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BIG SKY READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL

29 SEPTEMBER – 2 OCTOBER 2022



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We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji Peoples who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we stand. The Nhanhagardi, Wilunyu, Naaguja. We would like to pay our respect to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of the Yamatji Peoples.

Cultural Statement: Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and other First Nations people are advised that this programme contains images of deceased people.

Welcome to Big Sky 2022

Get ready, set, go! The Big Sky Readers and Writers Festival returns from 29 September – 2 October 2022 with an exciting line-up of Interstate, West Australian and local talent.

Our theme for 2022 "Kaleidoscope" celebrates the coming together of many views, to make something beautiful, something whole and something that excites and challenges us. Libraries are special places where we can explore, interact, imagine and dream. The freedom to do this in a diverse and inclusive environment is a principle that unites us all. Share in the stories and experiences our talented guests bring to Big Sky, with something in the programme for everyone!

Our sincere thanks to all our partners and supporters in helping bring this special event to our regional community.

See you in Geraldton.

Trudi Cornish

Manager Libraries, Heritage and Gallery
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SPECIAL GUESTS



Amanda Bridgeman



Emily Brugman



Melody Dia



Brooke Dunnell



Dr. Kate Forsyth



Karen Herbert



Bren MacDibble



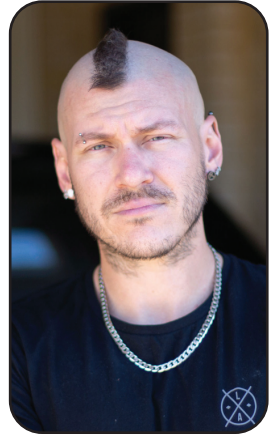
Caitlin Maling



Rebecca J Palmer



David Price



Holden Sheppard



Michael Trant



Dave Warner



Terri-ann White





Tickets are booked via the Library website
library.cgg.wa.gov.au/big-sky-2022.aspx

Please note tickets move fast.

GERALDTON REGIONAL LIBRARY

37 Marine Terrace, Geraldton

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Email: library@cgg.wa.gov.au

Wilunyu Language Installation

WORDS OF WISDOM

Artwork Morning

Date: Saturday, 3 September

Time: 10.30am – 12.00pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Art Gallery

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Wilunyu is the recognised traditional language of the area central to Geraldton. Learn more and celebrate the Wilunyu language by joining in an artwork session and community exhibition.

Using a template and words culturally approved for use, participants will be invited to create and colour their own artwork. Craft materials provided and all ages welcome.

Seven artworks will be chosen for display in the Post Office Lane Lightbox Gallery during the Big Sky Festival, with a prize of \$350 per artwork.

Works must be received by the Library by **Monday 12 September**. All works submitted will be placed on display at the Geraldton Regional Library.

2022 is the beginning of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032, as declared by the United Nations.

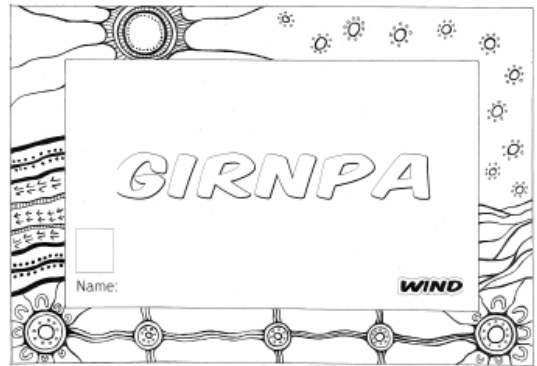
EXHIBITION UNVEILING

Date: Thursday, 29 September

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am

Venue: Post Office Lane, Lightbox Gallery

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)



Design by Nicole Dickerson. Language courtesy of Wilunyu Reference Group.

Craft Sessions

KRAZY KALEIDOSCOPES

Date: Thursday, 29 September

Time: 10.30am – 11.15am and
11.30am – 12.15pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Age: Suitable for ages 6-12 years.

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Get creative and learn how to make a simple kaleidoscope in this cool STEM/ Science craft activity for kids.

It's such a fun way to explore light, refractions and symmetry!

Delivered by **Sherry Coleman** from The Geraldton Project.

Art Workshop

HOW TO TAME YOUR MONKEY

with Rebecca Palmer

Date: Friday, 30 September

Time: 10.00am – 11.00am

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

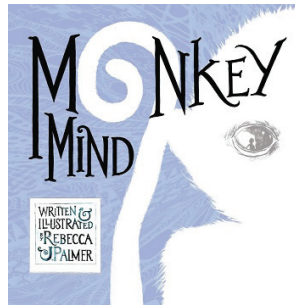
Age: Suitable for ages 5 years +

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Join an art workshop and story time presentation of *Monkey Mind* - a children's picture book about anxiety by **Rebecca Palmer**.

Children will learn about negative and positive self-talk, growth mindset, mindfulness and then create (and learn about being kind to) their own monkeys.

Monkey Mind is shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Awards 2022.



Please note: We request that children are accompanied by an adult for all sessions

Storytime

TWILIGHT STORY TIME

Date: Friday, 30 September

Time: 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Age: Suitable for ages 2-6 years

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Bring your favourite “cuddly” and get ready for lots of fun! Come dressed in your pyjamas and slippers ready to listen to stories, sing songs and rhymes. Get your twinkle toes ready for some dancing too!

Creative Writing Workshop

WRITING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

with Bren MacDibble

Date: Friday, 30 September

Time: 12.30pm – 2.00pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Age: Suitable for ages 14 years to Adult

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Are you writing a YA Novel or a coming-of-age story for adults? Where's the line? What are young readers looking for in their favourite fiction?

Join a workshop dealing with the issues of YA fiction and keep your novel on track with **Bren MacDibble**, also known as Cally Black, writer of the award winning YA novel, *In the Dark Spaces*.



Q&A

INSPIRING YOUNG WRITERS

with **Holden Sheppard, Melody Dia and Brooke Dunnell**

Date: Friday, 30 September

Time: 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Venue: Euphorium Studio,
Geraldton Railway Station,
Chapman Road

Age: Suitable for all ages 14-25 years

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

What's the secret to turning great ideas into amazing stories? What should every aspiring young writer keep in mind? Big Sky guest authors **Melody Dia** and **Holden Sheppard** will share their writing tips, tricks, and advice in the Inspiring Young Writers Q&A, presented by fellow Big Sky guest, **Brooke Dunnell**. This session is a chance to ask any burning questions and meet other local young writers over some delicious pizza.

Storytelling Session

SPELLBINDING STORIES

with **Kate Forsyth**

Date: Saturday, 1 October

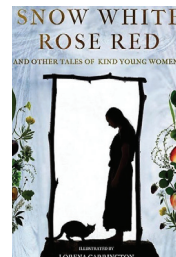
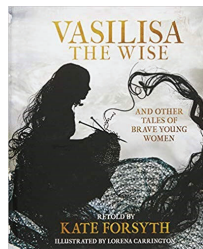
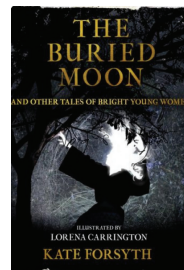
Time: 10.30am – 11.30am

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Age: Suitable for all ages, incl adults

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

A spellbinding storytelling session as told by Australia's "Queen of Fairy Tales", **Kate Forsyth**.



Kids Craft Sessions

BOOK AND TREASURE STITCH-A-LONG

Date: Saturday, 1 October

Time: 12.00pm – 12.45pm and 1.00pm – 1.45pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Age: Suitable for 8+ years

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Learn how to make a hand-stitched book cover or treasure pouch with local Textile Artists **Karin Tennberg** and **Jo Bunker**. Please bring along your favourite book or notebook to cover!



THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

OPENING NIGHT CELEBRATION

MC: Anne Williams

Welcome to Country: Donna Ronan

Music: Zane Laudehr-May

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Get your Festival started! Come along and celebrate the opening of Big Sky 2022. Meet our special guests, while enjoying live music and light refreshments. A suite of original artworks from the Sir Claude Hotchin Bequest/CGG Collection will be on display.

SHORT STORY PRIZE

Congratulations to all our entrants in the 2022 Big Sky Short Story Prize! Stories have been received from across the Midwest. Winners will be announced at the Festival Opening Night. First prize wins \$500 plus VIP access to Festival Events with their work published online via the Geraldton Regional Library Catalogue.



Writing Workshop

PUBLISHING A BOOK: ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE PLUNGE?

presented by **Terri-ann White**

Time: 8.50am - 10.30am

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Tickets: \$25 (*booking details pg6*)

Includes tea/coffee on arrival and morning tea

Terri-ann White is a writer and publisher from Perth. She has recently established Upswell Publishing, a small independent imprint after 14 years as Publisher at UWA Publishing where she was Publisher of around 450 books.

This workshop will be an honest and straightforward discussion about what is at stake in the publishing process, from start to finish.



Author Talks - Mullewa

MEET KAREN HERBERT AND MICHAEL TRANT

in conversation with **Caitlin Maling**

Time: 11.30am – 1.00pm

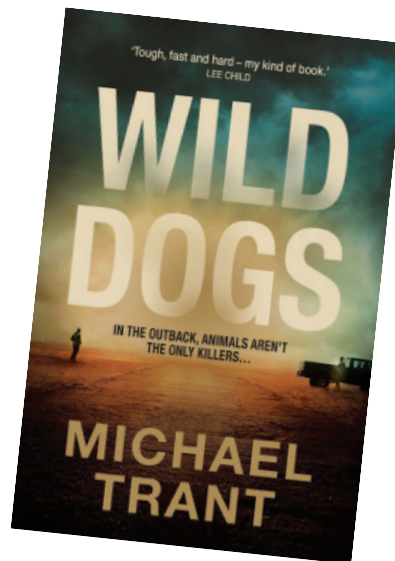
Venue: Mullewa District Office, Cnr Thomas
and Padbury Streets, Mullewa

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Includes book signing and light refreshments

Love an action-packed crime thriller?

Meet successful WA authors **Karen Herbert** and **Michael Trant**, as they recount their tales of murder, intrigue and suspense in rural settings, in conversation with fellow Big Sky guest and poet, **Caitlin Maling**.



Author Talks - Northampton

MEET KATE FORSYTH AND EMILY BRUGMAN

in conversation with **Lorraine Chapman**

Time: 12.30pm – 2.00pm

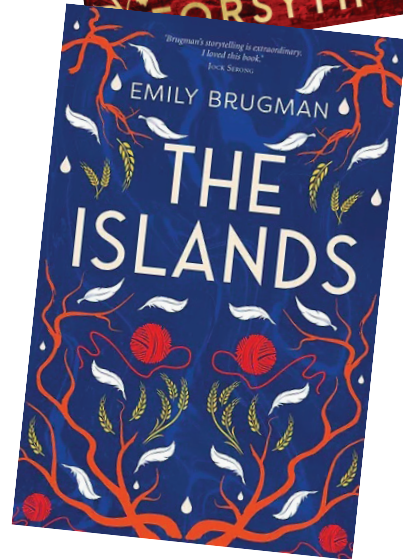
Venue: Northampton RSL Hall,
Cnr Essex Street and Great North West
Highway, Northampton

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Includes book signing and light refreshments

Passion and impossible love, scandal and family history fill the sweeping novels of **Kate Forsyth** and **Emily Brugman**.

From ancient and mythological settings, to the modern day, and closer to home on the Abrolhos Islands, multi-awarded writer Dr Kate Forsyth and debut author Emily Brugman will be in conversation with **Lorraine Chapman**. Thanks to event partners - the **Shire of Northampton**.



FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

EXHIBITIONS OPENING

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Art Gallery

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Join us for the opening of two very exciting exhibitions at the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery.

Exhibitions open from

1 OCTOBER - 20 NOVEMBER 2022

TOWN HALL 1907 - 1984

Drawing from the Geraldton Regional Library Local History Collection, City of Greater Geraldton Art Collection and many generous contributors, this exhibition aims to portray the importance of a building at the heart of our community, a place that has held our laughter and sometimes our tears. The exhibition is made more poignant with the knowledge that the old Geraldton Town Hall was very nearly lost, only saved in 1984 by a small group of passionate locals known as the Friends of the Town Hall (FRoTH).



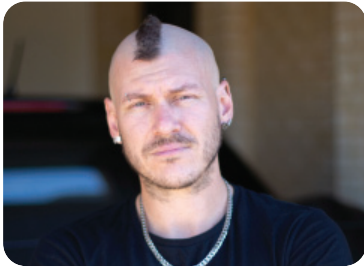
Opening of the Geraldton Town Hall, 12 July 1907, courtesy of Joy Clinch.

BANKSIA BALL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

A celebration of *Geraldton's First Sun City – Aboriginal Banksia Ball* held in 1972. The exhibition aims to commemorate this important historical occasion by providing an immersive experience through the Abdullah Family's private archives including professional photographs by Gilda Studio. Additional items courtesy of the Geraldton Regional Library Local History Collection and the State Library of Western Australia provide historical context.



First Aboriginal Banksia Ball, Miss Sunshine 1972; Julie Heinrich, Mayor and Mrs Mildwaters, Yasmin (Jill) Abdullah, George Abdullah and 6GE Announcer; Alan Pearsall, courtesy of the Abdullah Family.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Holden Sheppard

Time: 9.15am – 10.00am

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: FREE event (booking details pg6)

Holden's writing tackles the hard topics faced by rural youth, particularly young men. Rites of passage, sexuality, masculinity and identity influence mental health and impact the ones we love, our community and ourselves.

Holden unpacks what it is to be a bloke growing up in regional WA, and how we can help our young people navigate the many challenges we all face.

CONCURRENT SESSION 1

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: FREE event (booking details pg6)

Spellbinding Stories with Kate Forsyth

A spellbinding storytelling session for all ages, as told by Australia's "Queen of Fairy Tales", **Kate Forsyth**. Kate is an accredited master storyteller and has a doctorate in fairy tales from the University of Technology, having already completed a BA in Literature and a MA in Creative Writing. Kate is also a direct descendant of Charlotte Waring, the author of the first book for children ever published in Australia, 'A Mother's Offering to her Children'.

After the Flood

Dave Warner, accompanied by guitarist Tony Durant, in conversation with Terri-ann White

In the 1970s Bob Dylan declared musician **Dave Warner** his favourite Australian music artist. Dave is also a screenwriter whose films have starred the likes of Travis Fimmel, Kylie Minogue and Molly Ringwald. Dave is such a convincing writer, he had cold case detectives interviewing him after people nominated him as a suspect in the Claremont Serial Killer case. *After the Flood* is the thrilling new novel in the award-winning Dan Clement series.

Pop Culture

Amanda Bridgeman, in conversation with Linda Liem

Action heroes, Sci Fi, Pandemic Board Games and Marvel's X-Men Universe characters are all imagined from the pen of Amanda Bridgeman.

Explore learning more about this exciting world of Pop Culture, as Big Sky special guest **Amanda Bridgeman** joins in conversation with local journalist, **Linda Liem**.



Small Towns, Big Issues

Melody Dia and David Price, in conversation with Rosie Sitorus

From colonial to modern times, our small regional towns have remained a hotbed of social issues. In the rush to establish early industry, what were some of the complex issues that shaped the settlement of North-West WA? Years later, what are the new challenges created by the FIFO culture?

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

POP-UP BOOK SHOP

Open 9am-3.30pm

Book signing
11.45am-12.30pm

**Geraldton
Universities Centre**

BLACKOUT POETRY

Have words ever jumped out at you, straight off the page? Get creative and join us in creating a "found poetry" installation, as we upcycle pre-loved text at the Pop-Up Bookshop.

Workshop

MINI PAINTING WORKSHOP

with **Julie Simpson**

Time: 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: \$25 (*booking details pg6*)

All materials provided.

Get your art on! Create your own Kaleidoscopic masterpiece. **Julie Simpson** is a Contemporary Artist living in Geraldton. Her style often incorporates painting, drawing and printing in the same image. Julie is also a lie-down comedian with a zest for life!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT CAFE

Delicious light refreshments,
tea/coffee on sale at the

Geraldton Universities Centre

CONCURRENT SESSION 2

Time: 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Quiz Master: Jody Quadrio

LitQuiz

Do you know your Shakespeare from your Stow? Put your literary knowledge to the test in the Big Sky first ever LitQuiz!

Local favorites **Jackie Gill**, **Brian Poller** and **Kath Jones** will team up to try and outwit and outsmart this year's guest authors, **Holden Sheppard**, **Amanda Bridgeman**, and **Michael Trant**. There will be prizes up for grabs and plenty of opportunities to show off your book smarts. It's all in good fun of course!

Time: 12.30pm – 3.30pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: \$30 (*booking details pg6*)

Includes afternoon tea

Description and Details Workshop with Brooke Dunnell

Join award winning author **Brooke Dunnell** for an interactive and inciteful workshop.

Regardless of genre or word count, description and detail are vital components of writing creatively. This workshop is designed to help participants refine and enhance their ability to convey sensory details and use figures of speech through a mixture of theory, examples, discussion and short exercises. Whether you've been writing for ages or are just setting out, come along and sharpen your skills at Description and Detail!



CONCURRENT SESSION 3

Time: 1.45pm - 2.45pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Home Grown

Join **Karen Herbert, Nola Gregory, David Price** and **Michael Trant**, in conversation with **Bren MacDibble**.

What is the concept of home? Is it a place or a feeling? Our guests will explore their thoughts on home, and how this has influenced their writing

Time: 1.45pm - 2.45pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: \$5 (*booking details pg6*)

Zentangles - The Relaxing and Mindful Art of Doodling with Rebecca Palmer

A Zentangle is an art form that can help you: clear your mind, free your imagination, reduce anxiety, and increase creativity!

Taken just before bed they could possibly cure baldness, acne and bad breath. Well, maybe not the last thing, but they do make you smile!

Join author

Rebecca Palmer

for this fun and engaging session.



SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

RANDOLPH STOW ADDRESS - THE ISLANDS

delivered by Caitlin Maling

Time: 3.15pm – 4.30pm

Venue: Shipwrecks Gallery, Museum of Geraldton, 2 Museum Place, Geraldton

Tickets: FREE event (booking details pg6). Includes afternoon tea

Stow's childhood experiences of hunting for buried skeletons at Mahomets Flats led to a later fascination with the East India Company especially the murderous tales of the Batavia and a fascination with islands. Award winning West Australian poet, Caitlin Maling, poetically responds to the islands of Stow's poems: often made of ice, they are haunted by ghosts - ones of history and ones of imagination.



SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

Open Mic Night

SPEAK EASY POETRY GIG

Time: 7.00pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Rocks Laneway (inside the old Rocks Newsagency)

Tickets: \$22 (*booking details pg6*)

MC: Zane Laudehr-May

Come on down to our relaxed poetry and spoken word Open Mic night! First time performers welcome, this is a supportive and open space.

The old Rocks Newsagency will come alive at night with live music by rock legend

Dave Warner and guitarist **Tony Durant**.

Readings by Big Sky special guests including **Melody Dia** and **Caitlin Maling**.

Includes free drink on arrival, and light refreshments provided. Bar available.



Workshop

MINI PAINTING WORKSHOP

with Julie Simpson

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

Venue: Geraldton Regional Art Gallery

Tickets: \$25 (booking details pg6)

All materials provided.

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LITERARY TEA PARTY

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Tickets: \$35 (booking details pg6)

You're invited to a delightful gathering, complete with readings and interactive audience participation.

Join **Terri-ann White**, in conversation with **Kate Forsyth, Emily Brugman** and **Karen Herbert**.

Romance, family history, drama, discussion and intrigue all await, along with mimosas on arrival and a delicious selection of tea items to enjoy. Includes a door prize. Book sales and signing available.



Oral History Afternoon

MEMORIES OF THE BANSKIA BALL

**Lester Abdullah, in conversation with
Rosie Sitorus**

Time: 12.30pm – 2.00pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Art Gallery

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)
Includes afternoon tea

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the inaugural Banksia Ball organised by the Aboriginal Development and Cultural Council held at the Geraldton Town Hall in 1972.

Lester Abdullah, in conversation with **Rosie Sitorus**, will discuss the people, the organisations and the memories of a child in the lead-up to this auspicious occasion.

Followed by potential guest appearances from 1972 Banksia Ball debutante participants who will have the opportunity to share their memories.

Immerse yourself amongst images of the original debutantes and debutante partners while reflecting on times gone by.



Lester's father; George Abdullah, organiser and Master of Ceremonies for the Banksia Ball 1972, courtesy Abdullah Family.

Festival Finale

READINGS IN THE GARDEN

Time: 2.15pm – 4.00pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Art Gallery

Tickets: FREE event (*booking details pg6*)

Join us in the new Art Gallery Gardens for our Festival Finale. After a packed weekend of literary delights, sit back and enjoy our Festival Finale with a selection of readings from special guests, including **Caitlin Maling, Terri-ann White, Nola Gregory, Emily Brugman** and **Amanda Bridgeman**.

The event includes the official re-opening of the Art Gallery Park following it's recent extensive redevelopment, along with the interment of the City of Greater Geraldton Time Capsule, due to be re-opened 12 July 2057.



GUEST SPEAKERS



Amanda Bridgeman

Amanda is a Tin Duck Award winner, an Aurealis and Ditmar Awards finalist and author of several novels/short stories. Her original work includes *The Subjugate*, which is being developed for TV by Anonymous Content (True Detective) and Aquarius Films (Lion). She also writes 'tie-in fiction' for properties including Marvel (X-Men). *Pandemic: Patient Zero* recently won the 2022 Scribe Award for Original Novel - General.



Emily Brugman

Emily Brugman grew up in Broulee, on the far south coast of NSW, on the lands of the Yuin people. Her writing has previously appeared in literary journals, magazines and anthologies, including *Tracks*, the UTS Writers' Anthology and *Lines to the Horizon: Australian surf writing*. She currently lives in Mullumbimby, on Bundjalung country, and works at Byron Writers Festival. *The Islands*, her first novel, is inspired by her family's experiences living and working on the Abrolhos Islands between 1959-1972.



Melody Dia

Melody Dia was born and raised in Broome, WA. She is a proud Nyul Nyul woman, with a mixed heritage of Indonesian, Indian and European. Melody has worked in pubs, mine sites, classrooms, and offices. In 2014, she began writing *FIFO – Fit In or F**k Off!* and is currently working on her second play.



Brooke Dunnell

Brooke Dunnell is a writer, mentor and workshop facilitator. Her short fiction has been widely published, including in the short story collection *Female(s and) Dogs*, and her debut novel, *The Glass House*, was awarded the 2021 Fogarty Literary Award. Brooke has a PhD in Creative Writing from the University of Western Australia and lives in Boorloo (Perth).



Dr Kate Forsyth

Dr Kate Forsyth has been called 'one of the finest writers of this generation'. She has written more than 40 books, published in 20 countries. Her most recent book is *The Crimson Thread*, a reimagining of 'The Minotaur in the Labyrinth' myth. Kate is also working on *Alchemy*, a book of art & poetry in collaboration with the Archibald-Prize-winning artist Wendy Sharpe, which will be released in October 2022 by Perth publisher Upswell.



Karen Herbert

Karen Herbert is the author of *The River Mouth* (2021) and *The Castaways of Harewood Hall* (2022). She spent her childhood in Geraldton before moving to Perth. She is a board member of The Intelife Group and Advocare, and President of the Fellowship of Australian Writers (WA).



Bren MacDibble

Bren MacDibble is a children's and YA writer from Kalbarri. Her first two novels (published 2017) were given six national awards. Her children's novels deal with environmentally changed futures. *In the Dark Spaces* written under the name Cally Black is a dark intense YA thriller set in the far future.



Caitlin Maling

Caitlin Maling is a WA writer with four books of poetry, the most recent of which are *Fish Work* through UWAP and *Fish Song* through Fremantle Press. She teaches creative writing at Curtin University.

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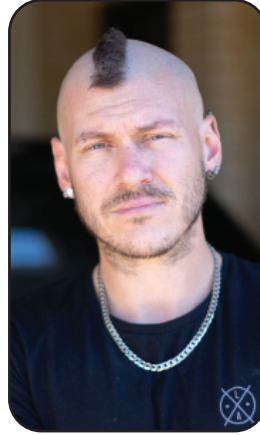
Rebecca J Palmer

Rebecca Palmer is a primary/tertiary teacher, and author/illustrator of *Monkey Mind*, a picture book about anxiety. It's also a visual exploration of mindfulness and growth mindset with a dollop of self kindness. Illustrated with drypoint etchings and watercolour, *Monkey Mind* is shortlisted for the 2022 Speech Pathology Australia Award.



David Price

David Price is a Western Australian educator who grew up in the small town of Carnarvon in the 1960s. He has been a teacher, principal and District Director of Schools in many parts of the state. Although he now lives in Perth, David has long been intrigued by the hidden history of his home town and its wilful amnesia about the treatment of Aboriginal people and Asian migrants by the first settlers.



Holden Sheppard

Holden Sheppard is a Geraldton-born author, labourer and gym junkie whose best-selling debut novel *Invisible Boys* (Fremantle Press, 2019) won multiple accolades including the WA Premier's Prize. The book is now in development as a TV series. Holden's powerful second novel *The Brink* (Text Publishing) was published in August 2022.



Michael Trant

Michael Trant is a WA country boy now residing in Perth. He writes with an authentic rural voice, drawing on his experiences to open readers to places and lifestyles foreign to many. He has a passion for farming, writing, and gaming, the order of which vary throughout the year.



Dave Warner

Bob Dylan once declared Dave Warner his favourite Australian artist. After a successful music career Warner turned his creative mind to other forms of writing. Winner of the prestigious Ned Kelly Award for Best Australian Crime Fiction, he has written eleven crime novels, and a number of non-fiction books including the biographer of footballer Marlon Pickett. His new novel *After The Flood* is set in Broome and the Pilbara.



Terri-ann White

Terri-ann White was Director of UWA Publishing (2006-2020). She has been an independent bookseller, writer, editor and festival organiser, and is passionately interested in writing and expression that makes a difference. In 2021 she established a new independent publishing house, Upswell Publishing, to build a list of distinctive literary works in fiction, poetry and narrative non-fiction.

FESTIVAL TEAM

Our special thanks to all our team members (staff and volunteers) who have worked so hard to make this festival a success!

Trudi Cornish, Jenni Hargrave, Lorin Cox, Joanne Morgan, Holly Auld, Keely Grieve, Marina Baker, Ingrid Horn, Susan Smith, Rachael Vieraitis, Donna Ronan, Nicole Dickerson, Denielle Riley, Pieter Vorster, Annette Burton, Lily Valdez, Naz Farnaz, Moana Wilson, Ayrach Mabitad, Deb Barnett, Sharon Sorensen, Silvia Borracci, Diane McDonald, Esper Windsor, Kaitlin Ajduk, Anne Williams, Zain Laudehr-May, Abdullah family, Jody Quadrio, Heidi Barker, Mullewa District Office, Northampton Shire Office, Euphorium Team, Karin Tennberg, Jo Bunker, Julie Simpson, Lara Sampson, Sherry Coleman, Leigh O'Brien.

LOCAL GUESTS



Nola Gregory

Nola Gregory is a descendent of the Gija/Bard peoples of the East and West Kimberley and has been writing poetry since 1995. Her passion for poetry writing is what keeps her going. Nola writes poems that she hopes reach deep down inside the person reading them. Nola is the only Aboriginal person to have had a poem read in both the Federal and Western Australian State Parliaments.

LOCAL GUESTS

MODERATORS



Lorraine Chapman

Lorraine Chapman is a primary school teacher who loves teaching creative writing to 6 year olds, 96 years old and anyone in between. She is the president of Writers of the Coral Coast and is obsessed with her three sausage dogs and writing stories about them.



Linda Liem

Linda Liem writes to not forget – both figuratively and literally. She's a journalist, digital content creator, and moderator. Currently anchored in Geraldton, she's culturally knowledgeable, is gently geared towards neoteric conversations, and possesses a work ethic of an ox.



Rosie Sitorus

Rosie Sitorus is a linguist, writer and musician based in Geraldton, WA. Her professional and personal creative practice focuses on sharing knowledge and experiences through storytelling and is always looking for new and engaging ways to do this.

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Jackie Gill

Formerly a journalist Jackie spent time on the international speaker circuit as well as working in community engagement. She is a visual artist who's passionate about supporting arts in the Midwest.



Brian Poller

English born Brian is best known for his solo show "An Incompetent Life" performed at Perth Fringe as well as his comedic skills and quick wit.



Kath Jones

A performing arts guru Kath has done it all including directing musical theatre, Improv and stand up comedy. Kath wrote and performed in the sellout Perth Fringe Cabaret sensation "What My Mother Told Me."

FESTIVAL VENUES

- **Geraldton Regional Library**
37 Marine Terrace, Geraldton
- **Geraldton Universities Centre**
33 Onslow Street, Geraldton
- **Emporium Studio**
Geraldton Railway Station
Chapman Road, Geraldton
- **Geraldton Regional Art Gallery**
24 Chapman Rd, Geraldton
- **Museum of Geraldton**
2 Museum Place, Geraldton
- **Queens Park Theatre**
Cnr Cathedral Ave & Maitland St, Geraldton
- **Rocks Laneway**
(Inside the old Rocks Newsagency),
Entry from Marine Terrace, Geraldton
- **Post Office Lane**
off Marine Terrace, Geraldton
- **Mullewa District Office**
Cnr Thomas and Padbury Sts, Mullewa
- **Northampton RSL Hall**
Cnr Essex Street and Great North West Coastal
Highway, Northampton



POST FESTIVAL EVENT

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JANE EYRE

Date: Tuesday, 4 October 2022

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Queens Park Theatre

Tickets: <https://qpt.cgg.wa.gov.au/events/jane-eyre/8284>

Ages: 14+

Duration: Performance is 145 minutes long including one interval.



Brontë's gothic tale of a spirited orphan in search of love, family and a sense of belonging, blazes the country in 2022.

Witness one of the most iconic pieces of English literature retold in a faithful yet fiercely original new stage adaptation from the nationally-renowned shake & stir theatre co (Animal Farm, Dracula).

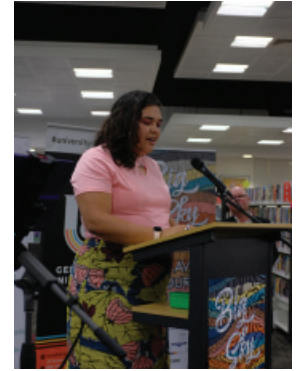
Following a childhood spent suffering at the hands of her cruel Aunt, Jane finds employment at Thornfield Hall – the impressive yet mysterious home of Edward Rochester. As Jane and Rochester become inexplicably drawn to each other, the dark secrets locked within the walls of Thornfield start to unravel forcing Jane on a heart-wrenching journey toward truth and freedom.

This stunning new production, featuring original music, written and by multi ARIA Award winner Sarah McLeod, will set a fire blazing in your soul.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.

Jane Eyre contains adult themes, simulated violence and supernatural elements and will feature strobe, loud music and fire/smoke/haze effects.

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