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# WHAT'S ON



MARCH/APRIL 2024  
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



# HEALTH & WELLBEING



## SHARED STORIES: SOCIAL SPEED DATE

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**Tuesday 19 March, 11:00am-12:00noon**  
**Waurm Ponds Library**

Chat with others about your culture, traditions, cuisine, or language. Move around the room in 10-minute bursts. We'll have a list of conversation starters for you!

# MAKE & CREATE



## HENNA HANDS CELEBRATION

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**Monday 18 March, 3:30pm-5:00pm**  
**Corio Library**

What are henna tattoos, and should you get one? If you've ever wanted to understand the meaning behind henna tattoos, come join the celebration!

# MOVIES, MUSIC & PERFORMANCE

## MULTICULTURAL SHORT FILMS WITH KANOPY

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**Monday 18 March & Friday 22 March, 2:00-3:00pm**  
**Wednesday 20 March, 10:30am-11:30am**  
**Newcomb Library**

A screening of inspiring and powerful short films from around the world. BYO snacks. For ages 15+

# WORKSHOPS & LECTURES



## BONSAI

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**Belmont: Tuesday 5 March, 2:00pm–3:00pm**

**Lara: Thursday 14 March, 10:00am–11:00am**

Come to this introductory session to learn about bonsai's history, evolution, design and care.

## WRITING WORKSHOPS WITH EMMA GREVILLE

**Saturday 16 March & Saturday 20 April**

**2.00pm–3.30pm**

**Boronggook Drysdale Library**

Whether a beginner or a seasoned writer, this workshop series has something for everyone. Pick a topic that resonates with you, or join us for each one.

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## BIRDS, BEES & TREES SERIES



**March & April | Belmont, Geelong West & Lara libraries**

A little something for all – from author talks to arts & crafts, children's sessions, and special presentations. It's all about *Birds, Bees & Trees* at the library!

## GARDEN CHAT: HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

**Monday 18 March & Monday 15 April**  
**10:30am-11:30am**  
**Bannockburn Library**

Learn all about our Seed Library and discover new additions to our collection on all things gardening!



## VIRTUAL BIRD TOUR OF THE BELLARINE

**Tuesday 19 March, 6:00pm-6:45pm**  
**Geelong West Library**

Join Craig Morley of the Geelong Field Naturalists Club as he gives a presentation on Bellarine birds.



## LOCAL HISTORY OF LEOPOLD & THE BELLARINE

**Thursday 28 March & Friday 19 April**  
**10.00am-11.00am**  
**Leopold Library**

Join us for a roundup of local history in the area. Bryan Marra has researched extensively Leopold and the greater Bellarine.



## FIRST NATIONS' STORYTELLING

**Saturday 6 April, 2:30pm-3:30pm**  
**Boronggook Drysdale Library**

Have you ever wondered about the history and cultural significance of First Nations' Storytelling? Come along and immerse yourself in some of the oldest stories told.



Explore more events:  
[www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on)

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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### THE BRAINARY STEM MAKER PROJECT

**March & April | Various locations**

We're partnering with The Brainary® to offer free STEM programs for 12-18 year-olds. The project supports the development of STEM skills, with a focus on play with robotics, VR and 3D printing. Check out the sessions at various libraries!

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### APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**2-12 April | Various locations**

Check out what's happening at your local library these school holidays. There is a massive line up of activities for all ages. The theme is Magic – through stories, art, craft and tech. Story Dogs will be back again as well!

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### FISHY TALES

**3 April, 10:00am-11:00am, Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre**

Join us for fishy tales and to see and touch real marine creatures. Bookings open 18 March and can be made by contacting Queenscliff Library. Ages 5+.



# REGISTER FOR AN EVENT

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](http://www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on)**

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

**By phone** – [03] 4201 0600

Cover: International bestselling author Dervla McTiernan appears at Geelong Library & Heritage Centre in partnership with The Wheeler Centre 24 April.

## WHERE YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL

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*Bookings are essential*



*Event is online*



*Book sales & author book signings at events*



*Paid tickets. Full details on our website*



*Refreshments*

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## MARCH

**05** Tuesday 5 March, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Belmont Library



### LAURA WATERS – LESSONS FROM THE WILD

Hear a fascinating talk by author Laura Waters on her memoir, *Bewildered*, which details her life-changing 3,000km hike through New Zealand.

## WRITER'S WORKSHOP

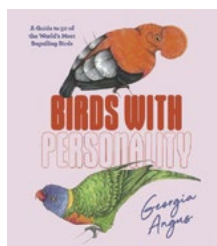
**16** Saturday 16 March, 10:30am-1:30pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



### PETER QUARRY – PSYCHOLOGICAL MEMOIR WRITING

Discover the benefits of writing a 'psychological' memoir, and gain hands-on skills and techniques from psychologist and author Peter Quarry. *Tickets \$30/\$20 for library members /\$10 for concession holders.*

**21** Thursday 21 March, 10:00am-11:00am  
Belmont Library



### GEORGIA ANGUS – BIRDS WITH PERSONALITY

Birds with personality is a contemporary take on a bird field guide with a colourful design, and minus the geek speak. Come along to listen to Georgia discuss her experiences as an author and illustrator, as well as all things birdwatching.

## SPECIAL EVENT

**21** Thursday 21 March, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



### WORLD POETRY DAY

Enjoy an evening of readings by local poets Brendan Ryan, Lyn Chatham, Anthony Lynch, Julie Maclean and Jo Langdon, and our internationally-based Virtual Writer in Residence, Alice Eaves. The finalists of the Local Word Writing Prize will also be announced. *Tickets \$20/\$10 for library members.*

**24** Sunday 24 March, 3:00pm-4:00pm  
Wairn Ponds Library



### LORIN CLARKE – WOULD THAT BE FUNNY? GROWING UP WITH JOHN CLARKE

John Clarke was best known for his *7:30 Report* interviews with Bryan Dawe. So, what was it like having him as your dad? Lorin delves into her family life and explores how our families make us who we are.

**26** Tuesday 26 March, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Belmont Library



### FIONA LOWE – THE ACCIDENT

When a car veers off the road with devastating consequences, questions pile up and ugly secrets rise to the surface. Join us to hear about this gripping and thought-provoking new mystery from bestselling local author, Fiona Lowe.

## PANEL DISCUSSION

**27** Wednesday 27 March, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



### WHEELS OF CHANGE

Come along to this engaging panel discussion on the health, sustainability, and community benefits of cycling in Geelong.

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK 18-24 March

Share stories and celebrate together at events happening across our library network. Check out what's happening near you.



# AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



## APRIL

### EXHIBITION

Tuesday 2 April – Saturday 20 April, all day  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

### GEELONG F STOPPERS

View images taken by this local photography group of Geelong and surrounds – from images of sunrises, sunsets, landscapes, to animal subjects and portraiture.



**18** Thursday 18 April, 6:30pm-7:30pm  
Geelong West Library



### IMBI NEEME – KIND OF, SORT OF, MAYBE, BUT PROBABLY NOT

Join Imbi as she discusses her second novel – a charming, quirky and uplifting novel of people young and old finding their tribe, gaining courage to be themselves and perhaps falling in love.

**19** Friday 19 April, 2:30pm-3:30pm  
Queenscliff Library



### LUCAS JORDAN – THE CHIPILLY SIX

In the lead-up to ANZAC Day, historian Lucas Jordan weaves a compelling tale of soldiers' lives, from their return home to the first ANZAC Day dawn service.

## WRITERS' WORKSHOP

**20** Saturday 20 April, 10:30am-1:30pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



### LEE KOFMAN – WRITING EMOTIONS

Learn how to convey emotion in your writing with psychological complexity and how to describe the emotional landscapes of your fictional or real characters in vivid and clear ways. *Tickets \$30/\$20 for library members /\$10 for concession holders.*

**24** Wednesday 24 April, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



### DERVLA MCTIERNAN – WHAT HAPPENED TO NINA?

From number one internationally bestselling author comes an emotional novel of suspense about two families at war. Presented in partnership with The Wheeler Centre. Supported by Sorrento Writers Festival. *Tickets \$20/\$10 for library members.*



# SAVING FAMILY STORIES

Belmont, Leopold & Newcomb libraries

Free photo & video digitisation station saving your memories. Book your session today.

