

Act, Belong, Commit : **BIG SKY 4 YOUTH**

9.30am – 10.30am Concurrent Sessions

Poetry Slam

Scott-Patrick Mitchell

Slamming is cool: Slamming is fun: Slamming is for everyone: **Slam poetry** combines writing with drama, presentation and public speaking.

Venue: Geraldton Senior College

School level: Upper Secondary Years 10, 11, 12

Tall Tales

Jon Doust

Everyone loves stories, especially when they are full of adventure and excitement, and narrated by Jon.

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

School level: Upper Primary Years 4, 5, 6

Meet the Underdogs

Brenton McKenna

Brenton will introduce you to the characters in Australia's first indigenous content graphic novel.

Venue: John Willcock College

School level: Lower Secondary Years 7, 8, 9

11.00am – 12.00pm Concurrent Sessions at Geraldton Regional Library

Spread the Write Words

Boori Monty Pryor believes that "We need to all become storykeepers if we are to belong here in this country."

Venue: Geraldton Senior College

School level: Upper Primary Lower Secondary Years 7, 8, 9

Surfing Grannies

Dianne Wolfer

Surfing grandmothers and sea creatures make the perfect story for little swimmers.

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

School level: Lower Primary Years 1, 2, 3

1.30pm – 2.30pm Concurrent Sessions at Mullewa & Geraldton

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Venue: Mullewa Town Hall

School level: Primary

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Venue: Mullewa District High School

School level: Secondary

Life on the Homefront

Deborah Burrows

Learn what life was like for those left at home in wartime Western Australia.

Venue: Geraldton Grammar

School level: Secondary

1.30pm – 2.30pm Creating Historical Fiction

Dianne Wolfer

History is full of amazing stories. Dianne will demonstrate how she draws on facts to create moving historical fiction and will share ideas on combining storytelling and history in the classroom.

Venue: Nagle Catholic College School Level: Upper Secondary Years 10, 11, 12

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1.30pm – 3.30pm Adult Masterclass

Story Structure

Kathryn Heyman

So you've started to write. You found a brilliant character, a witty or profound voice, a spectacular setting. And yet, you just can't seem to keep the story going. It just... peters... out.

Character. Voice. Dialogue. Place. Style. All these elements are crucial in the forming of a compelling story. But without a solid structure, none of these elements are enough. The story flounders. The writer gets stuck.

Structure is the skeleton of story, the shape that holds everything together. For most writers, finding the structure is the key to making the story work. For many writers, it's the most difficult element.

Whether you're working on a novel, memoir, narrative non-fiction, or short stories, this masterclass will help you understand the mysteries of what holds a story together, and how to make your story sing.

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Ticketed Event: \$50 limited numbers

Please book and pay at the Library

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Festival Opening

Introduction: Susan Smith

MC: Geraldine Mellet

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Music: Mitch Becker

Come along and celebrate the opening of Big Sky, where you can meet our guests, catch up with friends and plan the weekend ahead.

A special Geraldton launch of local identity **Clarrie Cameron's** book of short stories, *Elephants in the Bush* will be a feature of the evening and will be available for purchase and author signing.



*Festival Bookshop open
9.30am - 5pm Saturday
at Geraldton Universities Centre (GUC)*



Exhibition

Tailor & the Spinning Emerald: Air Rider Episode 3 Storyboard Exhibition

A selection of storyboards for *Tailor and the Spinning Emerald*, episode 3 of a planned local children's series called *Air Rider*.

Air Rider is a kid's sci-fi fantasy, action adventure about a young recruit chosen by the Land of Livewood to ride the airwaves and arouse the power of the present to save Moon Mirror Lake. A story of self-exploration and learning to cope with change.

The *Tailor and the Spinning Emerald* exhibition will be on display in the children's section of the Geraldton Regional Library.

ABC Open

The Video Poem

During Big Sky there will be an opportunity to contribute towards the creation of a video poem with ABC Open. Say a one liner, or two to help make a collective video poem based on this year's theme Sunlight and Shadows. Keep an eye out for **Chris Lewis**, who will be directing the video.



9.00am – 9.45am Act, Belong, Commit : Keynote Address

Big Sky : Sunlight and Shadows

Boori Monty Pryor

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Books by Boori Monty Pryor will be available for purchase and signing 9.45am-10.00am at Geraldton Regional Library and at The Festival Bookshop GUC all weekend.

10.00am – 12.00pm

Cooking Demonstration

Alain Fabrègues and **Emmanuel Mollois**

Master the art of French cooking with these two celebrated chefs as they demonstrate recipes from their books *Degustation* and *Pâtisier*.

Venue: Durack Institute

Ticketed Event: \$TBA

Please book and pay at the Library

10.15am – 11.15am

Act, Belong, Commit : Stories and Sand at the Kid's Tent!

Dianne Wolfer

Feel the sand between your toes and let your imagination run wild at the kid's tent with children's author Dianne Wolfer. Play in the sand, hear some stories and make your own beach themed craft.

Venue: GUC

10.15am – 11.15am Concurrent Sessions at Geraldton Universities Centre

Get Reading presents:

Crime Comes Before a Fall

Michael White and **Michael Robotham** discuss their writing with **Rosemary Sayer**.

Venue: GUC

Spinning a Yarn

Boori Monty Pryor, **Clarrie Cameron**, **Brenton McKenna** with **Jon Doust**

There is nothing like a good story, so sit back and listen to masters of this genre.

Venue: GUC

Workshop: Performance Poetry

Scott-Patrick Mitchell

Learn some secrets from this groundbreaking poet who will help you express your ideas in new ways.

Venue: GUC

Book Signing Session

11.45am – 12.45pm Concurrent Sessions at Geraldton Universities Centre

Shadows of the Past

Ian Reid, **Toni Jordan** and **Dianne Wolfer** use practical examples to demonstrate how they explore history through fiction with **Geraldine Mellet**.

Venue: GUC

Sunlight and Sins: A Spanish Experience

Ailsa Piper performs her monologue *Sunlight and Sins* as she takes us on a poetic pilgrimage from Granada to Galicia.

Venue: GUC

WWII: Sunlight and Shadows on the Home Front with **Deborah Burrows**. What was life really like in Western Australia during the war years?

Venue: GUC

1.15pm Lunch & Launch

Join us for a light lunch and the Geraldton launch of *Floodline* by **Kathryn Heyman**.

Funny, moving and utterly compelling, *Floodline* tells of the unexpected salvation that can be found on the edge of disaster.

Venue: GUC

Book Signing Session of Floodline next to Festival Bookshop, GUC

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Get Reading presents The Great Debate: Australia is Losing it's Language. Three local identities pitch their argument against three Big Sky guests.

Michael Robotham, Ailsa Piper, Kathryn Heyman vs Julian Canny, Grant Woodhams and Glyn Parry.

Adjudicator: **Geraldine Mellet** Venue: GUC

3.30pm – 4.30pm Concurrent Sessions at Geraldton Universities Centre

Workshop: How to Write a Bestseller

Michael White will give you the inspiration, imagination and the information to achieve your writing goals.

Venue: GUC

A Fine Romance

Toni Jordan and Deborah Burrows discuss the role romance plays in their novels with **Rosemary Sayer**.

Venue: GUC

Two Journeys, Two Perspectives

Jon Doust and Ailsa Piper have taken their experiences in far off lands as the setting for their latest books. **Glyn Parry** discusses the memoirs which resulted from their travels.

Venue: GUC

Book Signing Session

6pm Poetry on the move

Scott-Patrick Mitchell and Mitch Becker

Put together a bus, poets, historic locations, delicious food and cool tunes. You've got Poetry on the Move.

Poems and pints at Bootenal Tavern from 6.30pm, followed by dinner at Central Greenough. Take charge of the Mic and share your talents!

Free bus departs from the Geraldton Regional Library at 6pm.

Ticketed Event: Includes meal \$35.00. Licensed bar available.

Venue: Bootenal Tavern and Central Greenough

Please book and pay at the Library.

6.30pm Two French Chefs

Alain Fabrègues and Emmanuel Mollois

Savour the combined talents of Alain and Emmanuel in a special dinner which will showcase their artistic and creative approach to cooking traditional French fare.

Venue: Zeewijk Training Restaurant, Durack Institute

Ticketed Event: \$TBA

Please book and pay at the Library.

Books by Alain Fabrègues and Emmanuel Mollois will be available for purchase at Durack Institute from 6.30pm.

9.30am – 10.30am Sunday Q & A at Geraldton Universities Centre

Manners Maketh Man

Is the motto of William of Wykeham (1324-1404), Bishop of Winchester and Chancellor of England, still relevant in today's society?

Ian Reid, Michael White, Jon Doust, Deborah Burrows, Ailsa Piper with Arthur Muhl.

Book Signing Session next to Festival Bookshop, GUC

11.00am – 12.00pm Concurrent Sessions at Geraldton Universities Centre

"Indeed, history is nothing more than a tableau of crimes and misfortunes" (Voltaire).

Ian Reid and Michael White discuss the influence of history on their writing with Rosemary Sayer.

Creating a Graphic Novel

Brenton McKenna

There is a lot to learn about the history and inspiration behind Brenton's graphic novels.

Get Reading presents: Secrets of Success

Three successful writers reveal the five things they wish they'd known at the beginning of their writing careers.

Michael Robotham, Toni Jordan and Kathryn Heyman with Lorraine Chapman.

Book Signing Session - Last chance to purchase books by all the Big Sky Festival authors

1.00pm Literary Lunch

Join our guests in the picturesque Chapman Valley for a lunch with a lavender twist.

A two course meal will be interspersed with selected readings and music.

Music: Mitch Becker

MC: Geraldine Mellet

Readings: Clarrie Cameron, Ailsa Piper, Michael Robotham, Toni Jordan

Venue: Lavender Valley Farm

Ticketed event: \$55 per head

BYO alcohol

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