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HOW TO BOOK

Online

www.mrrwfestival.com

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 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.

FOLLOW US ONLINE

Find out more about the authors, share festival highlights and join the conversation. Tag your comments, photos and highlights with #mrrwf2019.

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Arts Margaret River is proud to present the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival. Held on the picturesque grounds of Voyager Estate, we invite you to join us for an entertaining weekend of weird, wild and wonderful stories.



The 2019 Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival celebrates stories which expand our horizons, make us laugh, ponder, question and smile. Taking us from wild places, people & perspectives – to the weird, strange and unusual – to warm and wonderful stories that we hope will stay with you long after you leave. This year, we are delighted to welcome icons Germaine Greer, Michael Leunig, Anna Funder, Kim Scott, William McInnes, Liz Byrski and more. Plus, with an Astrophysicist, Recluse-turned-Professor and Indonesian-based Foreign Correspondent in the mix, together with an impressive contingent of West Australian talent, we hope to spark the interest of all kinds of curious minds.

Tanya Perdue
Creative Director
Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival

Michelle Wright
Festival Event Manager

Welcome to Country

Kaya, Nala Maat Kaya Noonduk (Hello, Our Family Welcomes You) to Wadandi Boodja (Saltwater People's Country) – we all come together on Boodja (Country).

We Respect the presence of the ancestors (Demmala Goomala) who's Spirits (Djanga) reside on country (Boodja) and walk their feet (Djenja) on the land, their heart spirit (Djanga Korda) flow through all creation.

Whilst on Wadandi Boodja we ask that you respect the land by walking softly and take the time to listen to Boodja as she Wongi (Talks).

Isaac Webb

Wadandi / Pibulumun
Cultural Custodian



IMAGE: WANNEWEBB



The McGowan Government is a proud sponsor of 2019 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.

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

HON PAUL PAPALIA CSC MLA
Minister for Tourism

HON ALANNAH MACTIERNAN MLC
Minister for Regional Development



Why do we read? Why do we like to spend time exploring another person's fantasy or analysis? We are such curious and imaginative beings with the capacity to dream up fanciful fictions and package them for others to share. Our everyday lives require fortitude at times and a "good book" can unshackle the mind and transport us to Wilder, Weirder and more Wonderful places for a time – we can live vicariously through another's lens and taste "forbidden fruit". I am tantalised by the theme of this year's Readers & Writers Festival; I am looking forward to being inspired by new delights and stimulated through conversations with creators and fellow seekers. I hope you all have a Wonderful time, experiencing the Weird and taking a walk on the Wild side. See you there!

PAM TOWNSHEND
President
Shire of Augusta Margaret River



As Patron of the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival I welcome you to our 2019 event. The Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival has evolved in recent years into one of the most successful and appealing creative activities in a busy calendar of events showcasing Margaret River. A visit to the area is a unique and inspiring experience.

This year's festival will again be held at the spectacular Voyager Estate. This setting could easily become the centre piece for a film or novel itself in the future? Many other workshops and feature events will be hosted around the area from Augusta to Busselton to complement the main festival and provide a jam-packed program. The theme for 2019 is 'Wild, Weird and Wonderful' which is sure to attract some interesting and fascinating material and personalities.

Congratulations and thank you to the staff and volunteers who make this event so prominent in the literary world and sought after by locals and visitors alike.

Best wishes for an enjoyable festival.

HON 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 The River Hotel on Wallcliffe Road. Places are limited. To book, please call 08 9758 7316 or email festival@artsmargaretriver.com

SHUTTLE BUS TIMETABLE

FRIDAY	
TOWN PICK UP	VOYAGER ARRIVAL
8:45am	9am
5:30pm	5:45pm
VOYAGER PICK UP	
TOWN ARRIVAL	
4:45pm	5pm
8:15pm	8:30pm
SATURDAY	
TOWN PICK UP	VOYAGER ARRIVAL
8:45am	9am
12:30pm	12:45pm
VOYAGER PICK UP	
TOWN ARRIVAL	
1:00pm	1:15pm
5:20pm	5:35pm
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

OTHER VENUES

Please see page 30 for other venue address details.

DAY ONE

FRIDAY 3 MAY

9.30AM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

Kathleen O'Connor of Paris

Join **Amanda Curtin** as she explores questions of life and of art, in her latest book *Kathleen O'Connor of Paris*. Part biography, part travel narrative, this is the story of an artist in a foreign land who, with limited resources, worked and exhibited in Paris for over forty years.

PRESENTED BY:
WILL YEOMAN
SPONSORED BY:
LIONS CLUB OF MARGARET RIVER
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11AM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

Man at the Window

Man at the Window is an atmospheric crime novel with a burning moral dilemma at its heart. Join **Robert Jeffreys** as he speaks about his debut novel *Man at the Window*, the first in the Detective Cardilini series, set in 1960s Western Australia.

PRESENTED BY:
GILLIAN O'SHAUGHNESSY
SPONSORED BY: MARGARETS
FOREST HOLIDAY APARTMENTS
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12PM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

Star-Crossed

With the rights to *Star-Crossed* now sold in 19 countries and with a major film and TV deal in negotiation, **Minnie Darke** is a rising literary star. *Star-Crossed* is fresh, funny and romantic, with characters that ooze warmth and charm and has been described as a literary cousin of the film, *Love Actually*.

PRESENTED BY:
WILL YEOMAN
SPONSORED BY:
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FREE EVENT

1PM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

High School Special: The Future of Us

What will our planet look like in the future? Join Astrophysicist **Lisa Harvey-Smith**, Novelist **Lisa Walker** and Author & Daydreamer **Josh Langley** for a light-hearted discussion on the future of planet earth with local high school students; blending science, fun and fantasy.

PRESENTED BY: GLYNN GREENSMITH
SPONSORED BY: LOTTERYWEST

2PM
VOYAGER ESTATE MAIN STAGE

Salt, Sleet and Wild Seas

Join West Australian writers **Amanda Curtin** and **Sarah Drummond** as they discuss their stories of salt, sleet and women on wild seas. Amanda's much-loved novel *Elemental* begins in the first years of the twentieth century where lives are ruled by men, and men by the witchy sea. Sarah's novel *The Sound* depicts a violent and lawless world on a sealing boat voyage from Tasmania to WA.

PRESENTED BY: RASHIDA MURPHY
SPONSORED BY: FREMANTLE PRESS
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3.30PM
VOYAGER ESTATE MAIN STAGE

Anna Funder In Conversation

Anna Funder has become a significant part of the Australian literary landscape and is one of our most acclaimed and celebrated writers. Join the Miles Franklin Award-winning writer, author of *All That I Am* and *Stasiland*, as she speaks about her impressive body of work.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN
SPONSORED BY: WONDERLAND TENTS AND EVENTS
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9.30AM
VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM

Mutch More to the Story

Ian Mutch is a Dunsborough-based artist and author exploring beauty through nature, narrative and details. Mutch draws inspiration from travelling, landscapes, animals, stories and patterns. Join in this free lunch time session to hear about Ian's story from artist to children's book author and everything in between.

PRESENTED BY: NICOLE SINCLAIR
SPONSORED BY: ROTARY CLUB OF MARGARET RIVER
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

11AM
VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM

Where the wild writers grow

What makes a writer want to write? And more importantly, keep writing? Sit down with Chairperson of writing WA **Tabetha Beggs** who will speak to a motley panel of Perth authors including **Elizabeth Lewis**, **Holden Sheppard** and **Sarah Drummond**, to find out.

PRESENTED BY: TABETHA BEGGS
SPONSORED BY: KSP WRITERS' CENTRE
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6PM - 8PM
VOYAGER ESTATE MAIN STAGE

Festival Launch

Join us for the opening of the 2019 Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival. Enjoy Voyager Estate wines plus a delicious selection of canapés, while the funky jazz sounds of local band, **The River Bugs** fill the air. Guests will then be seated for a welcome to country by Wadandi man **Isaac (Waalitj) Webb**, and a talk by special guest **Professor Germaine Greer**, who will share stories about her life and career.

SPONSORED BY: STATE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, VOYAGER ESTATE & MARGARET RIVER CATERING AND HIRE

\$35 / \$25 ARTS HUB MEMBERS



IMAGE: TIM CAMPBELL



IMAGE: WAYNE WEBB

12PM
VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM

The Art of Persuasion

Join award-winning author **Susan Midalia** as she speaks about her debut novel *The Art of Persuasion*. Weaving politics and literature, this contemporary romance has been described as warm, witty and wonderful.

PRESENTED BY: RASHIDA MURPHY
SPONSORED BY: PEPPERMINT BROOK COTTAGES
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2PM
VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM

Coming Home

A conversation will take place between Stolen Generation mother and Wadandi Elder, **Sandra Hill** and her daughter **Tracie Pushman**, regarding the difficult, painful and unique journey that Sandra experienced navigating her way home to family, culture and community.

PRESENTED BY: UNDALUP ASSOCIATION
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3.30PM
VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM

Anywhere But Here

Join **Lisa Walker** and **Holden Sheppard** as they discuss their Young Adult coming-of-age stories. *Paris Syndrome* is a funny and poignant coming-of-age story while *Invisible Boys* explores growing up gay in the country.

PRESENTED BY: NICOLE SINCLAIR
SPONSORED BY: LIONS CLUB OF BUSSELTON
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DAY TWO

SATURDAY 4 MAY

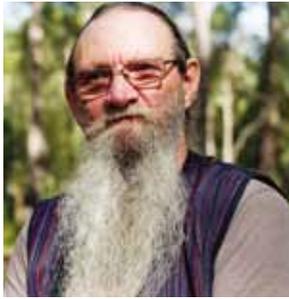


9.30AM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

The Great Cave Rescue

South-East Asia Correspondent for Fairfax Media, **James Massola**, shares the story behind his book *The Great Cave Rescue*. The book covers the miraculous rescue of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach in Tham Luang cave in northern Thailand in July 2018.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH
SPONSORED BY:
MARGARET RIVER BOOKSHOP
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11AM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

Out of the Forest

He was once living in near total-isolation in the forest, foraging for food and eating bats. When he finally emerged, emaciated and close to death, he was determined to give society another chance. Today, **Dr Gregory Peel Smith**, who left school at the age of fourteen, has a PhD and teaches at university. *Out of the Forest* is his remarkable memoir.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN
SPONSORED BY:
COUNTRY ARTS WA
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12PM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

Germaine Greer: On Rape

Join one of the most significant feminist voices of our time, **Germaine Greer**, as she discusses her controversial new essay, *On Rape*. While the #metoo movement has brought the pervasive nature of predatory behaviour to top of mind, Greer argues that centuries of different approaches to rape, as inflicted by men on women, have got us nowhere and there has to be a better way.

PRESENTED BY: GERALDINE DOOGUE
SPONSORED BY:
ARTS MARGARET RIVER
\$40 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS



IMAGE: SAM COOPER

2.30PM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

Leunig Live

Australian cartoonist, writer, painter, philosopher and poet **Michael Leunig** produces work which is open to many interpretations. Leunig describes his approach as regressive, humorous, messy and mystical – see for yourself as he shares his love of cartooning and human observation, while drawing live.

SPONSORED BY: SOUTH WEST
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
\$25 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

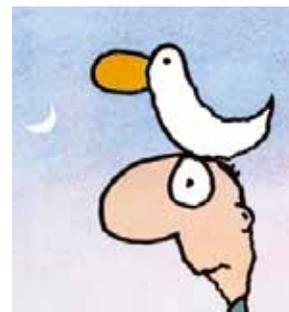


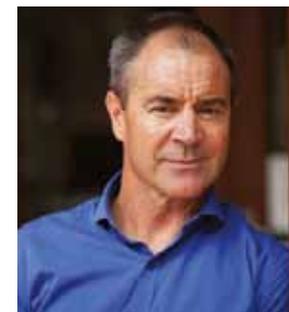
IMAGE: GABRY WALDER

4PM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

Calling Out the Past

Join literary icons **Anna Funder** and **Kim Scott** for a discussion on uncovering the past and challenging elements of history that are outlandish and horrific in retrospect – while reflecting on the current political, social and cultural landscape.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN
SPONSORED BY: THE BREAK -
MARGARET RIVER BEACH HOUSES
\$20 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS



FREE EVENT



1PM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

Raise Your Voice

SLAM Poets take the stage for a free lunch time session that will blow your mind. Hear Jesse Oliver, winner of the 2017 Australian Poetry SLAM in action, as well as SLAM sensation Maddie Godfrey plus Allan Boyd, Saoirse Nash and Jakob Boyd as they give a creative showcase of the spoken word.

PRESENTED BY: PERTH SLAM
SPONSORED BY: LOTTERYWEST
FREE EVENT



DAY TWO

SATURDAY 4 MAY



9.30AM
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

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:

- Ian Parmenter
- Rosemary Sayer
- Gillian O'Shaughnessy
- Chris Hammer
- Nicky Lefevre

PRESENTED BY:
GLYNN GREENSMITH

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11AM
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

Aussie 2.0

Join **William McInnes** and **Dave Warner** for a yarn about Australian popular culture and the aussie things and people that make us cringe with recognition and laugh with affection. Does cultural cringe still exist or have we moved on?

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH
SPONSORED BY:
EMPIRE EVENTS
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12PM
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

Seeking Love & Revenge

Minnie Darke and **Pip Drysdale** talk all things love – and love gone wrong, as told in their new page-turning novels. Minnie Darke's *Star-Crossed* is a funny, feel-good novel that has sold around the world, while Pip Drysdale's *The Sunday Girl* shows what it feels like to be broken-hearted and bent on revenge.

PRESENTED BY: SARAH McNEILL
SPONSORED BY:
BUNBURY JAGUAR AND RANGE ROVER
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

2.30PM
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

Scrublands

Set in a fictional town at the height of a devastating drought, *Scrublands* is one of the most original crime novels to be written in Australia. Join journalist turned Novelist, **Chris Hammer** as he speaks about his latest compulsive thriller.

PRESENTED BY: SARAH McNEILL
SPONSORED BY:
MARGARET RIVER TOURING COMPANY
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

4PM
VOYAGER ESTATE **WRITERS' ROOM**

Women of a Certain Age

Join Editors **Jodie Moffat** and **Susan Sullivan**, together with contributors **Liz Byrski** and **Sarah Drummond** for wonderful stories of identity and survival. *Women of a Certain Age* is a celebration of getting older and wiser, and becoming more certain of who you are and where you want to be.

PRESENTED BY: ROSEMARY SAYER
SPONSORED BY: KARRI HOUSE AND SEVEN SEAS TEA
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

DAY THREE

SUNDAY 5 MAY

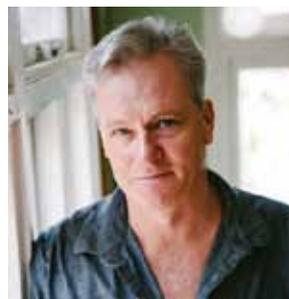


IMAGE: TESSA ROSS

9.30AM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

Fatherhood

Join **William McInnes**, one of Australia's best-known storytellers and actors, as he talks about his latest book *Fatherhood*.

Warm, witty and nostalgic, these wonderful tales are just like a friendly chat over the back fence, or the banter of a backyard BBQ.

PRESENTED BY: SARAH McNEILL
SPONSORED BY: CAPE LODGE
\$20 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS



11AM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

Protecting Wild Places with Germaine Greer

Germaine Greer bought 60ha of steep rocky land in southeast Queensland in 2001. Germaine became an interface between the forest and the world of humans, doing her best to protect it from exploitation and desecration. Join Professor Greer as she recounts the experience and shows how we all have an opportunity to do the same.

PRESENTED BY: GERALDINE DOOGUE
SPONSORED BY:
ABC PERTH
\$40 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS



12PM
VOYAGER ESTATE **MAIN STAGE**

When Galaxies Collide

You'll never look up at the night sky in the same way. Join Astronomer **Lisa Harvey-Smith** as she gives you a glimpse 5.86 billion years into the future to consider the fate of Earth and its inhabitants, as told in her book *When Galaxies Collide*.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH
SPONSORED BY:
MARGARET RIVER HOTEL
\$20 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

FREE EVENT

1PM VOYAGER ESTATE MAIN STAGE

Margaret River Press Short Story Competition Winners

Join the winners of the Margaret River Press Short Story Competition as they discuss their writing. This event features: **Kit Scriven** (winner), **Catherine Noske** (runner up) and **Rachel McEleney** (South West Prize).

PRESENTED BY: NICOLE SINCLAIR
SPONSORED BY: MARGARET RIVER PRESS

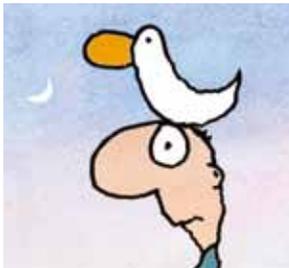


2PM
VOYAGER ESTATE MAIN STAGE

Taboo

Taboo takes place in the present day, in the rural South-West of Western Australia, and tells the story of a group of Noongar people who revisit, for the first time in many decades, a taboo place. A must-see session with **Kim Scott**, two-times winner of the Miles Franklin Literary Award.

PRESENTED BY: WILL YEOMAN
SPONSORED BY: SHEPHERDSON TRANSPORT
\$20 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS



3.30PM
VOYAGER ESTATE MAIN STAGE

Drawing Fire

Michael Leunig's work explores politics, human folly and spirituality and spans more than forty years. More than a few things have changed in that time. Now, in the current media and political environment, what's appropriate and what's not? Is humour in trouble?

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH
SPONSORED BY: MAINBREAK TRAVEL
\$25 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

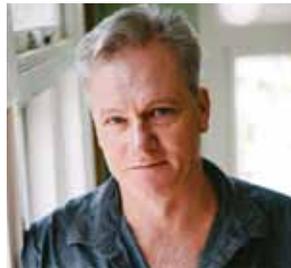


IMAGE: TESSA ROSS

4.30PM
VOYAGER ESTATE MAIN STAGE

Riveting Reads: Closing Event

Join **Liz Byrski**, **Kim Scott** and **William McInnes** as they talk about the most intriguing books they have read and why they stayed with them long after they had finished turning the pages.

PRESENTED BY: SARAH McNEILL
SPONSORED BY: LIONS CLUB OF COWARAMUP
\$20 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS



9.30AM
VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM

A Month of Sundays

For over ten years, Ros, Adele, Judy and Simone have been in an online book club, but they have never met face to face – until now. *A Month of Sundays* by **Liz Byrski**, reminds us of the joy, the comfort and the occasional challenge we can find in the pages of a book.

PRESENTED BY: ROSEMARY SAYER
SPONSORED BY: MARGARET RIVER BUSSELTON TOURISM ASSOCIATION AND NIGHT HARVEST WINES
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS

2PM
VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM

Back from off-track

Dr Gregory Peel Smith was once a mysterious man who roamed the forest, while local writer & photographer **Tom de Souza** lost his teenage years to ice addiction and crime. This session provides a unique insight into how life can go off track and a powerful reminder that we can find our way back.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH
SPONSORED BY: SOUL CAMPING AND MARGARET RIVER NATURAL SPRING WATER
\$10 OR INCLUDED IN FESTIVAL PASS



11AM
VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM

Dangerous Ideas About Mothers

Mothers are a topic on which almost everybody has an opinion. Now those opinions are funnelled into and amplified on social media, where conversations turn ugly and advice is commercialised. Join co-editor **Rachel Robertson** and contributor **Christina Fernandes** as they talk about *Dangerous Ideas about Mothers*.

PRESENTED BY: NICOLE SINCLAIR
SPONSORED BY: DORAL MINERAL SANDS
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3.30PM
VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM

Strange Things in Small Towns

What is it about small towns that inspire writers to create weird and wonderful stories that so aptly capture our imaginations? Join **Chris Hammer**, **Dave Warner** and **Tanya Heaslip** as they discuss the small town settings of their latest books and the characters within.

PRESENTED BY: SARAH McNEILL
SPONSORED BY: ROSILY WINES
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12PM
VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM

The Sunday Girl

This novel is *The Girl on the Train* meets *Before I Go to Sleep* with a dash of *Bridget Jones* in a chilling tale of love gone horribly wrong. **Pip Drysdale** is a writer, actor and musician who grew up in Africa and Australia and now lives in Margaret River. Join her as she speaks about her debut novel *The Sunday Girl*.

PRESENTED BY: GILLIAN O'SHAUGHNESSY
SPONSORED BY: BETTENAYS MARGARET RIVER
\$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 4 MAY 9.30AM - 10.30AM
MARGARET RIVER ORGANIC GARDEN



Wednesday's Garden

Every Wednesday for three decades, local gardeners have come to create and maintain the beautiful, rambling, Margaret River Organic Garden. Every Saturday the garden plays host to the colourful community cafe. Every other day, locals and visitors alike, find friendship and solace in the magnificent ambient surrounds, free to all. The book *Wednesday's Garden* has been published to help protect one of our most precious places.

PRESENTED BY: MARGOT EDWARDS, SHELLEY CULLEN & PETER RIGBY
SPONSORED BY: ZANI PLACE ARTIST'S RETREAT

SATURDAY 4 MAY 1PM - 2.30PM
THE RIVER HOTEL



River of Salt

Join author, musician and screenwriter **Dave Warner**, as he speaks about his life and career. He originally gained national recognition as a musician-songwriter and formed Australia's first punk band in 1973. Since then, Dave Warner has had an immensely successful writing career with his latest crime thriller *River of Salt*, capturing the essence of the surf and music scene.

PRESENTED BY: GLYNN GREENSMITH
SPONSORED BY: THE RIVER HOTEL
\$25 / \$20 ARTS HUB MEMBERS
DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

SATURDAY 4 MAY 4PM - 5PM
RIVERSMITH



Book Launch: Alice to Prague

Join former Margaret River local **Tanya Heaslip** as she launches her wonderful memoir *Alice to Prague*. A chance meeting takes her from a cattle station in outback Australia to Prague, where she falls headlong into misadventures that change her life forever.

PRESENTED BY: MARGOT EDWARDS
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FRIDAY 3 MAY 6PM - 8PM VOYAGER ESTATE MAIN STAGE

Festival Launch

Join us for the opening of the 2019 Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival. Enjoy Voyager Estate wines plus a delicious selection of canapés, while the funky jazz sounds of local band, **The River Bugs** fill the air. Guests will then be seated for a welcome to country by Wadandi man **Isaac (Waalitj) Webb**, and a talk by special guest **Professor Germaine Greer**, who will share stories about her life and career.

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SATURDAY 4 MAY 7PM
VOYAGER ESTATE RESTAURANT

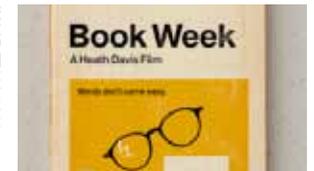


An evening with William McInnes

Known for his best-selling books and leading roles in *Blue Heelers* and *Sea Change*, **William McInnes** is one of Australia's best-known storytellers and actors. Join William as he shares the happy, hilarious, sad and unexpectedly poignant moments of his life and career. Three course meal included. Wine available for purchase.

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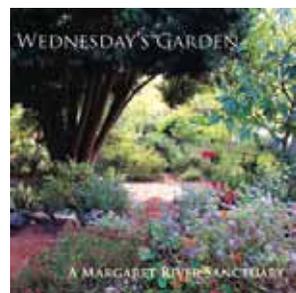
SATURDAY 4 MAY 7.30PM
MARGARET RIVER H.E.A.R.T.



Movie screening: Bookweek

When it looks like his novel is going to be published, high school English teacher and once famous novelist – Nicholas Cutler – thinks his luck has finally changed. But what promises to be the best week of his life professionally, spirals into seven days of hell personally, forcing Mr Cutler to re-examine just what's most important in his life.

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BAR OPEN FOR DRINK PURCHASES.



FREE EVENT

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FEATURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 5 MAY 8AM - 9.30AM
MARGARET RIVER MOUTH



IMAGE: BEN PARKER

Walking with the Wadandi

Join **Isaac (Waalitj) Webb** for a walk commencing at the Margaret River rivermouth. Listen to stories of Boodja (country) that have been passed down through the generations as you take in the magnificent wild scenery on this early morning walk. Meet at the Margaret River rivermouth or catch the bus from The River Hotel at 7.45am. Bus departs at 9.30am for return drop off to The River Hotel or Voyager Estate.

PRESENTED BY: ISAAC (WAALITJ) WEBB
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SUNDAY 5 MAY 9.30AM - 11AM
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Foreign Correspondent

Reporting news from around the globe, covering anything from politics to natural disasters, conflicts, to living conditions; foreign correspondents are the public's eyes and ears around the world. Join former correspondent **Chris Hammer**, together with Jakarta-based correspondent **James Massola** for a captivating start to the day. Includes breakfast.

PRESENTED BY: JAMES LUSH
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FREE EVENTS

SUNDAY 5 MAY 10.30AM
VOYAGER ESTATE OUTDOOR AREA

Cultural Bush Tucker with Isaac (Waalitj) Webb

Join Wadandi Cultural Custodian **Isaac (Waalitj) Webb**, who grew up on Wadandi Boodja as he tells stories of Boodja (country) and shares his knowledge of native foods passed down through the generations. Includes interactive demo and tasting.

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FREE EVENT, ALL WELCOME

SUNDAY 5 MAY 2PM - 3PM
SETTLERS TAVERN



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. Grab the microphone and perform your words – or sit back, buy a drink from the bar and enjoy wild, weird and wonderful words in poetry as you've never heard it before.

PRESENTED BY: PERTH SLAM
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A VISUAL STORIES EXHIBITION AS LISTED IN MARGARET RIVER REGION OPEN STUDIOS



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LOCAL LIBRARIES

FRIDAY 3 MAY 10AM - 11AM
AUGUSTA LIBRARY



Arkie's Pilgrimage to the Next Big Thing

Join **Lisa Walker** as she talks about her delightfully funny and inspiring novel. Arkie used to be a trendspotter, advising companies on 'the next big thing' until she lost her marriage and her mojo. Funds are tight, so instead of a pilgrimage in Japan, Arkie goes on a very Australian trip, to all the 'Big Things'.

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FRIDAY 3 MAY 7PM - 8.30PM
MARGARET RIVER LIBRARY



Library After Dark: Writing Crime with Robert Jeffreys

Meet the new voice in crime writing! Join **Robert Jeffreys** after dark in the library, as he discusses the secrets to writing compelling crime fiction. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

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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 3 MAY 9.30AM - 11AM
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFF



Find Your Creative Mojo

Based on the book by award-winning author and illustrator **Josh Langley**, this workshop will teach you to face your fears, overcome procrastination and self-doubt, and to take the first vital steps in uncovering your creative side. Josh and co-host, writer, poet and thinker, **Andy Macleod**, will take you on a fun and insightful journey of creative discovery.

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FRIDAY 3 MAY 1.30PM - 3PM
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFF



The Write Resources

As the peak body for writing in WA, writing WA along with many other organisations across the State, provide a range of services to support all levels of writers. Join writing WA Chairperson **Tabettha Beggs** for a hands-on and practical workshop on everything you need to know when getting started.

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FRIDAY 3 MAY 4PM - 5PM
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFF



How To Get Published

The Director of Margaret River Press, **Caroline Wood**, will guide workshop participants through the process of writing a book, including how to make your characters believable and how to get your manuscript published.



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SATURDAY 4 MAY 9.30AM - 11.30AM
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFF

Write to Speak

Join **Allan Boyd** from Perth SLAM for this annual festival workshop, back by popular demand, where you can discover how to write your story and perform your words with crowd-pleasing confidence. Then, take the stage in the Margies Poetry SLAM on Sunday.

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SATURDAY

SATURDAY 4 MAY 1.30PM - 3PM
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFF



Flash Fiction

Flash fiction is the perfect opportunity to build your fiction muscles. With the guidance of author **Lisa Walker**, start, continue or complete a piece of short fiction by giving yourself the freedom to discover and strengthen your writer's voice.

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SATURDAY 4 MAY 3PM - 5PM
SWINGS TAPHOUSE



Write Drunk, Edit Sober

Learn to write free from inhibition, but edit with a clear head in this workshop with **Susan Midalia**. Whether it's paring back or embellishing; finding alternative words; or changing perspectives, Susan will guide you towards your best work yet. Wine available for purchase.

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SUNDAY

SUNDAY 5 MAY 9.30AM - 11AM
SOUTH REGIONAL TAFF



Creating Art with Heart

Join artist and illustrator **Ian Mutch** for a fun and hands-on session on creating stories and illustrations with meaning and purpose. Learn tips and techniques on illustration and learn how to use your creativity to communicate a message or idea.

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MEET THE
AUTHORS &
GUEST SPEAKERS



JAKOB BOYD

Jakob Boyd is a poet, organiser and indi-publisher who runs a myriad of grassroots projects in Perth's art scene and has performed for events, festivals and theatre around Australia.



CRISTY BURNE

Cristy Burne is a children's author and science writer. Her latest books are *To the Lighthouse*, *Off the Track* and *Zeroes and Ones: The geeks, heroes and hackers who changed history*.

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FIONA BURROWS

Fiona Burrows is an emerging author-illustrator from Perth, WA. She is passionate about children's literature, and her first three picturebooks will be published in 2019 (with more to follow!).

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LIZ BYRSKI

Liz Byrski is a novelist, non-fiction writer, former journalist and ABC broadcaster, with more than fifty years' experience in the British and Australian media. She is the author of ten bestselling novels, including her most recent release, *A Month of Sundays*.



IMAGE: MILES LOWRY

AMANDA CURTIN

Amanda Curtin is the author of novels *Elemental* and *The Sinkings*, and short story collection *Inherited*. Her new title, a work of narrative non-fiction, is *Kathleen O'Connor of Paris*.

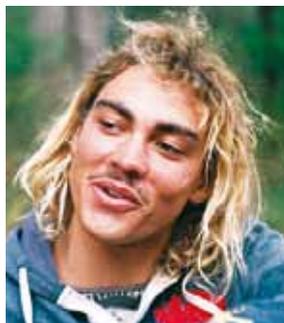
The 2019 Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival showcases an array of storytelling talent. With almost 60 writers, journalists, illustrators and presenters we invite readers to join writers as we hear stories brought to life in many forms.



IMAGE: KAREN BROWN

MINNIE DARKE

Minnie Darke – Gemini with Virgo Rising, Scrabble cutthroat and knitter, lover of books, freshly sharpened pencils and Russian Caravan tea – wrote the book *Star-Crossed* to amuse herself and to entertain you.



TOM de SOUZA

Tom de Souza tells stories. He works as a freelance journalist and writer, seeking personal and professional freedom through a different kind of life along the road less travelled.



IMAGE: NIC DUNCAN

SARAH DRUMMOND

Sarah authored the commercial fishing memoir *Salt Story* and her second book *The Sound* is a fictional take on a sealing gang journeying from Van Diemens Land to Albany in 1825.



PIP DRYSDALE

Pip Drysdale is a writer, actor and musician. *The Sunday Girl* is her first novel and she is working on a second.



CHRISTINA FERNANDES

Christina Fernandes is a Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Curtin University. Christina has worked in the areas of family and domestic violence, consumer involvement in health and refugee settlement and her research interests focus on caring and gender.



IMAGE: GABY WALDER

ANNA FUNDER

Anna Funder is one of Australia's most acclaimed and awarded writers. Her non-fiction work *Stasiland*, hailed as 'a masterpiece', was awarded the Samuel Johnson Prize. Her novel *All That I Am* won the Miles Franklin and many other prizes. Both books have been published in over 24 countries.



MADDIE GODFREY

Maddie Godfrey is a writer, poet and educator who aims to facilitate compassionate conversations about social issues. At 23, they have performed poetry at The Sydney Opera House, The Royal Albert Hall, St Paul's Cathedral (London) and Glastonbury Festival (2017).



GERMAINE GREER

Germaine Greer is an Australian writer, academic, journalist and scholar of early modern English literature, widely regarded as one of the most significant feminist voices of the later 20th century.



IMAGE: ALEX ELLINGHAUSEN

CHRIS HAMMER

Chris Hammer was a journalist for more than 30 years, covering Australian federal politics and international affairs. His first book *The River* was the recipient of the ACT Book of the Year Award and was shortlisted for the Walkley Book Award and the Manning Clark House National Cultural Award. He lives in Canberra.



LISA HARVEY-SMITH

Professor Lisa Harvey-Smith is an award-winning astrophysicist, presenter of ABC television's 'Stargazing Live' and author of *When Galaxies Collide*. She is the Australian Government's Women in STEM Ambassador.



TANYA HEASLIP

Tanya is a lawyer from outback Australia, who lived in Margaret River, and while there wrote her memoir of life in Prague, set four years after the Berlin Wall fell.



SANDRA HILL & TRACIE PUSHMAN

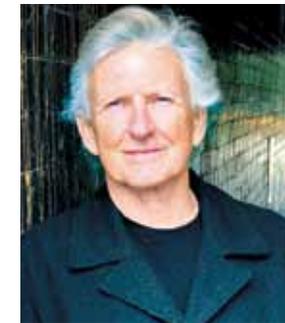
Sandra is a Yorga (woman) of the Pibulumun people of the South-West and is a Wadandi Elder and Custodian. A professional artist of 26 years, Sandra's work celebrates personal and cultural identity. "My art is about educating others". Sandra and her daughter Tracie Pushman will share their cultural journey 'Coming Home'.



KYLIE HOWARTH

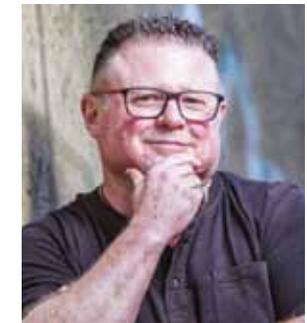
Kylie Howarth is an award-winning, internationally published children's author-illustrator from Western Australia. She not only draws inspiration from her underwater travels but also her own two fish-kids who are ocean explorers too.

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ROBERT JEFFREYS

Robert Jeffrey has worked as an actor, teacher, builder, labourer, cleaner, real estate agent, personal security agent and playwright. Robert's debut novel, *Man at the Window*, is the first in the Detective Cardilini series, set in 1960s Western Australia.



JOSH LANGLEY

After failing high school twice, Josh Langley went onto become an award-winning radio copywriter and award-winning children's author. His quirky and inspirational books have inspired thousands of people around the world.



IMAGE: SAM COOPER

MICHAEL LEUNIG

Michael Leunig's work spans more than forty years and often explores politics, human folly, spirituality and the innocent and sacred personal world in all of us.



ELIZABETH LEWIS

Elizabeth is a published poet and librarian, and Chairperson of the KSP Writers' Centre. She teaches poetry workshops in community and professional spaces. Elizabeth is passionate about connecting and promoting local writers and artists.



ANDY MacLEOD

Andy Macleod is a writer, poet and thinker. His poems have been published in two non-fiction books and several online journals. He's studying a BA at ECU, majoring in Literature and Writing.



JAMES MASSOLA

James Massola is the South-east Asian correspondent for Fairfax Media. He was previously chief political correspondent for *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*. He was on the ground at Tham Luang cave for the rescue operation.



RACHEL McEENEY

Rachel McEleney lived in several countries before settling in Australia's South West. She is a creative writing PhD candidate at Edith Cowan University's Southwest campus. Her short stories and poetry have been published in several anthologies.

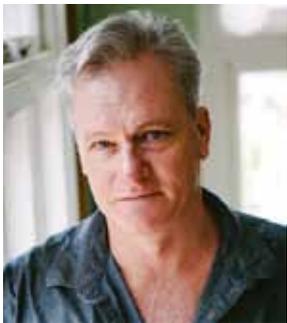


IMAGE: TESSA ROSS

WILLIAM McINNES

William McInnes is one of Australia's most popular writers and actors. His books include the bestselling memoirs *A Man's Got to Have a Hobby* and *That'd Be Right*. His latest book is *Fatherhood*.



SUSAN MIDALIA

Susan Midalia is the author of three collections of short stories, all shortlisted for major national literary awards. Her novel *The Art of Persuasion* (2018) was published to critical acclaim.



JODIE MOFFAT

Jodie Moffat co-edited *Women of a Certain Age*. She works as a generalist solicitor with a community legal service and is the 2019 Greens federal candidate for the Canning electorate.



IAN MUTCH

Ian Mutch is an Australian contemporary artist and storyteller, exploring beauty through characters, nature and details. He has recently written and illustrated a children's book titled *More and More and More*.

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SAOIRSE NASH

Saoirse Nash is a performance poet/freelance gig organiser/exiled queen. She once started an anarchist collective with regency author Jane Austen, having discovered the meaning of life in the 27th Century through a series of cat related mishaps.



CATHERINE NOSKE

Catherine Noske is a lecturer in Creative Writing and editor of *Westerly* at the University of Western Australia. Her research focuses on contemporary Australian place-making. Her first novel is forthcoming with Picador.



JESSE OLIVER

Jesse Oliver is a writer, educator and Australian Poetry Slam Champion. Jesse's work highlights the strength in vulnerability, exploring his lived experiences of homelessness, gender transition and mental illness.



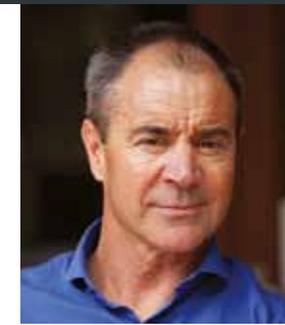
IAN PARMENTER

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*.



RACHEL ROBERTSON

Rachel Robertson teaches at Curtin University. Rachel's research interests include Australian literature, feminist maternal studies, life writing and critical disability studies. Her memoir, *Reaching One Thousand*, was published in 2012.



KIM SCOTT

Kim Scott is one of Australia's foremost authors, two-times winner of the Miles Franklin and author of the award-winning novels *Taboo*, *That Deadman Dance*, and *Benang*. He lives in Perth.



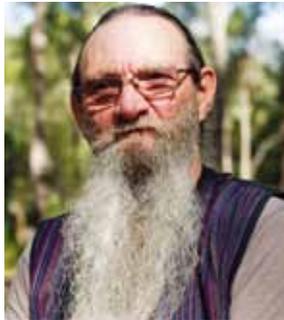
KIT SCRIVEN

Kit Scriven has been published in *Island* and short story anthologies. He won the Olga Master Short Story Award in 2016 and 2017, and the SALA Short Story Prize in 2016. He has been highly commended or shortlisted in several other short story competitions.



HOLDEN SHEPPARD

Holden Sheppard is an award-winning Young Adult author. His novel *Invisible Boys* won the 2018 City of Fremantle T.A.G. Hungerford Award. His work has appeared in *Griffith Review*, page seventeen and *Indigo Journal*.



GREGORY SMITH

The odds were against him from the start. Dr Gregory P. Smith is a Forgotten Australian diagnosed as a 'sociopath' with dull to mid-range intelligence as a teenager. He now has a PhD.



SUSAN SULLIVAN

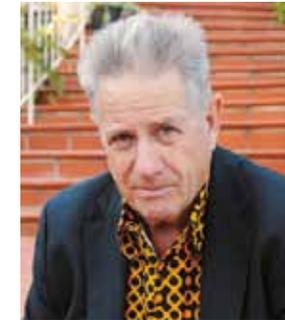
Susan Laura Sullivan co-edited *Women of a Certain Age*. She writes fiction, poetry and essays, and currently lives in Japan. In 2012 she was shortlisted for the T.A.G. Hungerford Award.



LISA WALKER

Lisa is the author of five novels and an ABC radio play. Her most recent works are a YA coming-of-age story *Paris Syndrome* and a climate change comedy *Melt*.

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DAVE WARNER

Named by Bob Dylan as one of his favourite Australian musicians, Dave Warner is also an award-winning novelist (Ned Kelly best crime fiction, WA Premier's Award literature) who writes crime fiction, children's novels, screenplays, stage musicals and non-fiction books.



ISZAAC WEBB

Iszaac Webb is a Wadandi / Pibulum Cultural Custodian and Undalup Association Board Chairperson. The Wadandi people have a long association with the environment of the South West and its natural resources, utilising the Country's natural resources according to our lore.

IMAGE: WAYNE WEBB

MEET THE PRESENTERS



TABETHA BEGGS

Tabetha is the CEO of the Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce, the current Chairwoman of writingWA and the former Chairwoman of the Katharine Susannah Prichard Writers Centre in Greenmount. Tabetha is a published author with short stories published both locally and internationally.



ALLAN BOYD

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



GERALDINE DOOGUE

Geraldine Doogue AO is a renowned Australian journalist and broadcaster who has carved out an enviable reputation across print, television and radio. She currently presents the ABC Radio National program *Saturday Extra* and ABC TV's *Compass*.



MARGOT EDWARDS

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



RACHEL ENGLAND-BRASSY

Rachel is a first-time MC to the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival stage but is far from a first-time reader, having established in primary school that reading was going to be her job.



GLYNN GREENSMITH

Glynn Greensmith is a lecturer in journalism at Curtin University, and the host of It's Just Not Cricket on ABC Radio. He has been a journalist, newsreader, producer, and presenter with the ABC since 2005.



JAMES LUSH

James started out at the BBC in the UK and has been a regular on ABC Perth over the past 12 years. He's Founder and Director of Lush the Content Agency.



SARAH McNEILL

Sarah McNeill is an actor, arts writer, MC and presenter. She is the arts editor for a Perth newspaper, covering theatre, arts, literature, film and food around Perth with interviews, previews and reviews.



ROSI MOORE-FIANDER

A regular MC on the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival stage, Rosi also works internationally as a leadership coach to earn the money she needs to satisfy her two constant cravings, namely reading and travelling.



RASHIDA MURPHY

Rashida Murphy has a Masters 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*.



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. She currently presents the afternoon show on ABC Radio Perth and WA.



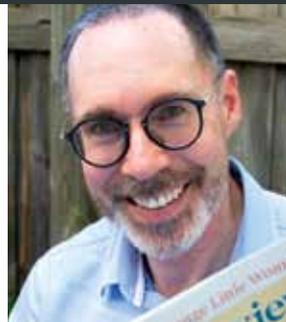
ROSEMARY SAYER

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.



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

Former Literary Editor and Senior Arts Writer at the West Australian, William Yeoman is now a Travel Journalist with the West Australian and West Travel Club. He continues to write music criticism for Limelight and Gramophone classical music magazines.

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85 Bussell Hwy, Margaret River

THE RIVER HOTEL

40 Wallcliffe Rd,
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Top quality wine, world-class surf and international events have put the South West Region on the map, but it's the rest of the offering which keeps both Australian and overseas visitors coming back.

Top 10 things to do in the South West region

1. Enjoy a few hours of indulgence over a long lunch at a local winery. Many of the best chefs in the region work from winery restaurants, so you're guaranteed a delicious meal, paired with world-class wine.
2. Walk or train to the end of the Busselton Jetty, and meet the fish under the jetty at the Underwater Observatory, or jump in for a free dive.
3. Picnic or camp among the Karri trees in Boranup forest. The 12km Boranup Drive takes you through the beautiful forest, past the campsite and to one of the region's best beaches.
4. Do a cellar door hop and taste the region's premium produce on a winery or brewery tour.
5. Head underground on an adventure tour of the magical caves systems. There's several show caves within the region.
6. Head up the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, Australia's tallest mainland lighthouse, and see where the Southern Ocean and Indian Ocean meet.
7. Get up close to wild stingrays and eagle rays at Hamelin Bay.
8. Treat yourself, relax and indulge at Bodhi J Wellness Spa Retreat or EMPIRE SPA.
9. Go abseiling at Wilyabrup Cliffs.
10. Visit Injidup Spa, the natural rock pool that receives ocean waves through a narrow 'rock alley' giving the illusion of being in a jacuzzi.

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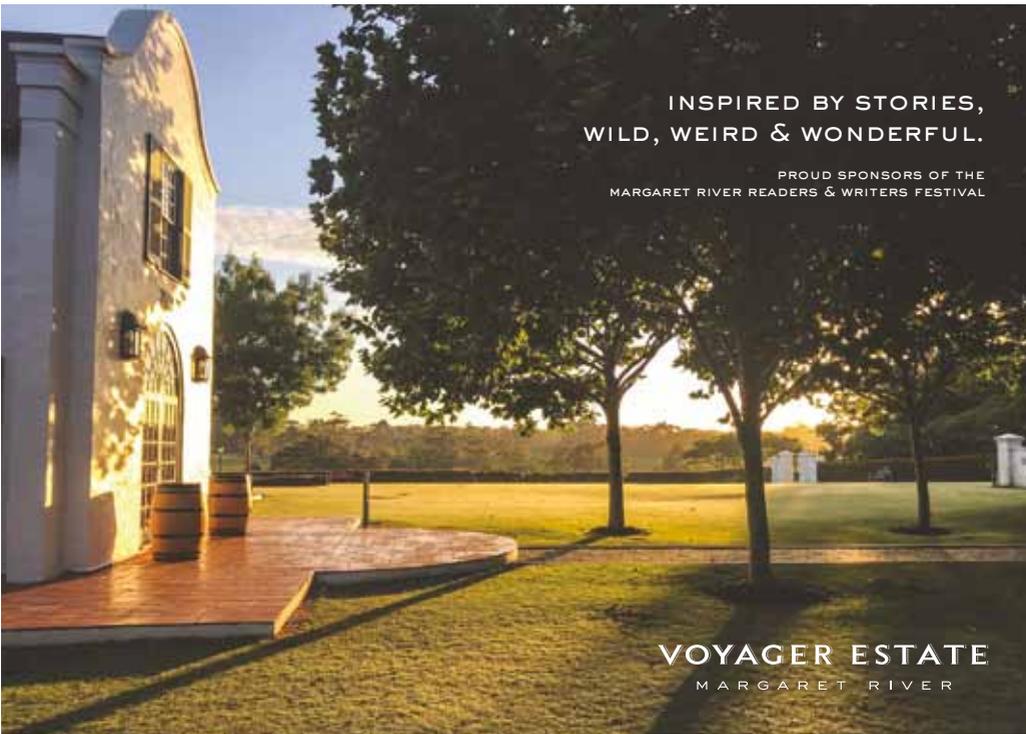
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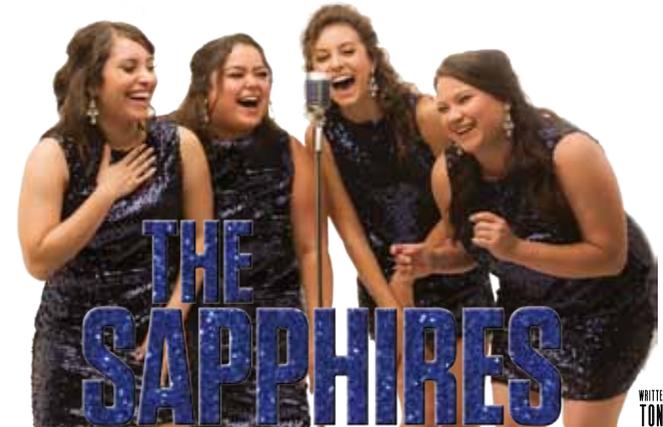
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9.30am	Kathleen O'Connor of Paris, p5	Mutch More to the Story, p7	Find Your Creative Mojo, 9.30am - 11am, p18	Arkie's Pilgrimage to the Next Big Thing 10am - 11am, p17 FREE EVENT	
11am	Man at the Window, p5	Where the wild writers grow, p6			
12pm	Star-crossed, p5	The Art of Persuasion, p7			
1pm	High School Special: The Future of Us, p5 FREE EVENT		The Write Resources, 1.30pm - 3pm, p18		
2pm	Salt, Sleet and Wild Seas, p6	Coming Home, p7			
3.30pm	Anna Funder In Conversation, p6	Anywhere But Here, p7	How To Get Published, 4pm - 5pm, p18		Library After Dark: Writing Crime with Robert Jeffreys, 7pm - 8.30pm, p17 FREE EVENT
6pm - 8pm	Festival Launch, p7 & p15				

SATURDAY 04 MAY

	VOYAGER ESTATE MAIN STAGE	VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM	SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE	MOVIE SCREENING	OTHER VENUES
9.30am	The Great Cave Rescue, p8	Coffee & Papers, p10	Write to Speak, 9.30am - 11.30am, p19 FREE EVENT		Wednesday's Garden Margaret River Organic Garden, p14 FREE EVENT
11am	Out of the Forest, p8	Aussie 2.0, p10			
12pm	Germaine Greer: On Rape, p8	Seeking Love & Revenge, p10			
1pm	Raise Your Voice, p9 FREE EVENT		Flash Fiction, 1.30pm - 3pm, p19		River of Salt, The River Hotel, 1pm - 2.30pm, p14
2pm	Leunig Live, 2.30pm, p9	Scrublands, 2.30pm, p10			
4pm	Calling Out the Past, p9	Women of a Certain Age, p10			Write Drunk, Edit Sober Swings Taphouse, 3pm - 5pm, p19
7pm	An evening with William McInnes, Voyager Estate Restaurant, p15			Bookweek, 7.30pm, p15 MARGARET RIVER H.E.A.R.T.	Book Launch: Alice to Prague Riversmith, 4pm - 5pm, p15

SUNDAY 05 MAY

	VOYAGER ESTATE MAIN STAGE	VOYAGER ESTATE WRITERS' ROOM	SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE	OUTDOOR	SETTLERS TAVERN
9.30am	Fatherhood, p11	A Month of Sundays, p13		Walking with the Wadandi, p16	
9.30am - 11am	Foreign Correspondent, Voyager Estate Restaurant, p16		Creating Art with Heart, 9.30am - 11am, p19	Cultural Bush Tucker with Iszaac (Waalitj) Webb, 10.30am, p16 FREE EVENT	
11am	Protecting Wild Places with Germaine Greer, p11	Dangerous Ideas About Mothers, p13			
12pm	When Galaxies Collide, p11	The Sunday Girl, p13			
1pm	Margaret River Press Short Story Competition Winners, p12 FREE EVENT				
2pm	Taboo, p12	Back from off-track, p13			Margies Poetry SLAM, 2pm - 3pm, p16 FREE EVENT
3.30pm	Drawing Fire, p12	Strange Things in Small Towns, p13			
4.30pm	Riveting Reads: Closing Event, p12				

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