



Williamstown 2011 LITERARY FESTIVAL

A FESTIVAL FOR
READERS AND WRITERS

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WEEKEND OF 29 APRIL TO 1 MAY

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VENUE: WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN HALL
FERGUSON STREET, WILLIAMSTOWN

www.willylitfest.org.au

'Taking a Line for a Walk'...

FESTIVAL PARTNERS

FESTIVAL PROGRAM 27 APRIL – 29 APRIL

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL > 4.00PM – 5.30PM

Pub Walk Williamstown

Historian **Ian Rae** hosts this walk, visiting pubs in the oldest part of Williamstown, drawing from Bruce Tait's book *Pubs of Williamstown: historical guide* (2010) available in local bookshops and agencies.

Venue: Meet outside the former Terminus Hotel, 40 Hanmer Street, opposite Williamstown Station

Cost: \$10 cash on the day

THURSDAY 28 APRIL > 7.00PM – 10.00PM

People's Choice and Poetry in the Pub

The annual People's Choice night has combined with the very popular Poetry in the Pub event, to form one big, all encompassing night of nights.

MCs **Michael Reynolds** and **Jackie Kerin**.

Venue: Pirates Tavern (Seaworks), 82 Nelson Place, Williamstown

Cost: \$7.70/\$5.50

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/KOV

FRIDAY 29 APRIL > 7.00PM – 9.30PM

Opening Night and prize presentations

Join the Ada Cambridge and Seagulls Poetry entrants and prize winners, the Committee and actress **Margot Knight** to welcome in the 2011 festival. Opening address, Festival Patron **Terry Bracks**.

Drinks and nibbles, Music by Willy Philly.

Venue: Supper Room, Williamstown Town Hall

CORINNE GRANT



JON BAUER



For more information, and bookings, go to
www.willylitfest.org.au

FESTIVAL PROGRAM SATURDAY 30 APRIL

9.30AM – 10.30AM > COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Hot or What

Popular teen author **Margaret Clark** leads this session for her many avid readers of such titles as *Fat Chance* and *Care Factor Zero*.

Hosted by WLF youth sub-committee.

10:00AM – 10:30AM

Indigenous history launch

Join us at the smoking ceremony on the lawns of the Williamstown Town Hall to celebrate the launch of the updated edition of *The Yalukit-willam: First People of the City of Hobsons Bay*.

Venue: Williamstown Town Hall

Free, no need to book

10.30AM – 11.00AM > UPSTAIRS WORKSHOP

Introducing Mr Badger – drawing workshop with Leigh Hobbs

A children only event (ages 5-8 years)

Children to arrive ten minutes early and line up at the information desk.

10.30AM – 12.30PM > GRD FLOOR WORKSHOP

Poetry Workshop with Petra White

Workshop ways to make 'new' your poetic language.

11.00AM – 12.00PM > COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Picture the words – the art of the picture book

Author **Claire Saxby** in discussion with author and illustrator **Alison Lester**.

11.30AM – 12.30PM > SUPPER ROOM

Three queens of comedy take a line for a laugh

Cal Wilson, Corinne Grant and **Tracy Bartram**.

11.30AM – 12.00PM > UPSTAIRS WORKSHOP

Introducing Mr Badger – drawing workshop with Leigh Hobbs

A children only event (ages 9-11 years)

Children to arrive ten minutes early and line up at the information desk.

12.30PM – 1.30PM > COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Getting your first novel across the line

Steven Amsterdam, Jon Bauer and **Jonathan Griffiths**

1.00PM – 2.00PM > SUPPER ROOM

Crossing the line in life and fiction with Andrew Fraser

The former top lawyer, prisoner and successful author on cocaine, prison, police and why he called his books *Lunatic Soup* and *Court in the Middle*.

FESTIVAL PROGRAM

SUNDAY 1 MAY

1.00PM – 1.45PM > UPSTAIRS WORKSHOP

Magic pencils – drawing workshop with Alison Lester

A children only event (ages 7-11 years)

Children to arrive ten minutes early and line up at the information desk.

1.00PM – 2.30PM > GRD FLOOR WORKSHOP

Focus on Character Teen writing workshop with Sofie Laguna.

Ages 13–25 years.

Participants will focus on creating strong characters with compelling stories to tell.

Please bring writing materials

Produced by WLF Youth sub-committee.

2.00PM – 3.00PM > COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Better to travel than to arrive – words en route

Tony Wheeler, Jack Faine and Tom Trumble

2.00PM – 4.00PM > UPSTAIRS WORKSHOP

Writing Workshop Inez Baranay covers Issues in writing: beginnings, middles and endings.

Please submit an issue for discussion at time of booking.

Please bring writing materials

2.30PM – 3.30PM > SUPPER ROOM

Corinne Grant shares her lessons in letting go and confesses all to Shaun Micallef

3.00PM – 4.30PM > GRD FLOOR WORKSHOP

Blogging Workshop Literary Minded's Angela Meyer workshops blogging and its coming of age

Back by popular demand

Please bring writing materials

3.30PM – 4.30PM > COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Sense and Sustainability – sorting the crap from the credible

Rod Quantock, Tanya Ha and Anna Krien

4.00PM – 5.00PM > SUPPER ROOM

The gory details of deadly fiction with crime writers PD Martin, Robert Gott and Carmel Shute of Sisters in Crime

7.00PM – 10.00PM > SUPPER ROOM

Death In Brunswick: Discussion and Film

Author **Boyd Oxlade** and writer/director **John Ruane** explore literature's role in book to screen adaptation and the new media. With **Thomas Caldwell** and **Jackson McInerney**.

Followed by film screening.

In association with Williamstown Film Society

10.00AM – 11.00AM > COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Why memoirs are hot right now

Michael Hyde, Jane Clifton and Garry Kinnane

10.00AM – 11.00AM > SUPPER ROOM

Andy Griffiths: The 13 Storey Treehouse Mayoral Fund event.

Cost: All tickets \$3.30, family of four \$11

All proceeds go to Indigenous Literacy Project.

10.00AM – 11.00AM > UPSTAIRS WORKSHOP

Repowering Australia

Beyond Zero Emissions, presents their roadmap for Australia's transition to 100% renewable energy. Presented by **Ben Robotham**.

11.00AM – 1.00PM > GRD FLOOR WORKSHOP

Editing workshop

Whether you are writing a novel, a newspaper, magazine article, or an opinion piece, come along and get advice from experienced editor, **Sharon Lapkin**, on how to improve your writing and make it more marketable. Session sponsored by Society of Editors Victoria.

Please bring writing materials

11.30AM – 12.30PM > COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Barry Hill, a distinguished Australian writer in several genres, returns to Williamstown to talk about his latest book, whose title *Lines for Birds* harmonises nicely with this year's theme.

11.30PM – 1.30PM > UPSTAIRS WORKSHOP

Memoir writing workshop

With **Carmel Bird**, based on her popular guide *Writing the Story of Your life*.

Please bring writing materials

12.00PM – 1.00PM > SUPPER ROOM

Footy: it's more than a game for our panel of experts Mike Sheahan, Samantha Lane, Chris Grant and John Harms

Sponsored by Stonehenge

SAMANTHA LANE



1.30PM – 3.30PM > GRD FLOOR WORKSHOP

Adapting Your Own Work For The Stage And Screen

With playwright and screenwriter **Sean McIntyre**.

Please bring writing materials

1.00M – 2.00PM > COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Musical Memoirs

Noted music writer **Patrick Donovan** interviews **Dave Graney** about his memoir *1001 Australian Nights*.

1.30PM – 2.30PM > SUPPER ROOM

Talking cricket with Gideon Haigh and Greg Baum

2.00PM – 4.00PM > UPSTAIRS WORKSHOP

Facts to Fiction workshop with Lisa Lang

Please bring writing materials

2.30PM – 3.30PM > COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Morris Gleitzman In Person

Not a blog, not a video-link, not even a cunningly-lifelike hologram. Alive and in person, with *The Book Show's* **Sarah L'Estrange**.

Cost: All tickets \$3.30, family of four \$11

3.00PM – 4.00PM > SUPPER ROOM

Russ Radcliffe, editor of the annual *Best Political Cartoons* series, on why 2010 proved a cartoonist's bonanza with *Crikey* cult hero **Andrew Marilton** (aka *First Dog On The Moon*), **Judy Horacek** and **Mark Knight**.

4.00PM – 5.00PM > COUNCIL CHAMBERS

It's only Rock n' Roll but I wrote it

Veteran music jounos **Patrick Donovan** and **Paulie Stewart** share juicy anecdotes about interviews with pop icons like **Kylie**, **Nick Cave** and **Madonna**. A must for old Painters and Dockers punk rockers.

4.30PM – 5.30PM > SUPPER ROOM

Confessions of Faceless Men?

Shane Maloney and **Paul Howes** come together to talk about political fictions including **Murray Whelan**, **Kevin Rudd** and Paul's *Confessions of a Faceless Man*.

PAUL HOWES



FESTIVAL GUESTS

STEVEN AMSTERDAM

Steven Amsterdam is the author of *Things We Didn't See Coming*, which won *The Age* Book of the Year. He divides his time between writing and palliative care nursing.

INEZ BARANAY

Inez Baranay is the author of nine books, most recently *With The Tiger*, and a wide range of short prose. She has taught creative writing in universities, schools and community groups.

TRACY BARTRAM

Tracy Bartram is a comedian, MC and jazz singer who has been heard by millions of radio listeners on Fox FM, Mix FM and the ABC.

JON BAUER

Jon Bauer is the author of *Rocks in the Belly*, which was published last year. His work has been published in *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Sleepers Almanac* and *The Bridport Prize*.

GREG BAUM

Greg Baum is a Walkley award winning journalist. For the last 22 years he has worked for *The Age* sports department. He has collaborated in writing several books.

CARMEL BIRD

Carmel Bird has written much fiction and her latest novel is *Child of the Twilight*. Her latest book on writing is *Writing the Story of Your Life* and she recently edited *Home Truths*.

TERRY BRACKS

Terry Bracks has worked as a teacher in regional Victoria and as an electorate officer to Federal MPs. Terry received a Centenary Medal and has an Honorary Doctorate from Victoria University.

THOMAS CALDWELL

Thomas Caldwell is a writer, broadcaster and public speaker who specialises in film criticism. He regularly reviews films on Triple R and in *The Big Issue*.

MARGARET CLARK

Margaret Clark has published 190 books for children and teenagers. Her first book *Pugwall* was made into a TV series. Her most recent book is *Fast Grandma*, released April 2011.

JANE CLIFTON

Jane Clifton is an actor, singer and crime novelist. Her memoir, *The Address Book*, will be published in May 2011.

PATRICK DONOVAN

Patrick Donovan is the CEO of Music Victoria and was *The Age* newspaper's chief music writer for 12 years. He is also a DJ, singer and tour managed Iggy Pop.

JACK FAINE

Jack Faine and his father, ABC Radio's Jon Faine, set out in 2008 to travel overland from their front gate in Fitzroy to London's Trafalgar Square and wrote about it in *From Here to There*.

ANDREW FRASER

Andrew Fraser spent 28 years as a leading criminal lawyer followed by five years in jail for cocaine addiction. Since release he has written three best sellers.

MORRIS GLEITZMAN

Morris Gleitzman is a bestselling Australian children's author. His books explore serious and sometimes confronting subjects in humorous and unexpected ways, and are published in more than 20 countries.

ROBERT GOTT

Robert Gott is the author of the William Power series of crime novels and the creator of *The Age* newspaper cartoon *The Adventures of Naked Man*.

DAVE GRANEY

Dave Graney is an ARIA-award winning, gold record-wearing, bad-ass musician with a recording output comprising 24 albums in a career spanning 30 years. *1001 Australian Nights* is his first book.

CHRIS GRANT

Chris Grant retired from playing football in 2007 after a stellar career spanning 18 seasons and 341 games for the Western Bulldogs.

CORINNE GRANT

Corinne Grant is an accomplished stand-up, MC, presenter, writer and broadcaster. Her first book, *Lessons In Letting Go: Confessions of a Hoarder*, was released in September 2010.

ANDY GRIFFITHS

Andy Griffiths is an author of children's books, well-known for his *Just!* series and *The Day My Bum Went Psycho*.

JONATHAN GRIFFITHS

Jonathan Griffiths has been entertaining and shocking his audience with songs, stories, plays and film for thirty-odd years. *The Road Behind* is his first novel.

TANYA HA

Tanya Ha is an award-winning environmentalist, science journalist and author. Currently seen on the ABC shows *Catalyst* and *Can We Help?*, her books include *Greenology* and *Green Stuff for Kids*.

GIDEON HAIGH

Gideon Haigh is a sports and business journalist, an editor and social commentator who has written several books about cricket and other subjects.

JOHN HARMS

John Harms writes for *The Age* and is heard regularly on national radio. His books include *Loose Men Everywhere*, *Confessions of a 13th Man* and *Memoirs of a Mug Punter*.

BARRY HILL

Barry Hill has won several Premier's Awards for his writing and in 2009 was shortlisted for the Melbourne Prize for Literature. His new book is *Lines for Birds*, with the painter John Wolseley.

LEIGH HOBBS

Leigh Hobbs is a writer and illustrator of children's books. His work includes the *Old Tom* series and *Fiona the Pig*.

JUDY HORACEK

Judy Horacek is a writer and artist. Her cartoons can be found on fridges and toilet doors throughout the world and *If You Can't Stand the Heat* is her latest collection.

PAUL HOWES

Paul Howes is National Secretary of the Australian Workers' Union. His book on the 2010 federal election, *Confessions of a Faceless Man*, was published in November 2010.

MICHAEL HYDE

Michael Hyde who lectures at VU, mainly writes for adolescents and young adults, including *MAX*, *Tyger Tyger*, *Hey Joe* and *Surfing Goliath*. His memoir, *All Along the Watchtower*, was published in November 2010.

JACKIE KERIN

Jackie Kerin is a storyteller, children's writer and the author of *Phar Lap the Wonder Horse*.

GARRY KINNANE

Garry Kinnane is the author of prizewinning biographies of George Johnston and the painter Colin Colahan, and the memoir *Shadowed Days*, shortlisted for the 2009 Queensland Premier's Award.

FESTIVAL GUESTS

MARGOT KNIGHT

Margot Knight has been a professional actor for the past 25 years, performing many leading roles in theatre, television and film.

MARK KNIGHT

Mark Knight is the award-winning editorial cartoonist for the *Herald Sun*.

ANNA KRIEN

Anna Krien has had her writing appear in a range of publications, including *The Monthly*, *Best Australian Essays* and *Best Australian Stories*. Her debut book, *Into the Woods*, was published in 2010.

SOFIE LAGUNA

Sofie Laguna is an author, actor and playwright. Her many books have been published in the US and UK and in translation throughout Europe and Asia.

SAMANTHA LANE

Samantha Lane is a full-time panel member on Network Ten's top rating AFL show *Before the Game* and an award-winning journalist for *The Age*.

LISA LANG

Lisa Lang is the author of Vogel Award co-winner *Utopian Man*, a fictional portrait of eccentric bookseller EW Cole, and the non-fiction title *EW Cole: Chasing the Rainbow*.

SHARON LAPKIN

Sharon Lapkin is a professional editor, published author and accomplished photographer.

ALISON LESTER

Alison Lester writes and illustrates picture books that mix imaginary worlds with everyday life, encouraging children to believe in themselves and celebrate the differences that make them special.

SARAH L'ESTRANGE

Sarah L'Estrange is a producer on ABC Radio National's *The Book Show*.

SHANE MALONEY

Shane Maloney is the creator of the popular Murray Whelan crime novels. His 'Encounters' page appears every month in *The Monthly*.

ANDREW MARLTON

Andrew Marlton (aka *First Dog On The Moon*) cartoons for *Crikey*. The 2009 Winner of Australia's Most Adorable Cartoonist (an award he made up), he also wrote *The Story of the Christmas Story*.

PD MARTIN

PD Martin has written five novels featuring Aussie FBI criminal profiler Sophie Anderson – *Body Count*, *The Murderers' Club*, *Fan Mail*, *The Killing Hands* and *Kiss of Death*.

JACKSON MCINERNEY

Jackson McInerney is an RMIT journalism graduate with a passion for books, film, song writing, footy, poetry, beer, whiskey and travel.

SEAN MCINTYRE

Sean McIntyre studied Creative Writing at Oxford University and has an extensive background as a writer, which includes non-fiction and fiction.

ANGELA MEYER

Angela Meyer runs the popular *Crikey*-hosted blog *LiteraryMinded*. She is a widely published writer, reviewer, doctoral student and former acting editor of *Bookseller+Publisher* magazine.

SHAUN MICALLEF

Shaun Micallef is a much-loved writer, actor, producer, entertainer and host of the top rating *Talkin' 'Bout Your Generation*. His two books are *Smithereen* and his latest, *Preincarnate*.

BOYD OXLADE

Boyd Oxlade is the co-writer of the 1991 film *Death in Brunswick*, which starred Sam Neill, Zoe Carides and John Clarke.

ROD QUANTOCK

Rod Quantock is a noted Australian stand-up comedian and writer. He has also worked as a columnist for *The Age*.

RUSS RADCLIFFE

Russ Radcliffe edits the annual *Best Australian Political Cartoons* and *Man of Steel: a cartoon history of the Howard years*. He is editor and publisher of *Bruce Petty's Parallel Worlds*.

IAN RAE

Ian Rae is a historian of science and technology who writes about local history for the Williamstown Historical Society and involves himself in local environmental and heritage matters.

MICHAEL REYNOLDS

Michael Reynolds is a poet and host of one of Melbourne's longest running regular poetry readings 'Passionate Tongues'.

BEN ROBOTHAM

Ben Robotham is completing his PhD in artificial photosynthesis at the University of Melbourne, volunteers for Beyond Zero Emissions and is a contributing author to the Stationary Energy Report.

JOHN RUANE

John Ruane has directed the features *Death in Brunswick* and *Dead Letter Office*. He has also adapted and directed Tim Winton's *That Eye the Sky* and Raymond Carver's story *Feathers*.

CLAIRE SAXBY

Claire Saxby writes fiction, non-fiction and poetry for children. Her work appears in books, magazines, anthologies, on train walls and in museum education kits.

MIKE SHEAHAN

Mike Sheahan is a sport associate editor for the *Herald Sun* and has been the paper's chief football writer for 13 years. He has written about football for 36 years.

CARMEL SHUTE

Carmel Shute is co-convenor and co-founder of Sisters in Crime, the Australian literary society devoted to the celebration of women's crime writing.

PAULIE STEWART

Paulie Stewart is an ARIA award winning musician with former band The Painters And Dockers and now Dili Allstars, *Herald Sun* music journalist and campaigning activist for East Timor.

TOM TRUMBLE

Tom Trumble has lived his whole life in Melbourne and *Unholy Pilgrims*, published in February 2011, is his first book.

TONY WHEELER

Tony Wheeler and his wife Maureen created Lonely Planet books after travelling across Asia on the 'hippie trail' of the 1970s. Nearly 40 years later he's still addicted to travel.

PETRA WHITE

Petra White is a Melbourne poet. Her poetry books are *The Incoming Tide* and *The Simplified World*.

CAL WILSON

Cal Wilson is a comedian and breakfast radio host who has appeared on *Spicks and Specks*, *Good News Week* and *Thank God You're Here*. She also hosted *Sleuth 101*.

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

TICKETING

All sessions including free sessions must be booked except where stated otherwise. Ticket prices are for all sessions, except where stated otherwise.

Single tickets

\$7.70 adults, \$5.50 concession (inc. children and students)

5 session package

Book 5 sessions for 10% off the total price

7 session package

Book 7 sessions for 15% off the total price

10 session package

Book 10 sessions for 20% off the total price

Note: Free events are not included in the packages. Group bookings are not offered due to the low ticket price. **Booking fees may apply. Ticket prices include GST.**

HOW TO BOOK

For events at the Williamstown Town Hall

Online: www.willylitfest.org.au

Phone: (03) 9932 4074

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm

Saturday 30 April 9.00am – 7.00pm

Sunday 1 May 9.30am – 5.00pm.

A surcharge of \$3.00 applies to all telephone bookings.

Cash/in person:

Williamstown Library, 5 Electra Street, Williamstown (during library opening hours)

On site: Tickets can be bought on site at the Williamstown Town Hall during the festival weekend.

For events not at the Williamstown Town Hall

People's Choice at the Pirates Tavern – online at www.trybooking.com/KOV or on the door if not booked out.

Pub Walk – \$10 (cash only) at meeting point.

Conditions (please see your ticket for full conditions) All sessions must be booked and entry is dependant on having a ticket. We cannot guarantee entry without a valid ticket. **All bookings are final and no refunds or exchanges will be given.**

All ticket sales will close at 5pm, Friday 29 April. Ticket sales and ticket collection will be available 9.30am – 5.30pm, Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May, at the Williamstown Town Hall.

GETTING TO THE FESTIVAL

Train: Take the Williamstown line to North Williamstown Station, and walk down Ferguson Street.

Bus: SITA Coaches

Route 471 Williamstown<>Sunshine

472 Williamstown<>Moonee Ponds.

Bike: There are bike and shared paths throughout the western suburbs.

Parking: Street parking is available around the Williamstown Town Hall.

ON SITE FACILITIES

Refreshments are available for purchase.

Toilets are available in the Town Hall.

Due to Town Hall refurbishment, the Council Chambers and Workshop Upstairs are not accessible for wheelchairs. While this is a situation beyond our control, the festival does apologise and reassures patrons that the 2012 festival will be fully accessible.

Please ask a volunteer at the information desk for assistance if you require help in reaching a venue. Please indicate when you book if you require particular seating for any hearing or access reasons.

FESTIVAL BOOKSHOP

The Sun Bookshop will be on site all weekend with participating authors' books for sale. Authors will be available to sign their books after their sessions in the bookshop in the Town Hall foyer.

VENUES



All weekend sessions are at the Williamstown Town Hall, Ferguson Street.

Please check your ticket for room details.

FESTIVAL PEOPLE

Founding Patron: Joan Kirner, AM

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Book online at www.willylitfest.org.au

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