



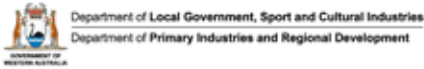

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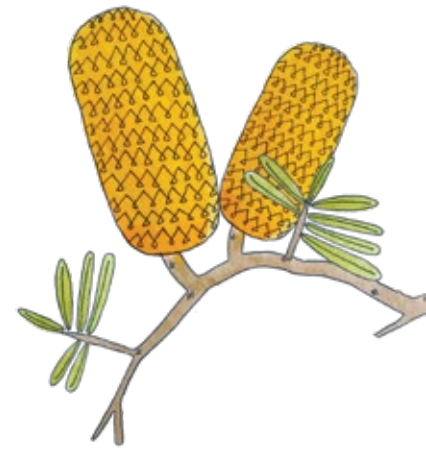
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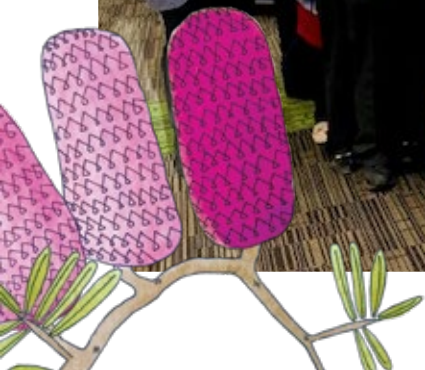
We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Southern Yamatji Peoples who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we stand. The Nhanhagardi, Wilunyu, Amangu. We would like to pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions,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

Welcome to Big Sky 2020

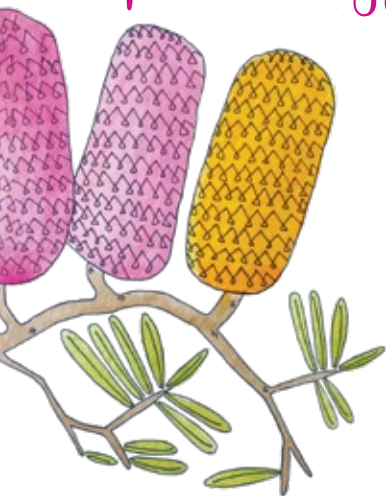
The challenges of 2020 have undeniably affected us all. The importance of arts and culture and how these anchor us to our personal and community wellbeing has never been so significant.

Whether we love to read, write, perform, create or simply listen, the arts soothe, challenge and heal. Connect with others, nourish your inner self and celebrate with a thoroughly engaging line-up of West Australian and Midwest talent, 1-4 October. Big Sky 2020 will be live, local and tremendous fun! See you in Geraldton.

Trudi Cornish
Manager Libraries, Heritage and Gallery



Special Guests



YUOT A. ALAAK



IAN HARDY



JO JACKSON KING



ANDREW MACLEOD



CHARMAINE PAPERTALK-GREEN



AMANDA ROWLAND



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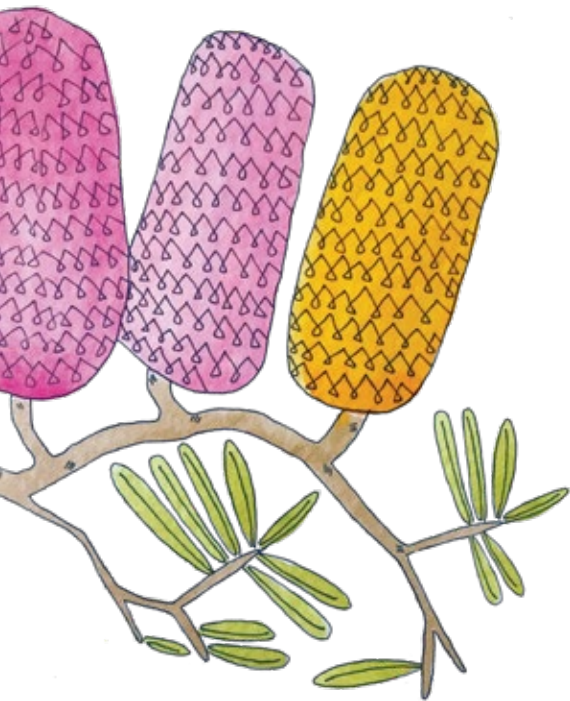
MARK SIMPSON



DR ANNABEL SMITH



PENNY SUTHERLAND



HOW TO BOOK

Your tickets

All events (both free and paid) are ticketed.

Tickets are booked via Eventbrite at

eventbrite.com.au

Please Note

Tickets move fast. No BYO at any events.



Arthur Boyd, *Reflected kangaroo*, c1976.

Oil on canvas. Bundanon Trust Collection.

Arthur Boyd: *Landscape of the Soul*.

A Bundanon Trust touring exhibition.

Exhibiting at the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, 2 October - 14 November.

BOOKING/PROGRAM ENQUIRIES:

Geraldton Regional Library,
37 Marine Terrace, Geraldton.

Or over the phone: (08) 9956 6659.

Email enquiries: library@cgg.wa.gov.au

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
PRE-FESTIVAL EVENT

Oral History Morning

Time: 10am - 11.30am

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

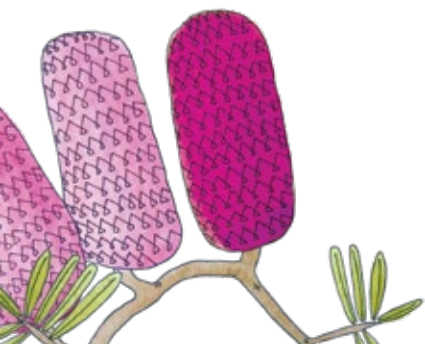
Tickets: FREE event

(Bookings essential. Details pg4)

Includes morning tea

Violet Drury in conversation with Trish Parker

When Northampton writer, Violet Drury retired from the workforce she became heavily involved in the translation of her mother's language Nhandu. At the age of 63 Violet started her university education. Having been raised in an era where Aboriginal girls were expected to become housemaids, not academics, Violet has since published multiple books for both adults and children.



Big Activities for Kids

(Bookings required. Further details on pg4)

HANDMADE RECYCLED JOURNALS

Thursday 1 October

Time: 10am - 11.30am

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Tickets: \$6, ages 9 - 12

Create your own fabulous arty writing journal, using art and craft and recycled materials!

STORYTIME EXTRAVAGANZA!

Friday 2 October

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Tickets: FREE event, all ages welcome

Stories, songs and simple craft for Preschool aged children, with Josh Langley.



Illustrations by Josh Langley

MAGNIFICENT MISTAKES AND FANTASTIC FAILURES

Friday 2 October

Time: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Tickets: FREE event, ages 6 - 13

Meet the Author! WA children's author and illustrator Josh Langley presents a funny and engaging session for kids.

NOURISHING ART WITH KRISTEN

Saturday 3 October

Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: \$6, ages 9 - 12

Nourish your artistic flare in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo – Create a fruit, flower and vegetable portrait artwork.



Big Activities for Youth

WORKSHOP

Thursday 1 October

Time: 1pm - 2.30pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

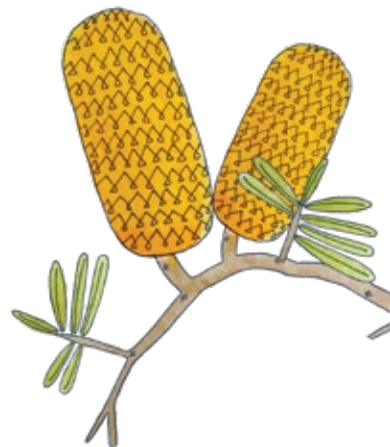
Tickets: \$6, ages 11 - 17

(Booking details pg4)

Learn the Art of Storytelling
with facilitator **Jody Quadrio**

Storytelling is an oral tradition but as performers, our bodies can also speak volumes! We will explore the many ways we can tell a story through performance and improvisation using both movement and voice in this fun interactive workshop. Come ready to play, explore and have fun in a safe environment that embraces self-expression and teaches practical performance skills that can be utilised when you tell your next big story!

Workshop Requirements: Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes that allow free movement and a water bottle.



THE GREAT TEEN DEBATE

Saturday 3 October

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: FREE event, ages 11+

(Booking details pg4)

Presented by **Euphorium Creative**

“Why do the adults get to have all the fun?”

With each writer’s festival featuring more and more of Geraldton’s youth, come and invest your time by listening to the youngsters from our community go head to head in the very first “The Great Teen Debate”.

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

Opening Night

Time: 6pm - 8pm

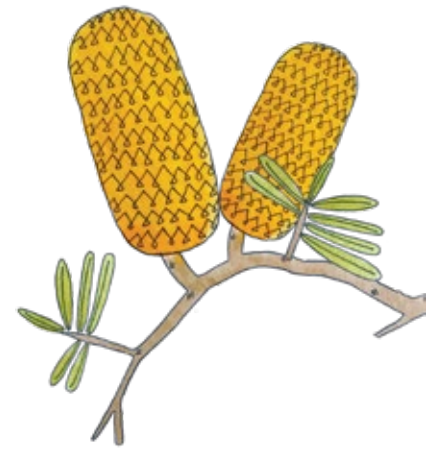
Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Tickets: FREE event

(Bookings essential. Details pg4)

Hosted by **MC Julian Canny**

Get your festival started! Come along and celebrate the opening of Big Sky 2020. Meet our special guests and plan your weekend ahead. Enjoy live music with light refreshments provided. Celebrate our Short Story Prize winners with us.



BIG SKY 2020

Short Story Prize

Well done and good luck to everyone who submitted their stories to the new Big Sky 2020 Short Story Prize.

The short list will be released on 3 September and the winner announced at the Festival Opening Night.

Winning entry receives \$500.



FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

WORKSHOP

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Tickets: \$35

(Bookings essential. Details pg4)

Includes morning tea



Relaxation and Health

Drawing on Mark's experience as a health coach, yoga and meditation teacher, this is an interactive workshop which will help you learn and understand ways to calm and nourish your body and mind.

Meet the Author

NATASHA LESTER

IN MULLEWA

Time: 10am - 11.30am

Venue: Mullewa District Office

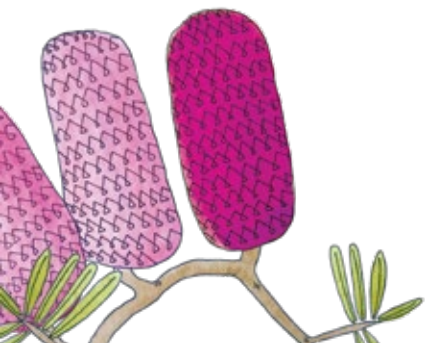
Tickets: FREE event

(Bookings essential. Details pg4)

Includes morning tea

In conversation with **Susan Smith**

Come along and meet bestselling WA author, Natasha Lester. Enjoy a morning with Natasha, where she will share what inspires her to write (along with her love of Paris and vintage fashion).



FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

Our Stories

THE ART OF LANGUAGE

Time: 12pm - 2pm

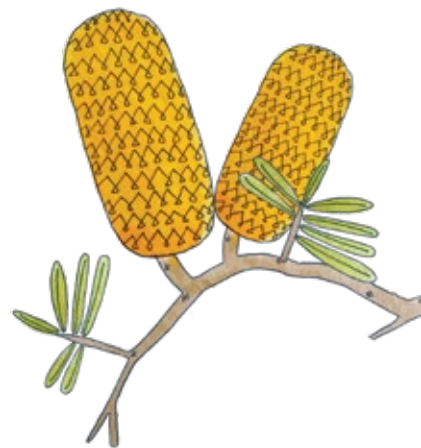
Venue: Bundiyarra Aboriginal Corporation,
Eastward Rd, Geraldton

Tickets: \$20 Adults,
\$15 Concession/Students
(Booking details pg4)

Includes light luncheon

Hosted by **Stephen Kinnane**

Storytelling is a global art, and stories come in all languages, so why not hear them as they were intended? Come join a line-up of Geraldton locals, as they tell stories in the languages of their youth, their families and their heritage. Stories will be told in their language of origin as well as translated into English. Special guest appearances by **Charmaine Papertalk-Green** and **Yuot A. Alaak**.



WORKSHOP

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Tickets: \$35 each *(Booking details pg4)*

Includes afternoon tea

How do Writers Make Money?

presented by **Dr Annabel Smith**

Based on her popular blog series, Annabel shares insights into writers' income streams including royalties, advances and lending rights, plus tips on how to generate income including teaching, public speaking and freelance writing.



FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

Arthur Boyd Landscape of the Soul

EXHIBITION OPENING

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Art Gallery

Tickets: FREE event

(Bookings essential. Details pg4)

Bundanon Trust's new three-year nationally touring exhibition explores a lifetime of landscape paintings by renowned Australian artist Arthur Boyd. Curated by Barry Pearce, the exhibition is drawn principally from Bundanon Trust's own collection of the artist's work.

Exhibiting at the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, 2 October – 14 November 2020.

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Arthur Boyd, *Hanging rocks bathers and Mars*, 1985.

Oil on canvas. Bundanon Trust Collection.

Arthur Boyd: *Landscape of the Soul*.

A Bundanon Trust touring exhibition.

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

Keynote Address

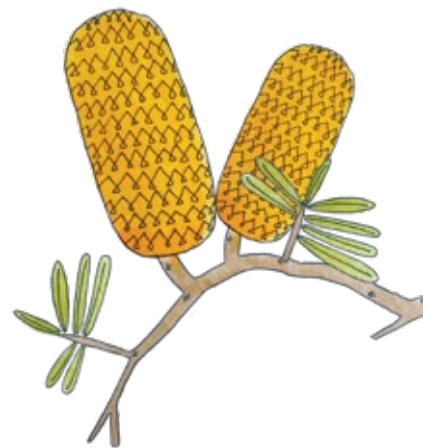
Time: 9.15am -10am

Venue: Geraldton Universities
Centre

Tickets: FREE event

(Bookings essential. Details pg4)

With **Stephen Kinnane**



CONCURRENT SESSION 1

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: FREE event *(Bookings essential. Details pg4)*

Up Lit: Stories with Kindness, Optimism and Heart

Natasha Lester, Jo Jackson King and Josh Langley, in conversation with **Dr Annabel Smith**

Up lit challenges the dark and dystopian trends in modern literature. How can a good story inspire us through everyday heroism, human connection, and love?

The Pen is Mightier than the Sword

Yuot A. Alaak, in conversation with **Grant Woodhams**

During the Second Sudanese Civil War, thousands of South Sudanese boys were displaced from their villages or orphaned in attacks from northern government troops. Yuot A. Alaak shares his incredible story of courage and determination.

Sci Fi, Time Travel and the Web

Matilda Scotney, in conversation with **Lorraine Chapman**

From time travel romance to intergalactic slavery and intrigue!

The Great Teen Debate

"Why do adults get to have all the fun?"
brought to you by **Euphorium Creative**

Two debate teams of passionate local young people battle it out and convey their thoughts in a way which commands attention.

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

Finding Arthur Boyd

EXHIBITION TALK

Arthur Boyd: Landscape of the Soul.
A Bundanon Trust touring exhibition.

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Venue: Geraldton Regional
Art Gallery

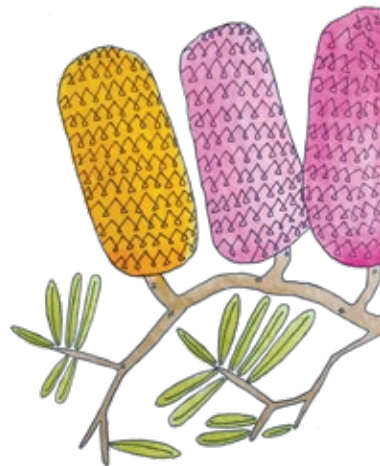
Tickets: FREE event

(Bookings essential. Details pg4)

Ian Hardy with *Creek at Rosebud*
(1937/8) by Arthur Boyd

Meet the painting and hear the
curious tale of its discovery in
2019.

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CONCURRENT SESSION 2

Time: 12pm - 1pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: FREE event *(Bookings essential. Details pg4)*

Writing the Times

Stephen Kinnane and Charmaine Papertalk-Green, in conversation
with **Trudi Cornish**

It is very clear how our life experiences define us. What is the role
that the writer plays in capturing moments in history? Can literature
bring about social change?

Workshop: Wild Words from the Rangelands

Presented by **Amanda Rowland**

Have you got something to say and want to publish your work on
global digital podcasting platforms? Experienced podcaster/writer
Amanda brings you up to scratch with what is required to write,
record and publish a podcast.

The Great Debate: Local All-Stars Edition

brought to you by **Euphorium Creative**

Local writers, comedians and raconteurs go head to head in a
special Geraldton "Local Allstars" edition of The Great Debate.
Come and see your favourite debaters masterfully navigate tricky
topics, utilise cunning wordplay and occasionally forget - which
team they are supposed to be arguing for. 18+.

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

Pop-up Bookshop

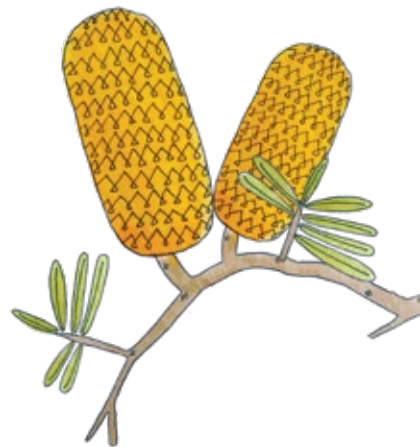
Time: 9am - 4.30pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Featuring books by our Festival guests.

EPTPOS and cash.

Book signing will follow each session.



CHARMAINE
PAPERTALK-GREEN



AMANDA
ROWLAND



MATILDA
SCOTNEY



PENNY
SUTHERLAND

Food for Thought Cafe

Delicious light refreshments, tea and coffee on sale at the Geraldton Universities Centre, Saturday 3 October.



SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

CONCURRENT SESSION 3

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: FREE event

(Bookings essential. Details pg4)

Transformation

Presented by **Mark Simpson**

What happens in our inner world is reflected in the outer. Learn about how the possibilities for significant transformation are not just in our daily lives and personal experience, but also in the collective.

Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: \$35 each

(Bookings essential. Details pg4)

Fundamentally Fun Hand Made Journals

with **Chris Bolton**

Make your own work of literary art. Chris Bolton leads you through step-by-step to create a handmade journal to record your memories.

Guest appearance by **Natasha Lester**

Time: 1.45pm - 2.45pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

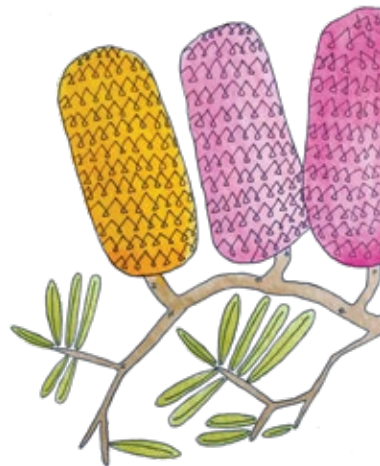
Tickets: FREE event

(Bookings essential. Details pg4)

Home Grown

with **Stephen Kinnane**

Let's hear it for the Locals! Celebrate Geraldton's talent as a selection of local writers showcase their creativity. Brought to you by the Writers of the Coral Coast.



SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

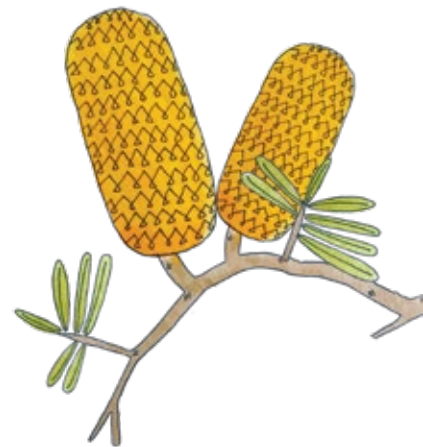
CONCURRENT SESSION 4

Time: 2.45pm - 3.45pm

Venue: Geraldton Universities Centre

Tickets: FREE event

(Bookings essential. Details pg4)



I Didn't Plan to Write a Memoir

Yuot A. Alaak and Jo Jackson King, in conversation with Dr Annabel Smith

Authentic storytelling leads us on a journey of discovery and candid realisation. Yet many people interchangeably use the terms "autobiography" and "memoir." A snapshot session about the crafting of a good story.

Find Your Creative Mojo

Delivered by **Josh Langley** with **Andrew Macleod**

A powerful session that delves deep into the creative process. It's a very much hands on experience for participants and the insights gleaned go way beyond creativity and can be used in life in general.



YUOT A.
ALAAK



JO JACKSON
KING



JOSH
LANGLEY



ANDREW
MACLEOD

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

Mick Stow: Friend and Student

Time: 4pm - 5pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Tickets: FREE event

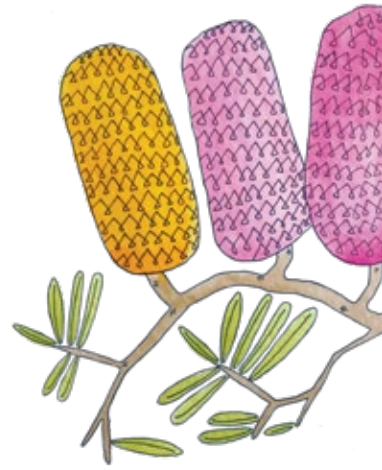
(Bookings essential. Details pg4)

Includes afternoon tea

Ian Hardy - Warden, St. Georges College, UWA
in conversation with **Penny Sutherland**

The conversation will draw on Randolph "Mick" Stow's friendship from 1961 with Penny Sutherland, and his fertile time at St. George's College from 1953 to 1956.

Stow at Sydney University in 1958 [Source: Ted Golding, as published in The Sydney Morning Herald, 25 November 2016].



SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

Poetry on the Green

Time: 7pm - 10pm

Venue: Greenough Museum and Gardens
11 Phillips Road (off the Brand Highway), Greenough

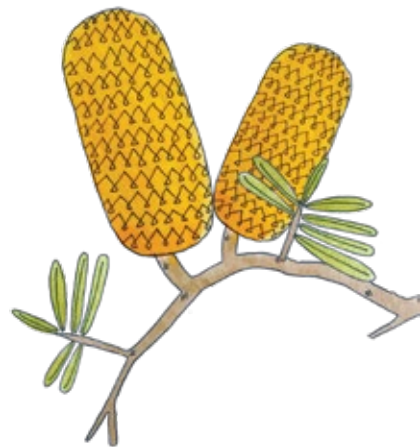
Tickets: \$45 each (*Booking details pg4*)

Includes buffet dinner

Hosted by **Andrew Macleod**

Join us at the historic Greenough Museum and Gardens for a rustic evening of open mic, live music by Cate Jennings and poetry readings with Festival guests **Mark Simpson**, **Charmaine Papertalk-Green** and others.

Bar available (no BYO).



SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Literary Brunch

A DELIGHTFUL GATHERING COMPLETE WITH READINGS, DELICIOUS LIGHT BRUNCH AND INTERACTIVE AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Geraldton Regional Library

Tickets: \$40 each

(Booking details pg4)

Natasha Lester, Jo Jackson King and Matilda Scotney, consider your Book Club Questions with Dr Annabel Smith

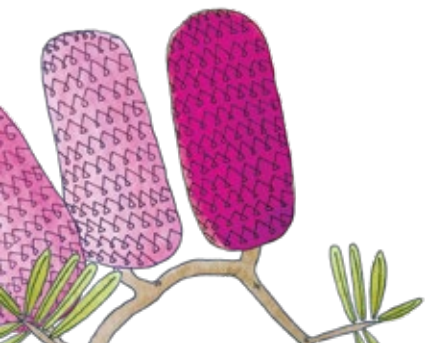
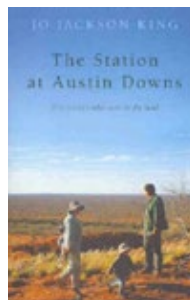
Pose your questions prior or simply come along to enjoy the discussion.

Featuring:

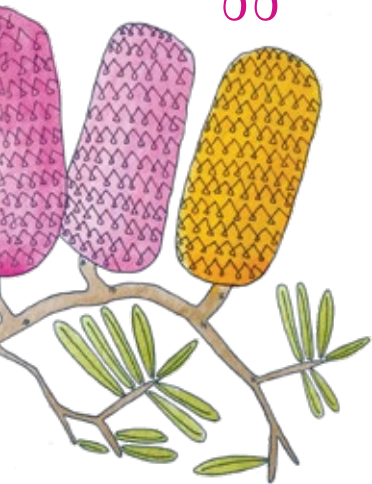
- * *The Paris Secret*, Natasha Lester
- * *The Station at Austin Downs*, Jo Jackson King
- * *The Afterlife of Alice Watkins (Book One)*, Matilda Scotney

Visit the Library website to choose your favourite questions here:

library.cgg.wa.gov.au/events/big-sky-readers-and-writers-festival.aspx



Special Guests



YUOT A.
ALAAK

Yuot A. Alaaq is an emerging Western

Australian writer

whose short story 'The lost girl of Pajamba' was anthologised by Margaret River Press in *Ways of Being Here*. His memoir, *Father of the Lost Boys* (Fremantle Press, 2020) was shortlisted for the 2018 City of Fremantle Hungerford Award. Yuot is a former child refugee from South Sudan. He currently lives in Perth with his family where he works as a mining professional.



IAN
HARDY

Ian Hardy has been the Warden of St George's

College, University of Western Australia since 2012. He is an Indian born Oxford history graduate, who lived in Hong Kong as a boy and adult, and worked internationally as an investment banker before his career in education in Western Australia.



JO JACKSON
KING

Jo won her first writing award for the story of a girl

throwing a shrimp back into the ocean. This preoccupation with the ways people and the natural world connect to and transform each other can still be found in her writing, her eco-agricultural family business and her occupational therapy practice.



ANDREW
MACLEOD

Andrew James Macleod is a poet, creative writer and multi-

award-winning copywriter. He's been published in two non-fiction books, several online journals and was placed highly in two Margies Poetry Slams. Andrew is currently writing a chap book of surrealist poetry while studying at ECU majoring in literature and writing.



CHARMAINE
PAPERTALK
-GREEN

Charmaine was born at Eradu on

Southern Yamaji country and is a member of the Wajarri, Badimaya and Nhanagardi Wilunyu cultural groups of Yamaji Nation in Western Australia. Green is a visual artist, poet and writer and began writing poetry in Mullewa in the late 1970s. In 2020 Charmaine won the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards poetry category, twice shortlisted for the Australian Literature Society Gold Medal (2019, 2020) winning the ALS Gold Medal 2020 for her beautiful poetry collection *Nganajungu Yagu*.



AMANDA
ROWLAND

Amanda trained as a Fine Arts student in Melbourne. She

practised as an artist (sculptor) for over 20 years, moved to Geraldton and turned her skills to publishing in the print media. Living in the Southern Rangelands inspired a podcast series *Wildfood from the Rangelands* that evolved into www.soilandhumanhealth.com



MATILDA
SCOTNEY

Matilda Scotney uses the concept of futuristic or alternate

timeline Time Travel rather than historical in many of her books. She has also written a successful cyberpunk novella. Her first book is a regular on Amazon's bestseller list for Time Travel and Metaphysical fiction.

When she isn't scouring the galaxy for inspiration with her chihuahua companion, Oggie, she can be found collecting teapots and nerding about Star Wars.



STEPHEN
KINNANE

Stephen is a Marda Marda from Mirriwoong country in the East Kimberley. He has been an active writer and researcher for more than 25 years as well as lecturing and working on sustainability, politics and history. Kinnane co-wrote and produced *The Coolbaroo Club* (1996), an ABC TV documentary awarded the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Human Rights Award for the Arts, and collaborated with Lauren Marsh and Alice Nannup on *When the Pelican Laughed* (1992), the story of Mrs Alice Nannup (Fremantle Press).



JOSH
LANGLEY

Josh Langley failed high school twice, but that didn't stop him from becoming a multi award-winning radio copywriter and award-winning children's author. His unconventional and inspirational kid's books have inspired thousands of people around the world. His latest book, *Magnificent Mistakes and Fantastic Failures*, is currently getting rave reviews.



NATASHA
LESTER

Natasha Lester is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Paris Secret* and *The French Photographer*, and a former marketing executive for L'Oreal. When she's not writing, she loves collecting vintage fashion (Dior is a favourite!), practicing the art of fashion illustration, learning about fashion history – and travelling to Paris!



MARK
SIMPSON

Mark Simpson is the author of *Light Up the World* a collection of poetry and prose to inspire new ways of being in ourselves and in the world that are based on compassion, kindness, empowerment and inclusiveness. He is also a yoga and meditation teacher who encourages visionary leadership and transformation.



DR ANNABEL
SMITH

Annabel Smith is the author of interactive digital novel/app *The Ark*, US bestseller *Whisky Charlie Foxtrot*, and *A New Map of the Universe*, which was shortlisted for the WA Premier's Book Awards. She is an Australia Council Creative Australia Fellow, holds a PhD in Writing and teaches for Australian Writers Centre.



PENNY
SUTHERLAND

Penny Sutherland lived in Geraldton from 1940 - 49 and enjoyed a lifetime friendship with Randolph Stow. Penny worked as a journalist from 1961 - 1987 (*The West Australian*, *Scottish Daily Mail*, ABC Perth radio and television). From 1988 - 2013 Penny worked at various arts organisations and as an ethnic trader and is now retired.

2019 BIG SKY

Festival Highlights





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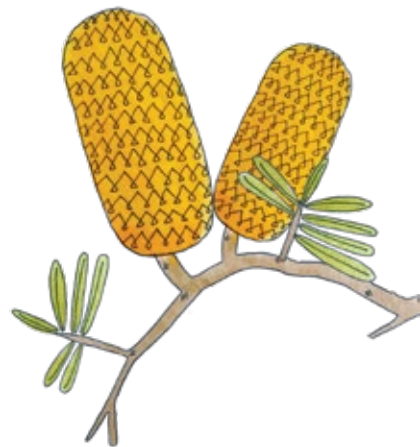
Festival Team 2020

Our special thanks to all our team members who have worked so hard to make this Festival a success!

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Lorin Cox
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Annette Burton
Sharon Sorensen
Hannah Mahoney

Deborah Barnett
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TAKE A FRESH LOOK

Local Attractions

GERALDTON REGIONAL ART GALLERY
YAMAJI ART
MUSEUM OF GERALDTON
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL
MONSIGNOR HAWES INTERPRETIVE CENTRE
HMAS SYDNEY II MEMORIAL
GREENOUGH MUSEUM AND GARDENS
WALKAWAY STATION MUSEUM
LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS COTTAGE

For further details contact:

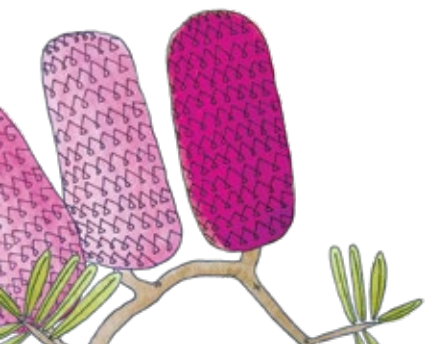
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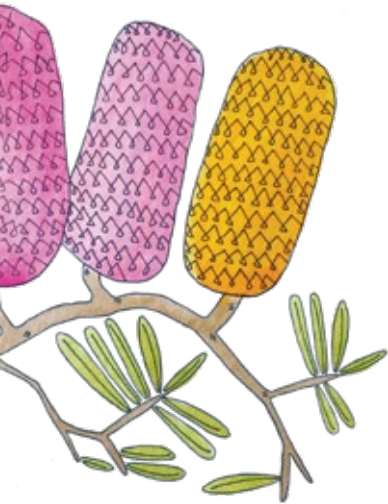
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Festival Venues

- **Geraldton Regional Library,**
37 Marine Terrace, Geraldton
- **Geraldton Universities Centre,**
33 Onslow Street, Geraldton
- **Bundiyarra Aboriginal Corporation,**
Eastward Road, Geraldton
- **Greenough Museum and Gardens,**
11 Phillips Road, Greenough, (off Brand Highway)





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