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WHAT'S ON



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



CREATIVE COLLECTIVE MEMORY ARTS

PAINTING & CREATING A SHARED MEMORY MAP OF COVID-19

with Victoria Downey

Friday 7 January, 10:00am-3:00pm

Bellarine Community Health/headspace Ocean Grove

Join Vic Downey as she guides you to record a memory of your experience of COVID-19 on a shared canvas resulting in a visual map that connects each member of the group. Ages 13-18 years.



CREATIVE CANVASES

with Jacklyn Foster

Friday 21 January, 2:00pm-5:00pm

fOrT Youth Centre

Learn from award-winning, intuitive, mixed media abstract artist Jacklyn Foster who will help you create your own individual piece of art, guided by your own intuition and creativity. Ages 12-25 years.



COLOURING IN POSTER

with Lara Davies

Thursday 27 January, 10:00am-4:00pm

Deans Marsh SPARK!

Explore your '5kms', the visual world around you. The plants, buildings and objects from home that filled your world during lockdown. Draw and paint your own colouring in poster with artist Lara Davies.



In these workshops, local artists will lead participants through a creative process to capture their lived experience of COVID-19. More info: www.grlc.vic.gov.au/creative-collective-memory-arts-ccma



REMIX, RETHINK MIXED MEDIA

with Samantha Thompson

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Saturday 29 January, 10:00am-2:00pm
Meredith Community Centre

With a focus on community spirit and resilience, professional multidisciplinary contemporary artist Samantha Thompson will teach a variety of mixed media techniques from new and recycled elements.

RANDOM WEAVING

with Caroline Hawkins

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Saturday 19 February, 10:00am-3:00pm
Anglesea Art House

Fibre artist Caroline Hawkins will lead a session on a weaving technique known as “random weave”. Creative expression evolves as the individual pieces take shape and create order out of chaos.

AFTER THE BEFORE TIMES: A DANCE EXPLORATION OF LOCKDOWN

with Xavier McGettigan

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Saturday 26 February, 12noon-4:00pm
Queenscliff Townhall

Xavier McGettigan is a freelance choreographer and dancer. Xavier will take you through a choreographic and improvisation process where you will explore and express your individual COVID-19 experience.



READING, BOOK CLUBS & WRITING GROUPS

BOOK CHAT

Tuesday 22 February, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Waurm Ponds Library



Come along and enjoy a conversation about the books you have been reading, hear recommendations and meet other readers.

EXPLORE GOTHIC FICTION

Wednesday 9 February, 2:30pm-3:30pm
Belmont Library



Eerie mansions, terrifying secrets, supernatural terrors, dark romance... if these are the kinds of elements you love in a story, then come along and explore the world of Gothic Fiction with us!

HEALTH & WELLBEING

OPEN TABLE ZERO FOOD WASTE COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Wednesday 9 February, 7:30pm-8:30pm
Online event



Open Table's No Waste Cook Club is an interactive cooking experience to help people reduce their food waste at home.



Explore more events:
www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOLIDAY FUN



Commencing Tuesday 4 January | Various locations

We've got your kids covered these summer holidays! Check out the exciting range of in-person events to keep your kids of all ages entertained. Find out more on our website.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



Commencing Monday 7 February | Various locations

Our **Baby Time**, **Toddler Time** and **Pre-school Story Time** programs will take a break over the summer holidays and will restart on Monday 7 February. You no longer need to book for any of these sessions. Just drop in!

BIG SUMMER READ



Until 31 January | Various locations

Pop in to our library and sign up for the Big Summer Read Program. Books, challenges and prizes – what's not to love? All you need is a library card – and that's free to sign up for.



REGISTER FOR AN EVENT

Events may be subject to change due to COVIDSafe government requirements. Proof of vaccination is required to enter our libraries.

Bookings for events are free unless otherwise indicated.

YOU CAN BOOK:

Online – find and register for an event on the library website: www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on

In person – staff at your local library branch can book on your behalf.

By phone – [03] 4201 0500

Group bookings – [03] 4201 0500



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Cover image: Samantha Thompson will run the Remix, Rethink Mixed Media workshop as part of the Creative Collective Memory Arts Project.



INTRODUCING OUR SEED LIBRARY

We are proud to launch our new Seed Library initiative in libraries across our network. You can now access free seeds for your garden and help build a collection of seeds for others! Share seeds with the Seed Library, grow your knowledge and foster a culture of sharing among a community of gardeners and seed growers of all ages. The Seed Library is currently available at Bannockburn, Colac, Drysdale, Newcomb and Torquay Libraries. Visit our website for more details www.grlc.vic.gov.au/seed-library



AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



JANUARY

15 Saturday 15 January, 1:00pm-2:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

CRASH COURSE COMEDY WORKSHOP

Is your teenager a budding comedian? The search is on for our funniest kids! Students from Years 7-12 can improve their comedy skills with the help of a professional comedian at this free workshop. Crash Course is part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival's national development program for teens. The 1.5 hour session explores comedy writing and performance and encourages confidence, humour and creative expression. Places are strictly limited – so book now!



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WRITERS' WORKSHOP

29 Saturday 29 January, 10:30am-3:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

JULIE MACLEAN – FLASH FICTION

Join Julie as she leads a workshop on 'flash fiction'. Read samples of very short fiction by celebrated writers. Look at those surprise endings, learn techniques and respond to weird and wonderful prompts to create funny, sad and strange fictions. Discover the art of the short short story. \$10pp.



FEBRUARY

03 Thursday 3 February, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

SEAN KELLY – THE GAME

What happens when the Prime Minister views politics as a game? Journalist and former political advisor, Sean Kelly, gives us the definitive portrait of Scott Morrison – a politician unlike any other. Morrison understands politics has become a game – one he is determined to win. He also understands something essential about Australia, something many of us are unwilling to admit. But there are things Morrison does not understand. This is the story of those failures, too – and how his approach to politics has become a dangerous liability.



08 Tuesday 8 February, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Belmont Library

MICHAEL BURGE – TANK WATER

Tank Water is a coming-of-age story and crime thriller with a large and gentle heart from Australian journalist and author Michael Burge.

James Brandt didn't look back when he left his rural hometown as a teenager. Now, he's returned for the first time in twenty years after his cousin is found dead under the local bridge. After surviving a homophobic attack, James begins questioning the high suicide rate of young men in the town... and why local police won't investigate crimes that no one reckons have taken place.



17 Thursday 17 February, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Ocean Grove Library

HUGH MCGINLAY – BODYSURFING

Bodysurfing is author Hugh McGinlay's third Victoria-based Catherine Kint mystery. Set in Ocean Grove, the story follows Kint and her pals who have transported to the coast for a summer sojourn. The discovery of a body in the water, belonging to the Greens candidate for the local by-election, kicks sand in their plans. With the town in the grips of political shenanigans, and the police investigation lagging, the scene is set for a coastal rollick as Catherine and co overturn various rocks to uncover a killer.



WRITERS' WORKSHOP

19 Saturday 19 February, 10:30am-3:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

CASSIE HOUNSELL – CREATIVE WRITING 101

This facilitated session will supply in-depth information on writing techniques. From crafting compelling, believable characters, to the art of showing and not telling, to building hole-proof plots, attendees will learn the ins and outs of their craft. \$10pp.



24 Thursday 24 February, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Corio Library

ADRIAN HYLAND – CANTICLE CREEK

Award-winning author Adrian Hyland's new release *Canticle Creek* is a cracking, authentic small-town noir. The truth often hides in plain sight, but only if you know where to look. When Adam Lawson's wrecked car is found a kilometre from Daisy Baker's body, the whole town assumes it's an open and shut case. But Jesse Redpath isn't from Canticle Creek. When Jesse starts to ask questions, she uncovers a town full of contradictions and a cast of characters with dark pasts, secrets to hide and even more to lose.



EXHIBITIONS & PROJECTS

REMARKABLE – STORIES OF AUSTRALIANS AND THEIR BOATS

4-31 January | Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Australia's history is populated with maritime-related stories. With over 1,000 rivers and a coast that stretches for more than 36,000 kilometres, it is no surprise that Australia abounds with stories of people who have lived and worked on the water. This exhibition presents some of these stories, exploring the remarkable connections between people and their boats. Come and learn about some of them in this unique travelling exhibition!



BAY AND BEYOND – BOATS, BEACHES AND MORE

4-29 January | Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Enjoy a display full of fascinating imagery and stories from Geelong and southwest Victoria's past. It is infused with local tales about boats and waterways and the characters who plied them. *Bay and Beyond* is curated to complement the travelling exhibition – *Remarkable: Stories of Australians and their boats*.



#ReturnYourself

Make it your New Year's resolution to return yourself to the library in 2022.

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BOOK A LIBRARIAN SERVICE

Did you know you can book a one-on-one session with a librarian? If you need support researching a subject, using our online catalogue or even assistance with your proof of COVID-19 vaccination certificate – our friendly staff can help you make the most of the library's resources and services. Contact your local library today to make a booking!