated in the South West Boojarah region in Noongar booja (country). Noongar have lived in this part of booja since the Nyittiny – creation times.<sup>1</sup>

Arts Margaret River acknowledges and pays respect to past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of Australia. In particular, we deeply respect the Wardandi people's ongoing connection to Country and the continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region. We acknowledge over 75,000 years of living culture and knowledge and the country on which we create new stories through the arts.

As the major arts umbrella organisation in the stunning southwest Australian region of Augusta-Margaret River, Arts Margaret River proudly contributes to the sense of place through a rich and varied program of arts and creative events.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.noongar.org.au/noongar-protocols> South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council





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## WELCOME/KAYA

“Kaya Nalamaat Mooditj Djinnunga Noonda Gulyara Nitja-il Wadandi Boodjara.”

Our Family Welcomes You and Its awesome to see you all together here on Saltwater Country,

Here we are in “Wirungaa Wooditjbilya” – beautiful Margaret River in Djeran Season. One of our six seasons in our Wadandi Calender.

It’s also time to enjoy the great events at our Readers & Writers Festival.

Nala moort nala yungunjarli. Djerapin.noonda yerunga booja.

Ngarlak wongi noonda jenna goonya.

Koorling Mia Kaartalonga Kidji

Boola Koorda.

Boordwah ! See you all on Wadandi Boodja”

**Zac Webb**

Wadandi/Pibulmun, Cultural Custodian  
Undalup Association

## GETTING HERE

Travel from Perth to Margaret River takes approximately 3.5 hours. There are petrol stations where you can stop on the way if needed. We recommend you fill up your car before leaving Perth. If you are claiming your fuel, please keep copies of your receipt to submit with your invoice.

## ACCOMMODATION

If you have accommodation booked this will have been sent to you and your publisher or agent by email. Any questions please contact Sian on 0421 951 499/ creative@artsmargaretriver.com

## OUR FESTIVAL HUBS

### MARGARET RIVER

Our Festival Hub in Margaret River is Nala Bardip Mia (Our Story House) – Margaret River HEART, located a 5-7 mins walk from the centre of Margaret River.

### The Authors & Presenters Green Room/ Collecting your festival passes:

On arrival, please come to the Authors & Presenters Green Room which is in the Shire Chamber Room inside the Shire building next to Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART. Please enter through the doorway to the right of the main entrance – you will see MRRWF signage and a cow on display in the foyer.

### Parking at Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART

Parking is limited at Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART so please walk or rideshare where possible. Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART is only a 5-minute walk from town. Parking is located in front and behind the venue.

### Authors & Presenters Green Room will be open for the following times:

- Friday 2 May: 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- Saturday 3 May: 8.30am – 5.00pm
- Sunday 4 May: 8.30am – 4.30pm

The Authors & Presenters Green Room is your space to come and relax before and after your sessions.



Nala Bardip Mia Forecourt



Entrance to Shire building/Authors & Presenters Green Room:

## BUSSELTON

Our Festival Hub this year is Shelter Brewing on the Busselton Foreshore.

### Parking at Shelter Brewing

Please note that parking will be very limited due to the Busselton Festival of Triathlon. Plan accordingly and consider car pooling where possible.

## AUTHOR AND AUTHORS' GUEST PASS COLLECTION

Here you will be met by our amazing MRRWF volunteers who will greet you and issue your Authors/Presenters pass along with a guest pass. If you do not need a guest pass please inform [hello@artsmargaretriver.com](mailto:hello@artsmargaretriver.com)

\*If you are planning to come and collect your festival pass/es on Friday morning, please come to the reception/ticketing desk at the Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART (open from 10am).

Your Authors/Presenters pass allows you to attend the sessions on the Main Stage on Saturday and Sunday. The pass excludes highlight events.

Due to our limited venue capacity, some sessions may be sold out and we will not be able to give you access. To ensure you don't miss any of the Main Stage sessions, we have set up a live feed from the Main Stage which will be available to watch throughout the weekend in the Authors & Presenters Green Room.

## LIGHT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

A light breakfast (cereal, breakfast bars, fruit) will be available buffet style from 9.00am – 11.30am

An all-day lunch (soup, bread, fruit, snacks) will be served from 11.30am – 4.30pm

Drinks including tea, coffee, soft drinks and wine (from later in the day), will be available all day.

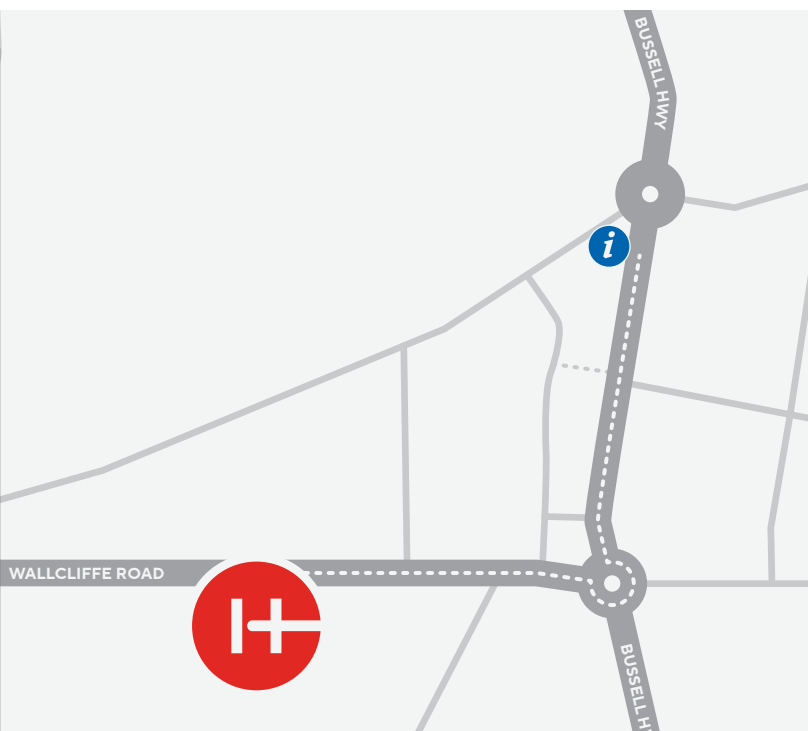
## ARRIVING IN TIME FOR YOUR SESSIONS

Please arrive at the Authors & Presenters Green Room a minimum of 30mins before your session. Please make yourself known to our MRRWF volunteers. You will be collected by our MRRWF runners 10-15 minutes before your session.

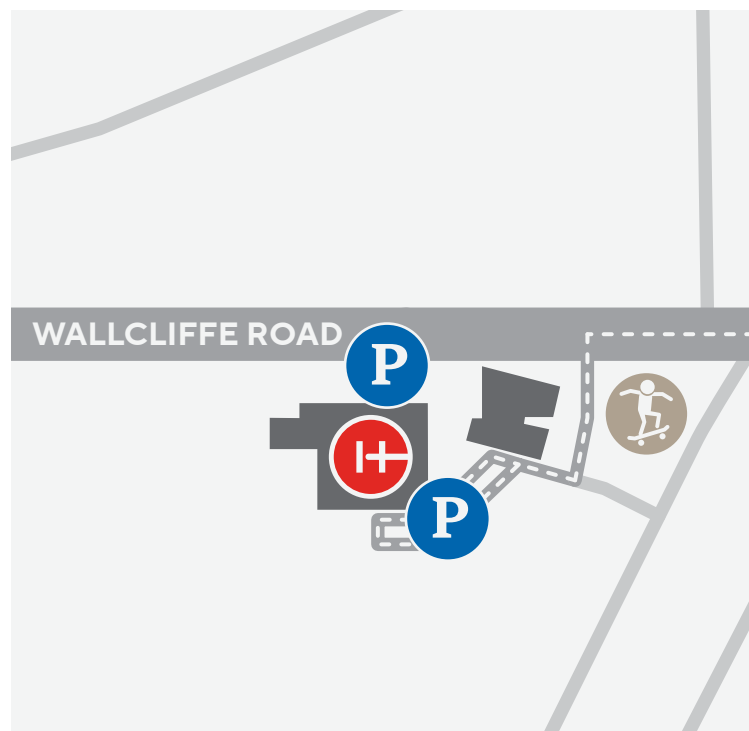
Our runner will bring you to the backstage area where you will be met by our backstage team and your session host.

**If you are running late to your session on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday or have run into a problem, please contact:**

- Sian Baker, Festival & Creative Director on 0421 951499
- Jane Kerr – Project Assistant on 0439 933 023
- Michelle Wright, Arts Margaret River General Manager on 0422 864 262



Venue location



Parking locations

## CODE OF CONDUCT

We want MRRWF to be a positive and respectful experience for everyone. We kindly ask all authors, presenters, and their guests to adhere to our **Code of Conduct**, which you agreed to when signing your Appearance Agreement. You can view it using [this link](#).

## FESTIVAL BOOKSHOP AND BOOK SIGNINGS

Our festival bookshop and signing area are located in the Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART Foyer. The festival bookshop is run by Pauline and Keith who own Margaret River Bookshop. When you finish your session head to the Festival bookshop and meet Pauline or Keith who will manage your book signing. We aim to limit signings to 30mins, however, if you need more time, Pauline and Keith will manage this.

For authors who are in back-to-back sessions, your book signings will be arranged for the lunch break on that day.

A full schedule of book signings and timings will be available for you in the Authors & Presenters Green Room.

If you have any questions about book sales and signing please contact:

- **Margaret River – Pauline McLeod**  
pauline@margaretriverbookshop.com.au
- **Busselton – Beth Herbert**  
busselton@dymocks.com.au

## PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY & SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Festival photographer and videographer will be present throughout the weekend. We encourage you to share your own festival experience and please tag us on the following platforms.

- **Facebook** @mrrwfestival
- **Instagram** @mrrwfestival
- #mrrwf2024

## FESTIVAL LAUNCH – FRIDAY 2 MAY 2025

You are invited to our Festival Launch on Friday 2 May and we have pre-allocated a ticket for yourself and one guest.

You do not need to collect tickets, just arrive at the Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART at 6.30pm and check in with our MRRWF guestlist team who will check off your names.

If you require an extra Festival Launch ticket please request this by email to Sian on [creative@artsmargaretriver.com](mailto:creative@artsmargaretriver.com)

We will do our best to accommodate all requests, but our capacity numbers are limited this year.

## GETTING AROUND

If you don't feel like driving or fancy having a drink, Margaret River Taxi operators can be contacted on (08) 9757 3444, (08) 3757 5178 and 0487 062 845.

Busselton Taxis can be contacted on 131 008 or South West Taxis can be contacted on 1300 68 16 16.





## FOOD, DRINK & ADVENTURES

There are lots of amazing cafes, restaurants and food shops in Margaret River within easy walking and driving distance.

There are also three supermarkets in Margaret River, all in the centre of town (IGA, Woolworths and Coles).

> [Supermarkets in Margaret River](#)

> [Supermarkets in Busselton](#)

The Margaret River Region is famous for its wineries and if wine is your thing, then you won't be disappointed.

> [Wineries in the Margaret River Region](#)

And for those who are looking to dine out, we have some great options around the region.

> [Dining Out in the Margaret River Region](#)

## WEATHER

It can be a bit chilly in at night with a possible light shower, especially in the evenings and early morning, so do bring some warm clothing and a waterproof jacket. (All months except December, January & February.)

## THINGS TO DO

If you are looking for a bit of adventure and fun while you are here.

> [Things to do in the Margaret River Region](#)

> [List of Attractions](#)

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

In an emergency phone 000 for Fire, Police or Ambulance assistance.

Contact numbers for non-emergency medical assistance.

- Margaret River Hospital 9757 0400
- Margaret River Medical Centre 9757 2733
- Margaret River Surgery 9757 2766

Where can you get more help?

- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Support Act Wellbeing 1800 959 500
- Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636
- Q Life 1800 184 527
- Rurallink 1800 553 002
- PANDA 1300 726 306
- 13Yarn 13 92 76
- Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467
- Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
- Standby Support After Suicide 1300 727 247

If you do need assistance, please ask any of our staff.

If you are feeling unwell at any time, please let a member of our staff or volunteer team know so we can look after you. Your health is our utmost priority.

**If you require any further information or have specific questions, please contact Sian on 0421 951 499 / [creative@artsmargaretriver.com](mailto:creative@artsmargaretriver.com)**

On behalf of the entire team here at Arts Margaret River, we cannot wait to welcome you to the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival 2025.

Thank you & see you very soon!

