

Brisbane **Writers Festival**

6—9 Sept 2018



What the world needs now





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The Honourable Leeanne Enoch MP



MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE, AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS Welcome to the 2018 Brisbane Writers Festival, a leading literary event that champions curiosity and creativity and provides a unique opportunity to share and celebrate our Queensland stories.

From 6 to 9 September, the Festival will encourage the exchange of ideas through its theme of 'what the world needs now' and explore the incredible power of storytelling.

It will feature an extraordinary line-up of international authors such as Lauren Weisberger (*The Devil Wears Prada*), Veronica Roth (*Divergent, Insurgent*, and *Allegiant*), A.J. Finn (*The Woman in the Window*), human rights barrister Geoffrey Robertson A.O. Q.C., and South African writer Sisonke Msimang whose work focuses on race, gender and democracy.

They will be joined by a host of Australian authors including Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, Morris Gleitzman, Jared Thomas, Clare Atkins, Alison Goodman, Sarah Epstein, Dr Anita Heiss, Billy Griffiths and Brendan Lawley as well as Queensland literary talents such as

Ashley Hay, Trent Dalton, Melissa Lucashenko, Nick Earls, Richard Fidler and Janet Lee.

Queensland's young readers and creative minds will again find inspiration in the popular schools program Word Play, and Love YA celebrates the characters and authors that make the world of Young Adult Fiction unforgettable.

The Queensland Government is proud to support Brisbane Writers Festival and its role in sharing the beauty of the written word with growing audiences — offering more than 200 events, attracting over 15,000 visitors to the State Library of Queensland, and engaging more than 120 schools from across the state.

I encourage you to participate in the exciting and rich program of Brisbane Writers Festival 2018.

Ann McLean



ACTING CEO BRISBANE WRITERS FESTIVAL What is the future you want to see? How would you go about making that happen?

We all have an idea about 'what the world needs now'. This is something we are all talking about, whether over dinner with family or house mates, with friends at school or work, or online. The idea that we might imagine the future we could create for ourselves is fantastic, and perhaps the inspiration and positivity BWF brings us can make a difference to our every day.

It is encouraging to know there are others who believe in a better future for everyone, and it is great to have an opportunity to hear about other people's ways of making a difference.

All art is a gift to the future audience of the work. That's what is so exciting about being a reader, receiving the gift of the story, one page at a time.

Writers devote their craft, investing great effort in the future by publishing their work. They work with the premise that readers will experience their unique stories, love them, share them, be astounded by them and even disgusted by them. BWF deepens the connections between readers and writers.

As this year's leader at BWF, I have been given a wonderful opportunity to share the curatorial driving with Carl Lindgren, our Guest Artistic Director, and our program team of Ella Peile and Rachel Fry. Brisbane Writers Festival is staffed by a dedicated team, supported by our generous Board with whom we have created a special experience. I am so grateful to work with these warm, talented people.

BWF's team and Board also acknowledge our sponsors and partners and genuinely thank them for their contributions. My special thanks also go out to every donor, volunteer, patron, speaker and interviewer on this amazing program. All your goodwill and support contributes to the future for BWF as a strong, vibrant Festival with more great stories to offer communities all over Brisbane and Queensland.

Tickets

Festival Friends – Sign-up & Support BWF

Full: \$50

Concession: \$45

Embrace everything the Brisbane Writers Festival has to offer by becoming a Festival Friend! There are great benefits on offer including:

- Early bird Festival ticket access
- Discounted Festival tickets
- 20% off click and collect on SLQ bookstore online orders for titles offered alongside ticketing
- Discounted food and beverages during the Festival (6 9 September) and
- A Festival tote bag from BWF to collect on arrival.

Day Passes Available Until Sold Out

Booking fees may apply. Workshops, Special Festival Events, the Marion Taylor Opening Address and BWF Closing Address are not included in the day passes. Day pass holders must redeem their pass to book into specific sessions.

Day Pass

Attend up to 6 sessions in one day.

Full: \$75 Concession: \$72 Festival Friends: \$70

Two Day Pass

Attend up to 12 sessions across two days.

Full: \$149 Concession: \$145 Festival Friends: \$140

Three Day Pass

Attend up to 18 sessions across Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Full: \$199 Concession: \$195 Festival Friends: \$190

Special Events

Special Festival Events, the Marion Taylor Opening Address and BWF Closing Address have limited capacity. Book early.

Full: \$39 Concession: \$37 Festival Friends: \$35

Please note: some sessions may vary in price.

Single Sessions

Concession: \$17 Festival Friends: \$15

Full: \$20

Free Events

Look for free events listed in the program and online.

QWC Workshops

Full: \$90 Concession: \$85 Workshops are three hours' long.

Rush Tickets

BWF Box Office will have rush tickets on sale for just \$12. Ask at Box Office on the day or look for #BWF2018RUSH online.

Terms and Conditions

UPLIT – BWF reserves the right to alter the program and artists, and to cancel sessions where necessary. No refunds or exchanges are possible once bookings are complete and payment received unless the Festival has cancelled the session. Program details are correct at the time of printing. Proof of concession may be required when booking your event. Full Terms and Conditions are available at bwf.org.au.

How to Book

ONLINE

VISIT BWF.ORG.AU

PHONE

Oall **(07) 3255 0254**Mon to Fri 10:00–16:00

IN PERSON

BWF Box Office is open one hour

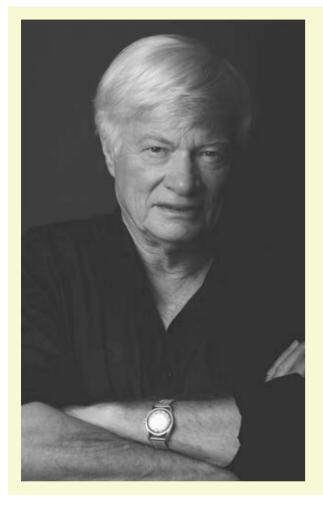
Ticket Holder Discount

Ticket holders spending more than \$35 online at SLQ's Library Shop receive 20% if they order before 3 September. Some titles will be offered in the ticketing process online, with books available for pick-up during the Festival.

Disability Access

BWF Festival precinct and all Council Libraries are wheelchair accessible. Volunteer way finding assistance is available. A quiet room is available for patrons requiring refuge. Auslan sign language interpretation can be arranged with two weeks' notice for specific sessions. 4 BRISBANE WRITERS FESTIVAL BWF.ORG.AU

Special Events



TICKETED / 107

Marion Taylor Opening Address Geoffrey Robertson Q.C.

Geoffrey Robertson Q.C. is a human rights barrister, academic, author and broadcaster. *Rather His Own Man* is his second witty, engrossing and sometimes poignant memoir. Australia's inimitable Geoffrey Robertson charts his progress from pimply state schoolboy to top Old Bailey barrister and thence onwards and upwards to a leading role in the struggle for human rights throughout the world.

\$35-\$39* / Thu 6 Sept / 19:30-20:30 Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Special Events



TICKETED / 103

Dinner with Lauren Weisberger (US)

in conversation with Marie-Louise Theile

Meet Lauren Weisberger, author of the iconic novel *The Devil Wears Prada* as she talks about her new bestseller *When Life Gives you Lululemons*. Enjoy a lavish 3 course banquet with matched wines by the award winning team at Gerard's Bistro.

\$165 (limited capacity) / Wed 5 Sept / 18:30-21:00 Gerard's Bistro, Fortitude Valley

TICKETED / 232

When Life Gives You Lululemons: Lauren Weisberger^(US)

in conversation with Suzi Derbyshire

The Devil Wears Prada story of sassy wit continues in Lauren's new book.

\$35-\$39* / Fri 7 Sept / 19:00-20:00 SLQ AUD1



ICKETED / 102

Irvine Welsh (UK) in conversation with Andrew Stafford

(Trainspotting, Dead Men's Trousers)

The conversation will be followed by a special screening of the 1996 feature film *Trainspotting*, as well as a book signing.

\$35-\$39* / Tue 28 Aug / 19:00-23:00 The Tivoli

Under 18s to be accompanied by a guardian



TICKETED / 355

Detours

 $\label{thm:content} Tim\,Rogers, You\,Am\,I\,frontman, singer, poet, romantic, raconteur\,in\,conversation\,with\,Robert\,Forster$

\$35-\$39* / Sat 8 Sept / 19:30-20:30 The Edge



TICKETED / 353

Welcome to Country: Aboriginal History and Tourism

Prof Marcia Langton in conversation with Assoc Prof Sandra Phillips

\$35-\$39* / Sat 8 Sept / 19:30-20:30 SLQ AUD1



How you can help BWF

What the world needs now is... more ideas, and your donation to help our BWF communities to love reading and writing.

Brisbane Writers Festival needs private support to operate. While the majority of our revenue comes from government funding, industry sponsorships and ticket sales, about 20% of what we raise each year is through the generosity of private donors.

Making a donation is a wonderful way to support key community engagement activities such as Word Play, which inspires more than 7000 children each year, from all over Queensland.

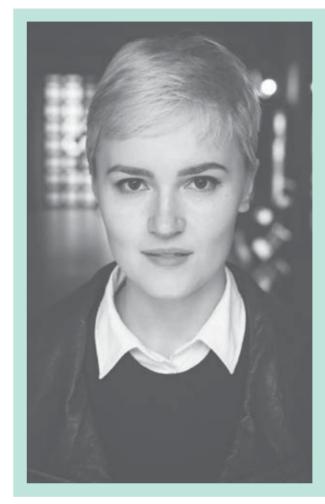
Donate online at bwf.org.au as an addition to your ticket purchase, or at any time throughout the year. All donations of \$2 and more are tax deductible.

Γhank you

We'd like to take this opportunity to send a special thank you to all our donors. Your contribution has built on the quality of the program this year. You have funded writers' fees, grown our Word Play children's program, added staff hours and made our audience research possible.

From the staff and Board of UPLIT - Brisbane Writers Festival, thank you.

Special Events



TICKETED / 104

Dinner with Veronica Roth (US)

in conversation with Marianne de Pierres

Join us for an exquisite experience of hearing from #1 New York Times bestselling author Veronica Roth (*Divergent, Carve The Mark*) and then enjoying a two-course dinner from acclaimed Brisbane chef Josue Lopez with matched wines at the new flagship Emporium Hotel South Bank at Southpoint.

\$135 (limited capacity) / Wed 5 Sept / 18:30-20:30 Emporium Hotel, South Bank

TICKETED / 105

An Evening with Veronica Roth (US)

Cosplay + Live music + Q&A with Kim Wilkins

Join Veronica Roth (*Divergent, Carve The Mark*) and Kim Wilkins (*Sisters of Fire*) for this very special Festival event. Get in the cosplay spirit – come as Tris or Caleb or any of your spec fic faves. Or just come as yourself! Featuring a live performance by Monkey Monkey Shake Shake.

\$35-\$39* / Thu 6 Sep / 18:30-20:30 The Edge

Presented by The University of Queensland



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Closing Address: What the World Needs Now

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

Join legendary Australian science communicator and author Dr Karl Kruszelnicki (*Karl, The Universe and Everything*) as he tackles the theme of BWF 2018 'what the world needs now'.

\$35-\$39* / Sun 9 Sept / 15:45-16:45 SLQ AUD1



Co-presented by Brisbane City Council Libraries, Love YA is a full day of free programming especially for fans of young adult fiction.

Hosted by Rhianna Patrick, with youth curators Hazel Law + Madeline McGregor Join host Rhianna Patrick and a bevy of YA stars as they explore the power of fiction to create and reflect culture and identity, and immerse you in thrilling tales and fantasy worlds. Featuring panels, Q&As and book signings for all YA lovers, no matter your age.



LOVE YA / 601

Crossing Worlds

Jared Thomas + Clare Atkins + Brendan Lawley + Chair: Aimée Lindorff

their cross-cultural narratives and the value of contemporary YA fiction.

Sat 8 Sept / 11:00-12:00 The End Room, Brisbane Square Library



LOVE YA / 60

Crafting Futures

Veronica Roth ^(US) + Cally Black + Chair: Charlotte Nasl

Cally Black to discuss how they reflect on our present through the lens of dark futures.

Sat 8 Sept / 12:45-13:45 The End Room, Brisbane Square Library



LOVE YA / 603

World-Building in Historical Fantasy

Alison Goodman + Chairs: Sylvia Kelly + Blake La Burniy

Alison Goodman, author of *Lady Helen and the Dark Days Club*, shares how she researches and crafts detailed Regency-era settings for her fantasy series.

Sat 8 Sept / 14:30-15:30 The End Room, Brisbane Square Library



OVE YA / 604

Criminal Minds Sarah Epstein +

Sarah Epstein + Chair: Jeann Wong

Sarah Epstein discusses her gripping and creepy YA debut, *Small Spaces*.

Sat 8 Sept / 16:15-17:15 The End Room, Brisbane Square Library

BWF in Your Suburb

Brisbane Writers Festival is heading out to the suburbs again in 2018 to bring your favourite authors to your local library.



Registration is free but bookings are essential via **www.bwf.org.au**.

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FREE / 501

Grantlee Kieza

Award-winning journalist and author of epic biography, *Mrs Kelly: The astonishing life of Ned Kelly's mother.* Chair: Craig Zonca

Thu 6 Sept / 18:00-19:00 Indooroopilly Library

FREE / 502

Nikki Gemmell

International bestselling author and columnist in conversation with Kathleen Noonan, discussing *On Quiet*, about the power of quiet in today's shouty world.

Fri 7 Sept / 18:00-19:00 Chermside Library

FREE / 503

Peter Cochrane

Set against the awe-inspiring immensity of the hinterland west of the Hawkesbury River, The Making of Martin Sparrow is an immersion into another time, a masterpiece of language and atmosphere. Chair: Myles McGuire

Fri 7 Sept / 18:00-19:00 Kenmore Library

FREE / 505

Kelly Doust

Author of *Precious Things* discusses her new historical fiction work set in Edwardian England and the London Blitz, *Dressing the Dearloves*. Chair: Kristina Schulz

Sat 8 Sept / 9:30-10:30 Everton Park Library

FREE / 504

Gabriella Coslovich

Whiteley on Trial investigates a remarkable case of alleged art fraud and exposes the avarice of the art world and the fragility of authenticity. Chair: Courtney Pedersen

Sat 8 Sept / 10:00-11:00 Bulimba Library FREE / 515

Tim Ayliffe

Tim Ayliffe's *The Greater Good* is "an absolute cracker of a thriller" which proves that nothing is more dangerous than a man who can fall no further. Chair: Christina Lee

Sat 8 Sept / 10:30-11:30 Logan North Library

FREE / 506

Manal al-Sharif

Daring to Drive is the story of how Manal al-Sharif became the unexpected leader of the courageous movement that won Saudi women the right to drive.

Chair Jay Ludowyke

Sat 8 Sept / 11:00-12:00 Sunnybank Hills Library

FREE / 508

A.J. Finn (US)

Best-selling American crime writer and chair Kay Saunders discuss *The Woman in the Window*, a smart, sophisticated novel of psychological suspense.

Sat 8 Sept / 13:30-14:30 Holland Park Library

FREE / 509

Sarah Bailev

Riveting suspense, incisive writing and a fascinating cast of characters make *Into The Night* an utterly addictive crime thriller. Chair: Helene Young

Sat 8 Sept / 13:00-14:00 Mitchelton Library

FREE / 516

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

Grab your towel and hitchhike across the galaxy with Australia's most popular scientist Dr Karl Kruszelnicki. Chair: Robyn Williams

Sat 8 Sept / 14:00-15:00 Wynnum Library FREE / 510

Amanda Dunn

The New Puberty uses the latest research to tackle complex questions for parents on how to help young people through this vital stage of life. Chair: Kathleen Noonan

Sat 8 Sept / 14:00-15:00 Mount Ommaney Library

FREE / 511

Dervla McTiernan

The Ruin, international bestseller, is an unsettling small-town noir drawing us deep into the dark heart of Ireland. Chair: Christina Lee

Sat 8 Sept / 15:00-16:00 Ashgrove Library

FREE / 512

Lauren Chater

The Lace Weaver is a breathtaking debut about love and war, and the battle to save a precious legacy.
Chair: Alex Adsett

Sat 8 Sept / 15:00-16:00 Carina Library

FREE / 513

Kate Grenville

Based on careful research, *The Case Against Fragrance* is accessible and personal, and will make you see—and smell—the world differently. Chair: Christina Lee

Sun 9 Sept / 11:00-12:00 Garden City Library

FREE / 514

Adam Courtenay

The Ship That Never Was is the entertaining and rollicking story of what is surely the greatest escape in Australian colonial history. Chair: Kay Saunders

Sun 9 Sept / 14:30-15:30 Carindale Library

Friday 7 Sept Program



Healing: Addressing Men's Mental Health

Osher Günsberg + Joe Williams Samuel Maguire + Chair: David Burton

Uniquely familiar stories of three extraordinary men who

16:00-17:00



Expo 88: We'll Show The World

Jackie Ryan in conversation with Melissa Fagan

How Brisbane came of age. 30 years on, explore the controversies, characters and legacy

10:00-11:00 **QAG** Theatre



Antony Funnell + Prof Ross



Satire in Political

Commentary

War Stories: Best We Forget / ANZAC Sniper

Peter Cochrane + Roland Perry + Chair: Ursula Cleary

A fascinating WW1 story and the biography of Stan Savige of WW1 and WW2.

11:30-12:30 **GOMA Cinema B**



FRFF / 205

A Hundred Small Lessons

Ashley Hay in conversation with Kristina Olsson

A beautiful story of home and belonging.

11:30-12:30 SLQ Queensland Terrace



On Writing: **Writing Culture** for Young People

Sue McPherson + Jared Thomas

people to identify with pride, show respect and understanding.

13:00-14:00 **GOMA Cinema B**



Armageddon / **Atomic Thunder**

Tynan + Chair: Emma Griffiths

assessment of the threat posed by nuclear weapons in the 21st century; and the Maralinga story.

13:00-14:00 **SLQ AUD2**



FREE / 209

Sisonke Msimang +

Katherena Vermette (CA) A discussion about how we view our world and the future we want

SLQ Gallery



End of Epidemics / Anaesthesia

Paul Barclay

involved in 'going under'.

14:30-15:30 SLQ AUD1

Presented by Griffith University



Ecology in Your Backyard

Darryl Jones + Helen Jukes (UK + Chair: Emma Griffiths

Bird at My Table / A Honeybee Heart Has Five Openings. Bird feeders + bee keeping.

14:30-15:30 SLQ AUD2



The Rapids / Waiting for Elijah

Sam Twyford-Moore + Kate Wild + Chair: Lisa Kunde

Twyford-Moore & Wild discuss mental illness in a digital and a regional Australian landscape.

14:30-15:30 GOMA Cinema B



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The Responsibilities We Hold for the Future

David Neiwert (US) + David McKnight + Chair: Prof James Taylor Carson

Alt-America / Populism Now!

14:30-15:30 The Edge Theatre

Presented by Griffith University

Ann-Marie Priest + Melissa Ashley + Chair: Margaret

14:30-15:30 GOMA Cinema A

Writing as

Henderson

Women's Work

Presented by The University of Queensland

A Free Flame / The Birdman's Wife.



FREE / 216

First Things First

Melissa Lucashenko + Prof Marcia Langton + Prof Ciaran O'Faircheallaigh + Chair: Assoc Prof Sandra Phillips

Australia's First Nations peoples speaking about current issues.

14:30-15:30 Festival Hub, Maiwar Green

Presented by Griffith Review



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Wintering

Krissy Kneen in conversation with Fiona Stager

A disappearance set in the Tasmanian wilderness

14:30-15:15 **QAG** Theatre



Before I Let You Go / Lovesome

Kelly Rimmer + Sally Seltmann + Chair: Bec Mac

Stories of loss, longing and love. 15:30-16:30

QAG Theatre



Incorrigible Optimist

Gareth Evans in conversation with Peter Greste

Sometimes moving, often entertaining, and always lucid memoir looking back over the highs and lows of Evans' public life.

15:45-16:45 **GOMA Cinema B**

Presented by The University of Queensland



The Woman in the Window

A.J. Finn (US) in conversation with Kay Saunders

Noir fiction that would make Hitchcock proud. Number 1 NY Times Bestseller. Gripping thriller.

16:00-17:00 SLQ AUD1



Australian Histories Discovered

Billy Griffiths + Henry Reynolds + Patrick Nunn + Chair: Maurice Serico

Deep Time Dreaming / The Black Arm Band / The Edge of Memory

16:00-17:00 **SLQ Queensland Terrace**



Always Another Country / The Break

Sisonke Msimang + Katherena Vermette (CA) + Chair: Melissa Lucashenko

Stories of exile and home; giving a voice to previously unheard stories.

16:00-17:00 SLQ AUD2

Presented by The University of Queensland



What Will Be Worn

Melissa Fagan in conversation with Zenobia Frost

Brilliantly researched McWhirters building and family story.

16:00-17:00 **GOMA Cinema A**

Presented by The University of Queensland



Books that empower young



Dr Helen Caldicott + Elizabeth

A frightening but necessary

Hope and Community

to create for our communities.

Dr Jonathan D Quick (US) + Kate Cole-Adams + Chair:

Hope for the future and the ethics



On Writing: **Eggshell Skull**

Bri Lee with editor Kate Goldsworthy and publisher Jane Palfreyman

Making a book the best it can be.

16:00-17:00 Festival Hub, Maiwar Green



The Trauma Cleaner

Sarah Krasnostein in conversation with Paul Barclay

Truth is stranger than fiction. A phenomenal biographical account.

17:30-18:30 SLQ AUD1



Choose Somebody Else

Yvonne Fein in conversation with Krissy Kneen

Yiddish storytelling in style and tone. Big and banal; thought provoking discussion of life's questions.

17:30-18:30 SLQ Queensland Terrace



Balancing Acts: Women in Sport

Holly Isemonger + Erin Stewart + Chair: Liam Ferney

Championing the voices of women in a male-dominated arena.

17:30-18:30 SLQ AUD2



Sunburnt Country: The History & Future of Climate Change

Dr Joëlle Gergis in conversation with Dr Helen Caldicott

Piecing together Australia's climate history for the first time.

Festival Hub, Maiwar Green



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Book Launch: The Edge of Memory

Patrick Nunn in conversation with Suzy Wilson

The geology of folk tales and climate change

18:00-18:45 Red Box



SPECIAL EVENT / 232

When Life Gives You Lululemons

Lauren Weisberger (US) in conversation with Suzi Derbyshire

Following The Devil Wears Prada, a dazzling look into a sexy, over-the-top world, where nothing is as it appears.

19:00-20:00 SLQ AUD1



FREE / 233

Rabbit Journal: Sport Edition Launch

Jessica Wilkinson

RABBIT intends to celebrate the potential for poetry to explore and interrogate the boundaries of nonfiction writing

19:00-19:45 Festival Hub. Maiwar Green



Ode to the Ocean: RISINGTIDEFALLINGSTAR In Search of the Soul of the Sea

Philip Hoare (UK) + Chair TBC

RISINGTIDEFALLINGSTAR has passages of beautiful nature and travel writing, lyrical memoir, seams of American and English history, and much more. Unmissable creative non-fiction.

17:30-18:30 The Edge Theatre

Presented by The University of Queensland

Saturday 8 Sept Program



All Things Futuristic Tim Dunlop + Ellen Broad Angela Meyer + Chair: Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

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as we know it. The future of democracy; artificial intelligence, imagination and ethics in this new world.

9:30-10:30 **SLQ Queensland Terrace**



Nurturing Difference, **Advocating Change Through Stories**

Katherena Vermette (CA) + Shireen Morris + Zova Patel + Chair: Jonathan Sri

Advocates with important, familiar and relevant stories to share

9:30-10:30 **SLQ AUD1**



Irish Crime and **Australian Crime**

Dervla McTiernan + Janet Lee + Chair: Kay Saunders

The Ruin / The Killing of Louisa. Secrets of the past exposed through crimes of the present. Chilling true crime

9:30-10:30 **SLQ AUD2**



The Book of Colours

Robyn Cadwallader in conversation with Alison Goodman

Creativity and power in the story of a medieval manuscript.

9:30-10:30 The Edge Theatre Presented by The University of Queensland



Love & Friendship

Bridie Jabour + Sally Piper + Helen Jukes (UK) + Chair: Alex Adsett

The Way Things Should Be / Geography of Friendship / A Honeybee Heart Has Five Openings.

9:30-10:30 Festival Hub, Maiwar Green



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New Wave Vision

Hayden Cox in conversation with Phil Brown

Award winning designer and entrepreneur who successfully turned his childhood passion surfing, and business into a best-selling international brand

10:00-10:45 **GOMA Cinema A**



Cardinal: The Rise and Fall of George Pell

Louise Milligan in conversation with Bryce Corbett

The most recognisable face of the Australian Catholic Church He was the Ballarat boy who studied at Oxford and rose through the ranks to become the Vatican's indispensable 'Treasurer'

10:00-10:45 **GOMA Cinema B**



Magical New Fiction: Nagaland / Trick of the Light

Ben Doherty + Laura Elvery + Chair: Nick Earls

A forgotten people living in the far north-east of India, struggling to survive in the modern world / The fears and fantasies of everyday people searching for meaning.

10:00-10:45 **QAG** Theatre



Pompey Elliott at War Ross McMullin in conversation

with Ursula Cleary

WW1 soldier's letters reveal a story of our society. Carefully researched and shared through performance and discussion, Pompey Elliott, an accomplished tactician and 'the bravest of the brave.

10:30-11:30 **Heritage Collections Learning Room**



The Lace Weaver

Lauren Chater in conversation with Alex Adsett

1941, Estonia. As Stalin's brutal Red Army crushes everything in its path, Katarina and her family survive only because their precious farm produce is needed.

11:00-11:45 **SLQ AUD1**

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Saturday 8 Sept Program



Overlander

Rupert Guinness in conversation with Roland Perry

Guinness set out on the trip of a lifetime: to race across Australia in the inaugural Indian Pacific Wheel Race. A story involving strength, tragedy and the human spirit.

11:00-11:45 **SLQ Queensland Terrace**



When Galaxies Collide

Dr Lisa Harvey-Smith in conversation with Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

Consider and discuss the far future questions about our place in the galaxy

11:00-11:45 The Edge Theatre



On Quiet / Happy **Never After**

Nikki Gemmell + Jill Stark + Chair: Leanne de Souza

On the power of quiet in today's shouty world. Stark discusses having everything, and why she wasn't as happy as expected.

11:00-11:45 Festival Hub. Maiwar Green



FREE / 318

Children's Session: Storytelling for Under 7s

Alison Lester

For under 7s. Join Children's Laureate, Alison Lester, for a storytelling session.

11:00-11:45 **SLQ Gallery**



12:15-13:15 The Edge Theatre

and ethnic and class conflict.



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The Adani Show

by Backbone Youth Arts

About environmental issues this generation will face as they grow older Includes music performance video work, and even trivia. Three 10-12 year olds who have collaborated with artists under 30.

12:20-12:45 Festival Hub, Maiwar Green



Dressing the **Dearloves**

Kelly Doust in conversation with Melissa Fagan

Moving from Edwardian England to the London Blitz to present day London. The corrosiveness of family secrets and the seductive power of dressing up.

12:15-13:15 **SLQ AUD2**

Presented by The University of Queensland

Coal: Adani Stories

Lindsay Simpson + Quentin

Beresford + Chair: Ben Smee

Deeply researched content from

experts, investigating one of the

most controversial government-

contemporary Australian history

business partnerships in

SLQ Queensland Terrace



Teachers

Gabrielle Stroud in conversation with Prof Judith McLean

A powerful and moving memoir about how the current system is letting down children and parents and breaking dedicated teachers.

11:00-11:45 **GOMA Cinema A**



Too Much Lip

Melissa Lucashenko in conversation with Bec Mac

A dark and funny new novel from the multi-award-winning author of Mullumbimby.

11:00-11:45 **SLQ AUD2**



On Writing: From **Personal Passions** and Experiences

A.J. Finn (US) + Trent Dalton + Chair: Helene Young

True life informs powerful writing.

11:10-12:00 **GOMA Cinema B**



FREE / 311

War Time Letters

State Library Archives Session (following Pompey Elliott at War).

Hear the archivist's stories about these unique original documents.

11:30-12:00 White Gloves Room



The Juliet Code / The Love That I Have

Christine Wells + James Moloney + Chair: Vicki Bennett

A post-war story packed full of spies, love, betraval and secrets. And a powerful and heartbreaking story set during WW2.

13:00-14:00 **QAG** Theatre



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Who We Are

David Peetz + Maria Tumarkin + Chair: Peter Mares

Australia's changing reality. Big issues of belonging, citizenship, participation, and how contemporary Australia might evolve.

13:00-14:00 Festival Hub, Maiwar Green Presented by Griffith Review



Daring to Drive

Manal al-Sharif in conversation with Prof Brydie-Leigh Bartleet

A memoir of life in Saudi Arabia, being arrested for driving and her campaign for women's rights to drive.

13:45-14:45 The Edge Theatre

Presented by Griffith University

Readings of the Microfiction

needs now'. The best of the entries for 2018.

SLQ Gallery



13:45-14:45

Martin Sharp: His Life and Times

with Phil Brown

The Australian artist who created vibrant Pop art-influenced album covers that helped to define the look of the psychedelic 1960s.

QAG Theatre



Saga Land

Richard Fidler + Kári Gíslason

From two good friends who share a passion for the sagas of Iceland. Filled with the rough and tumble of the Middle Ages - blood feuds, fearless women, murder - the sagas are amongst our greatest stories.

11:30-12:30 **QAG** Theatre



Women in Public Life

Kate Grenville + Katherena Vermette (CA) + Chair: Susan Harris Rimmer

What women have to say and how empowerment comes from so many sources.

12:15-13:15 SLQ AUD1

Presented by Griffith University



Young People These Days

Jessica Watson + Nicole Gibson + Samuel Maguire + Jay Carmichael + Chair: Claire Christian

Discussing their outlooks on life, challenges and what the future holds.

12:15-13:15 **SLQ Queensland Terrace**



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Black Arm Band

Henry Reynolds in conversation with Stephen Mam

On the history wars, Revnolds' work has focused on the frontier conflict between European settlers in Australia and Indigenous Australians.

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Price of Life / The Greater Good

Nigel Brennan + Tim Ayliffe + Chair: Bec Mac

Bundaberg photojournalist Nigel Brennan's true tale of kidnapping and ransom in Somalia, and Ayliffe's battered war correspondent John Bailey is haunted by nightmares of being kidnapped in Iraq.

13:45-14:45 **SLQ AUD2**



Children's Literature with the Laureates

Morris Gleitzman + Alison Lester + Chair: Megan Daley

How children's literature can change the way a child sees their world. The contribution writers make to children's lives.

13:45-14:45 SLQ AUD1



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Competition Winners

200 words on 'what the world

14:15-15:00

Presented by The University of Queensland



Joyce Morgan in conversation

14:30-15:30

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The Power of Hope / **Asylum by Boat**

Kon Karapanagiotidis + Claire Higgins + Chair: Nance Haxton

A powerful and inspiring personal and political discussion about refugees.

15:15-16:15 **SLQ AUD1**



Common People

Tony Birch + Chair: TBC

This is the good and the bad-short stories of the common people. An unforgettable collection.

15:15-16:00 **SLQ Queensland Terrace**



Alt-America

David Neiwert (US) in conversation with Paul Barclay

The story of the remarkable resurgence of right-wing extremists in the United States.

15:15-16:00 SLQ AUD2

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The Other Wife

Michael Robotham in conversation with Jackie Ryan

Childhood sweethearts have been married for sixty years. When something goes wrong, the reality of their family life unravels.

15:15-16:00 The Edge Theatre



Rebel with a Cause

Jacqui Lambie in conversation with Peter Greste

Real and sometimes raw. Jacqui handles it with humour. honesty and dignity.

17:30-18:30 Festival Hub, Maiwar Green Presented by The University of Queensland

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Sofie Laguna in conversation with Susan Wyndham

A compassionate and claustrophobic vision of a child in danger and a society in deep trouble, navigating a world of male power, guns and violence.

18:00-19:00 SLQ AUD1



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Sea Worshippers

Philip Hoare (UK) + Micheline Jenner + Chair: Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

Sharing a sense of urgency and passion for marine realms, expressed through creative non-fiction and adventures in marine biology

18:00-19:00 SLQ AUD2



Into the Night / The Woman in the Window

Sarah Bailey + A.J. Finn (US) + Chair: Helene Young

New crime talents from Melbourne to New York City. A.J. Finn's #1 best selling novel and Bailey's razorsharp writing. Thrilling suspense.

18:00-19:00 The Edge Theatre



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A Long Way from No Go / Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia

Dr Tjanara Goreng Goreng + Dr Anita Heiss + Chair: Stephen Mam

Navigating the treacherous waters of childhood; and showcasing many diverse voices and experiences.

15:15-16:00 kuril dhagun



Whiteley on Trial

Gabriella Coslovich in conversation with Philip Bacon

The biggest case of alleged art fraud in Australian history, a \$4.5 million sting drawing by one of the country's most gifted and ultimately tragic artists? True crime in the art world.

16:00-17:00 **QAG** Theatre



Prime Minister's **Literary Awards Panel**

Liam Ferney + Eileen Chong + Chair: Zenobia Frost

From headwaters, cityscapes to online communities, three poets imagine our world anew

16:00-17:00 Festival Hub, Maiwar Green



The Long Drop / In the **Garden of Fugitives**

Denise Mina (UK) + Ceridwen Dovey + Chair: Paul Mazerolle

True Scottish crime; and intense fiction involving the obscure workings of guilt in the human psyche.

16:30-17:30 SLQ AUD2

Presented by Griffith University



The Future of Everything

Tim Dunlop in conversation with Dr Jonathan D Quick (US)

From the author of Why the Future is Workless. Dunlop discusses all things future.

18:00-19:00 **SLQ Queensland Terrace**



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No Place Like Home: Repairing Australia's **Housing Crisis**

Peter Mares + Special guest David Cant

Everyone has an opinion and the solutions are never as simple as they sound.

19:15-20:00 Festival Hub. Maiwar Green



Welcome to Country: **Aboriginal History & Tourism**

Prof Marcia Langton in conversation with Assoc Prof Sandra Phillips

A travel guide introducing Aborigina and Torres Strait Islander people, culture and places of interest.

19:30-20:30 SLQ AUD1





Australian Heist James Phelps in

conversation with Cathy McLennan

True historical crime. In 1862 a gang of bushrangers pulled off the largest gold robbery in Australia's history.

19:30-20:30 SLQ AUD2



Flames

Robbie Arnott in conversation with Krissy Kneen

Opening with a moment of transformation: 'Our mother returned to us two days after we spread her ashes over Notlev Fern Gorge,' Arnott explores the overwhelming nature of grief with a magical twist.

16:30-17:30 **Heritage Collections Learning Room**



The Case Against Fragrance / Anaesthesia

Kate Grenville + Kate Cole-Adams + Chair: Scott Stephens

What's in fragrance? What does it do to people? Grenville investigated. And how does the unconscious mind deal with the body's experience of going under?

16:30-17:30 **SLQ Queensland Terrace**



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Treaty

Prof Marcia Langton + Stephen Mam + Chair: Assoc Prof Sandra Phillips

An exploration of where we have come to and where Australia can progress to together.

16:30-17:30 The Edge



Headstrong **Daughters**

Nadia Jamal in conversation with Kelly Higgins-Devine

Jamal takes us inside the lives of ordinary Muslim women from around Australia, showing how they find ways to stay true to their faith, and to themselves as well.

16:30-17:30 SLQ AUD1



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Detours

Tim Rogers in conversation with Robert Forster

A charming, honest, funny, sad, tender and beautiful literary memoir, from Tim Rogers of You Am I. Think Patti Smith meets Dylan Thomas, by way of Banjo Paterson.

19:30-20:30 The Edge Theatre



Beautiful Revolutionary Laura Elizabeth Woollett in conversation with Claire Ashman

In the summer of 1968, Evelyn Lynden is a woman at war with

10:00-11:00 SLQ AUD1



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Children's Session: Storytelling for **Under 7s**

Mem Fox

For under 7s. Join Mem Fox for a storytelling session.

10:00-10:45 **SLQ Gallery**



Funny Stories

Katherine Collette + Wil Patterson + Chair: Aimée Lindorff

The Helpline / Mr Ordinary Goes to Jail. Community conflicts in a nursing home and true crime from within prison.

10:00-11:00 GOMA Cinema B



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The Dark and the **Light: Poets Session**

Zenobia Frost + Rebecca Jessen + Shastra Deo

Original, diverse voices from Brisbane's poetry community. sharing their insights.

10:00-11:00 **SLQ Queensland Terrace**



Community, Gender and Identity

Nevo Zisin + Jay Carmichael + Krissy Kneen + Chair: Laura Roberts

Finding Nevo / Ironbark

10:00-11:00 The Edge Theatre



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Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia

Dr Anita Heiss in conversation with Marnee Shay

What is it like to grow up Aboriginal in Australia? Showcasing many diverse voices, experiences and stories.

10:00-11:00 kuril dhagun

Presented by The University of Queensland



Book Ninjas

Michelle Kalus + Ali Berg + Chair: Kristina Schulz

A charming, offbeat story about love and books, and how Frankie shakes things up by embarking on the ultimate love experiment in the search for a relationship. For lovers of The Rosie Project.

10:00-11:00 Festival Hub, Maiwar Green



On Writing: Crafting a **Photo Essay**

David Kelly (photographer) + Benjamin Allmon (journalist)

The Saltwater People. Three days, two canoes, one unforgettable adventure. The journey of the Saltwater people of the Gold Coast and creating a special photo essay.

10:00-10:45 **SLQ AUD2**



Outspoken

Fr Rod Bower in conversation with Susan Forde

Anglican priest Rod Bower from Gosford parish church sparked a social media revolution on Facebook

10:00-10:45 GOMA Cinema A



Waiting for Elijah

Kate Wild in conversation with Bri Lee

Wild asks why in the NSW country town of Armidale, a mentally ill young man is shot dead by a police officer.

10:00-10:45 **QAG** Theatre



Finn's Feather

Rachel Noble in conversation with Ashlev Hav

A story about resilience and memory-about a child, his brother, and a friend who meets him where he is. The grief of losing a sibling, in a children's book. A session for all.

11:00-11:45, Heritage Collections **Learning Room**



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On Writing: **Contemporary Fiction**

Sofie Laguna + Michelle de Kretser + Chair: Susan Wyndham

Two of Australia's leading literary contributors discuss writing.

11:00-11:50 **GOMA Cinema A**



Love Out Loud Nicole Gibson

Self-awareness for all generations - designed to help you make tangible the illusive feeling of love, and to help you create your own road map to get you back home. #LOL

11:00-11:50 **SLQ Gallery**



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Book Launch: A Long Way from No Go

Dr Tjanara Goreng Goreng in conversation with Karyn Walsh

A memoir of an amazing Aboriginal woman with grit and talent.

11:15-12:00 **GOMA Cinema B**



Second Sight / The Long Drop

Aoife Clifford + Denise Mina (UK) + Chair: Ben Hobson

Crime and secrets in an Australian town alongside 1950's Glasgow. Every good crime story has a beginning.

11:30-12:15 SLQ AUD1



Mrs Kelly

Grantlee Kieza in conversation with Alison Goodman

Through the life of Ned's mother, the making of Australia from struggling backwater to modern nation.

11:30-12:15 SLQ AUD2



Growing Up

Amanda Dunn + Madonna King + Nevo Zisin + Chair: Susan Johnson

Growing up, raising teens, becoming who you truly are. A deeper look at identity.

11:30-12:15 The Edge Theatre



The Making of Martin Sparrow / The Ship **That Never Was**

Peter Cochrane + Adam Courtenay + Chair: Anna Johnston

Convict stories of survival.

11:30-12:30 SLQ Queensland Terrace

Presented by The University of Queensland



Non-Fiction & Fiction:

Maria Tumarkin + Justin

Interrogating conventional wisdom about the role of the past in shaping the present. And an incredibly powerful memoir about love, family,

11:30-12:15 **QAG** Theatre



Balancing Threads of Past & Present

Heazlewood + Chair: **David Burton**

mental illness and growing up.

False Claims of Colonial Thieves

Charmaine Papertalk-Green + John Kinsella (on screen) + Chair: Dr Tjanara Goreng Goreng

Kinsella and Papertalk-Green articulate a political poetry that responds to land occupation, resource exploitation and historical wrongdoing. They are moral voices fighting against power and privilege.

13:00-14:00 **SLQ AUD2**



The Apology

Ross Watkins in conversation with Laura Elizabeth Woollett

Adrian Pomeroy teaches English at a boys' school. He finds himself at the centre of an allegation that might end his career.

11:40-12:30 Festival Hub, Maiwar Green



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Journaling for **Better Writing**

Facilitator: Vicki Bennett

An opportunity for self-reflection and visualization. Take a break from your busy life and reflect.

12:45-13:30 SLQ AUD1



Refugee Stories

Mem Fox + Imtiaz Ali + Kagi Kowa + Lili Sanchez + Chair: Kon Karapanagiotidis

The panel discusses the importance of sharing diverse stories.

12:45-13:30 **QAG** Theatre

Presented in partnership with guests of Multicultural Development Australia



On Mother CANCELLED

Sarah Ferguson in conversation with Leanne de Souza

Sarah Ferguson's homage to her mother. A mother's love over decades and across continents The sudden death and the

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individual revealed.



Philosophers Circle

Dr Helen Caldicott + Laura Roberts + Chair: Julienne van Loon

Public participation welcome in this discussion of contemporary philosophy.

14:30-15:30 SLQ Queensland Terrace



The Yellow House / Saltwater

Emily O'Grady + Cathy McLennan + Chair: Susan Johnson

Powerful stories from regional Queensland. Loyalty, betrayal and redemption.

14:30-15:30 SLQ AUD2



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Ellen Broad + Angela Meyer + Chair: Elizabeth Stephens

Explore our role and responsibilities in automation.

14:30-15:30 The Edge Theatre

Presented by The University of Queensland



Off the Record

Craig Sherborne in conversation with Ashley Hay

A satirical novel that stylishly skewers tabloid journalism and male vanity.

14:30-15:15 **QAG** Theatre



The Valley

Steve Hawke in conversation with Tony Birch

A murder in the remote bush in 1916 sparks a chain of events that will haunt a family for generations.

14:30-15:15 Festival Hub, Maiwar Green



Danger Music

Eddie Ayres in conversation with Stephanie Grenning

An extraordinary year teaching music in Afghanistan.

15:45-16:45 **QAG** Theatre

Presented by The University of Queensland



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Kristina Olsson in conversation with Matt Condon

The building of Sydney Opera House in the time of conscription for the Vietnam War

15:45-16:45 SLQ Queensland Terrace



William Robinson: A New Perspective

Nick Earls + William Robinson + Chair: Ashley Hay

Earls and Robinson share a dry wit that is distinctly Australian. Their stories are imbued with a strong sense of place.

15:45-16:45 The Edge Theatre



Boy Swallows Universe

Trent Dalton in conversation with Matt Condon

Trent Dalton bends his own horrific story of a chaotic youth in the heroin-drenched suburbs that Brisbane forgot into a bright and brilliant phantasmagoria.

13:00-14:00 The Edge



Turmoil

Robyn Williams in conversation with Tamara Davis

Williams, Presenter of The Science Show on ABC Radio, reveals a searingly honest and often blackly funny reflection on his life, friends. the people he loves and loathes.

13:00-14:00

SLQ Queensland Terrace Presented by The University of Queensland



The Tattooist of Auschwitz

Heather Morris in conversation with Angela Meyer

Three years at Auschwitz and the passion two people shared amid the brutality. True historical

13:00-14:00 Festival Hub, Maiwar Green



The Museum of Modern Love

Heather Rose in conversation with Lauren Chater

Rose's reimagining of Abramović's 2010 performance of The Artist is Present, in which the artist sat in silence at the Museum of Modern Art in New York every day for three months.

14:30-15:30 SLQ AUD1



Parting Words / The Secrets at Ocean's Edge

Cass Moriarty + Kali Napier + Chair: Ben Hobson

An absorbing tale of family secrets, lies, betrayal and sacrifice with authenticity from painstaking research. Moriarty asks: how well do we really know our parents?

15:45-16:45 SLQ AUD2



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Closing Address: What the World **Needs Now** Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

Join legendary Australian science communicator and author Dr Karl Kruszelnicki (Karl, The Universe and Everything) as he tackles the theme of BWF 2018 'what the world needs now

15:45-16:45 SLQ AUD1



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Access to the collection with a curator, including the fashion archives, war time letters and more. Additional activities in the library, including the automated robotic scanner.

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and guests Nevo Zisin and Fr Rod Bower.

Finding Your Voice Contemporary activism with Laura Roberts

Sat 8 Sept / 18:00-19:00 Red Box

WORKSHOP / 430

Philosophers Circle

SLO Queensland Terrace

Philosophy for modern day with Julienne van Loon and guests Dr Helen Caldicott and Laura Roberts. Sun 9 Sept / 14:30-15:30

FOR WRITERS

20 pages in 20 minutes

Have your manuscript read by an editor, literary agent or publisher. If you have a manuscript ready for a publisher and you want advice on it, you can submit the first 20 pages of it. Selected submissions receive feedback in a face-to-face 20-minute consultation with a publishing

Places are strictly limited. Available by application only. Visit bwf.org.au to apply.

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Level 2. State Library of Queensland.

In-Depth Workshops hosted by QWC

WORKSHOP / 401

Writing Poetry Anthony Lawrence

Fri 7 Sept / 10:30-13:30 **Queensland Writers Centre**

WORKSHOP / 210 **How To Write Your Book**

Bridie Jabour

Fri 7 Sept / 14:30-17:30 **Queensland Writers Centre**

and Get Published

WORKSHOP / 309

Sat 8 Sept / 10:30-13:30

Queensland Writers Centre

Writing Short Stories Tony Birch

WORKSHOP / 443

Imagination - Turning Your Ideas into Stories Heather Rose

Sun 9 Sept / 10:00-13:00

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WORKSHOP / 334

Writing Biography Roland Perry

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WORKSHOP / 442

Writing Creative Non-Fiction Philip Hoare (UK)

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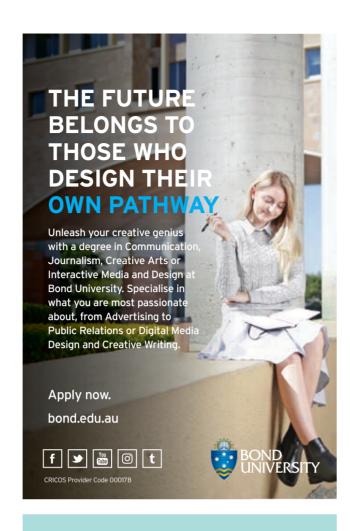
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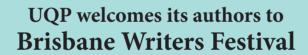
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