Friday 11 September Program
Go for 2&5 Big Sky 4 Youth. Morning tea will be provided.
Creative Writing with Dr Anita Heiss
Years 5 and 6. Maximum 15 students.
Venue: Geraldton-Greenough Regional Library (GGRL), 10am-12.30pm.
This workshop is designed to get the creative juices flowing. Students will be given props and exercises to delve into memory for story ideas, characters, settings, and scenes. Students will be writing, writing, writing, using their senses and having fun!
John Doust’s school days
Upper Secondary students.
Venue: Geraldton Secondary College (GSC), 10am-12.30pm
Join Jon Doust on a W ire is a book about boarding school. What happens when your life becomes a hell away from home? How do you cope without your parents? How do you battle boredom while boarding? Jon will answer these questions, plus lots more you might like to ask him.
Feasting on your imagination
Upper Primary students.
Venue: GGRL, 10am-12.30pm
Leonie Norrington’s talk is an inspirational riot of readings and anecdotes about life, being an author and writing in general. Warning — includes spontaneous combustion, murdering crocodiles and exploding evil baddies.
Meet the author
Lower secondary students.
Venue: GGRL, 10am-12.30pm
Meet Simon Haynes, author of the Hal Spacejock science fiction comedy series. Session includes discussion of sci-fi technology and how it could change our lives for good and bad, anecdotes about the author’s life in Spain, a few little-known facts about the publishing industry, a quick reading from one of the Spacejock books and more.
GALA LAUNCH of BIG SKY 09
Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre (GUC), 5.30pm
Beginning with Welcome to Country.
Join us for the launch of Big Sky 09. Mix and mingle. Make Big Sky plans for the weekend and highlight all the sessions.
MC - Vertie James, Guest speaker - Dr Brian Boyle, Music - Jim Fisher
Saturday 12 September Program
Keynote address with Dr Anita Heiss.
Venue: GUC, 9.30am
Aboriginal writers consider and shoot for the stars!
Go for 2&5 Kids Tent
Venue: GUC, 9.30-11.30am.
A chill-out zone with books to read, stories to tell and songs to sing. Come in fancy dress and bring your favourite book.
Kate Lamont cooking at TAFE
Venue: TAFE, 9.30-11.30am.
Meet celebrity chef Kate Lamont in the TAFE training kitchen, where she will cook three dishes from her latest book, Wine and Food, and match wines to each course.
Limited numbers, book at the library, 9956 6659. Tickets $20.
Books to Treasure
Venue: GGRL 10.30am - 12.30pm
Joy Leftey hosts a workshop bringing parents and children together to conserve some of your wonderful family anecdotes and stories. The stories will be celebrated in picture book format — your children’s creativity and the significance of the story can become a valued part of your family heritage. Parent plus child aged between 3 & 7.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Venue: GUC, 11.00-12.30pm
Panel Session
Australians are surrounded by ocean and ambushed from behind by desert — a war of mystery on two fronts — the power of story.
With Leonie Norrington. From illiterate bush girl to acclaimed author Boy on a Wire (Tom Ford).
Liz Byrski, Peter Goldsworthy, Shelley Gare in conversation with Vertie James.
Discussion — Leonie’s journey.
With Leonie Norrington. From illiterate bush girl to acclaimed author Boy on a Wire (Tim Winton).
J im Fisher will take you on a musical odyssey as he talks about composing and performing over the years.
Cartooning — Cartooning the story eyed.
With political cartoonist Dean Alston, from the West Australian.
Sunday 13 September Program
Q & A Session — Venue: GUC, 10 am
We’re living in a world of perfection and extremes. Everything is pumped up and cartoon-like; there are no nuances. We’re becoming these plastic creatures and when you get that plastic, there’s a certain dead quality to it. (Tom Ford)
Liz Byrski, Peter Goldsworthy, Robert Drewe and Grant Woodhams. Hosted by Shelley Gare. Come armed with your questions. Are the airheads winning?
Bush walk in the valley with Leonie Norrington
Venue: Nukara Farm, 11am-1pm
Drive out to the beautiful Chapman Valley for an informative bush walk amongst flowering gums, flowering native trees with a visit to the organic vegetable garden and orchard.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Venue: GUC, 11.15-12.15pm
Panel Discussion — Remember the old school yard?
Jon Doust and his panel delve into the myths, misconceptions, misadventures and even reveal occasional realities of boarding school life in the 1960s. Oh, they may also mention his latest novel Boy on a Wire.
Writing Non-Fiction — Shelley Gare
The craft of non-fiction writing, whether in the form of book, memoir, essay, newspaper or magazine story, feature or diary entry. We will discuss first sentences, how to get structure right, how to take risks and find your own voice, the importance of reading and, essentially, how you choose your subject. What story do you want to tell?
Black words with Anita Heiss
Anita Heiss will showcase the evolving and exciting Black Words web-facility which is a wide-ranging, inclusive and informative resource of structured information relating to the lives and stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers and storytellers.
Flights of Fantasy: Science Fiction & Fantasy Writing
with Lara Morgan and Simon Haynes
Simon and Lara talk about the strange, the magical, the mythical and the unique challenges of writing genre fiction. Session includes insider tips on interstellar travel, what to do if you should rethink writing about elves, and why genre writers love the Internet.
CLOSING CELEBRATION at NUKARA FARM 1-5pm
Relax in a tranquil setting where you can share your talents with our invited guests at an open mic session. Catch the bus at GUC at 12.30pm or use your own transport. Being a picnic lunch pre-book a hamper for $25 (vegetarian option) at the Library. Tea, coffee & home-made cakes available.
**SATURDAY 12th September (2008)**

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**SUNDAY 13th September**

10am & A Venue: GUC

Liz Bryski, Peter Goldsworthy, Robert Drew and Grant Woodhams Hosted by Shelley Gare

11.30pm - 12.30pm JoS & Kate WENDY JAMES has been a radio and television presenter with the ABC for 20 years. She is sought after for corporate videos and also compères awards nights, conferences and anywhere there is a gathering of more than four people! Wendy has a trusty sidekick — her laptop! When contacting the RAC for more than a year. She has a versatile, warm ‘trustyworth’ voice with great diction.

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Jon Doust’s Two Lives... — Boy on a Wire

Leonie Norrington — Sunshine, Grace and Fortune

Simone Haynes — Feasting on Your Imagination

Venue: GGLR Venue: GSC Venue: GSC Venue: GGLR

Years 5 & 6 Upper Secondary Upper Primary Lower Secondary

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Catriona Laing — Meet the Author

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Venue: GUC

9.30 - 11.30am KATE LAMONT COOKING AT TAFE

10.30am - 12.30pm Joy Lefroy BOOKS TO TREASURE

Venue: GGLR Parent plus child aged between 3 and 7

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Leonie Norrington

Jim Fisher

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Are there anyone out there?

**READINGS**

Robert Drew, Barbara Temperton, Peter Goldsworthy & Glyn Parry

**TERRESTRIAL READINGS**

MORNINGS

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1-5pm

**SUNDAY 13th September**

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REMEMBER THE OLD SCHOOL YARD? Panel discussion Join Jon Doust and his panel

VENUES AND TICKETING

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Carrington. Geraldton. t: 08 9920 5015

NUKARA — Nukara Farm

115 Nanson-Howatharra Rd, Nanson t: 08 9920 5015

TAFE — Central West TAFE

1-5pm

CLOSING CELEBRATION AT NUKARA With Verity James, Jon Doust & Jim Fisher

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**Evenings**

5.30pm Welcome to Country

FESTIVAL GALA OPENING

Venue: GUC

MC — Verity James

Guest speaker — Dr Brian Boyle Entertainment — Jim Fisher

Please book for catering purposes.

6pm or later

POETRY PUB CRAWL AT HISTORIC CENTRAL GREENEWOON

Jimmy Fisher, Brian Poller

Yamalay stories by Simon Forrest

3.30pm BOOK LAUNCH — Dreams and Driftnwood anthology

Venue: GUC. Free — RSVP appreciated

6.30PM DINNER AT CENTRAL WEST TAFE

Wine & food conversation with Kate Lamont. Ticketed event. Limited numbers. Please book & pay at the COG Library.

11.15am - 12.15pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS Venue: GUC

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WRITING NON FICTION Shelley Gare What story do you want to tell?

BLACK WORDS with Anita Heiss

FLIGHTS OF FANTASY SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY WRITING Lara Morgan & Simon Haynes

BOOKSHOP

University Co-operative Bookshop (UWA branch) will be selling up at GUC during the festival. They will stock all our guests' latest titles. Please pay them a visit, buy some books and have them signed.

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