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# WHAT'S ON



MAY/JUNE 2025  
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS





# MAKE & CREATE

## EMBROIDERY BASICS

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**Tuesday 20 May, 10:00am-12noon,  
Waurm Ponds Library**

Take a break from the busyness of life and unwind with embroidery. Learn basic embroidery techniques and create a stitched masterpiece to take home. A relaxing, hands-on session perfect for beginners.

## REVIVE & REIMAGINE: SEWING & UPCYCLING WORKSHOP

**Various dates, 10:30am-11:30am  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre**

Learn simple upcycling and alteration techniques to refresh your wardrobe and reduce waste. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, discover creative ways to transform old garments into unique pieces that fit your style.

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## SEWING BASICS

**Various dates & times,  
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek,  
Geelong & Corio Libraries**

Book into one of our regular beginner friendly sessions to learn how to use our sewing machines and inspire you with simple, clever projects.

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# HEALTH & WELLBEING



## CHAIR YOGA

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**Various dates & times, Newcomb & Biyal-a  
Armstrong Creek Libraries**

Experience the benefits of yoga in a supportive, seated practice. Improve mobility, flexibility, and strength while learning relaxation and mindfulness techniques. Suitable for all abilities.

## CONNECT WITH OTHERS – CHATTY CAFE

**Every Friday, 11:00am-12:00noon,  
Colac Library**

Looking to connect with others over a cuppa? Drop into the library on Friday mornings for a relaxed chat. A friendly Chatty Café volunteer will be there to welcome you, and you can browse newspapers and magazines to spark conversation.



## COLOUR YOUR STRESS AWAY

**Tuesday 13 May, 11:00am-12:00noon,  
Corio Library**

Unwind with mindful colouring, watercolour, or drawing in a relaxed setting. Enjoy a cuppa, chat with others, and take a break from the day. Materials are provided, or bring your own project. All skill levels welcome.



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## BOOK CHAT

**Various dates & times,  
Various library locations**

Share what you've been reading, get recommendations, and connect with fellow book lovers in a relaxed setting.



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# MOVIES, MUSIC & PERFORMANCE



## FRIDAY FLICKS

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**Various dates & times, Leopold, Geelong & Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Libraries**

Settle in for a Friday movie session at the library. Bring your own popcorn and enjoy a film on the big screen. Recommended for ages 8-18. Bookings encouraged and children must be supervised by a responsible person throughout the movie.

## FIRST NATIONS FILMS ON KANOPY

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**Wednesday 21 May, 6:00pm-7:30pm,  
Geelong Library**

**Thursday 29 May, 2:00pm-3:00pm,  
Waurin Ponds Library**



Explore First Nations films as part of Reconciliation Week with Kanopy, the library's free streaming platform. Learn how to access a diverse range of films by First Nations actors, filmmakers, and storytellers as we take steps toward reconciliation.

## VINYL CLUB

**Wednesday 14 May & Wednesday 11 June,  
4:00pm-5:15pm, Colac Library**

Connect with fellow music lovers at Vinyl Club. Bring your favourite records or just come along to enjoy the tunes, share stories, and chat all things music in a relaxed setting.



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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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## READ & ROAR – PHONICS- BASED FAMILY PROGRAM

Various dates, 4:00pm-5:00pm,  
Belmont & Torquay Libraries

Help your child build early reading skills in this phonics-based program for young learners (prep – year 2). Children will explore letter-sound connections through games, songs, and hands-on activities in a fun and supportive setting. Ideal for early and emergent readers, including those developing at their own pace.

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## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Wednesday 21 May & Wednesday 18 June,  
4:00pm-5:30pm, Geelong Library  
& Heritage Centre

Join GenU Gamer for Dungeons and Dragons at the library. All skill levels welcome, including beginners. Ages 12-18. Come join the adventure!

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## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Various dates, 4:00pm-5:00pm,  
All libraries

Looking for something to do after school? Join our youth programs with activities like coding, STEAM, creative projects, games, and more. There's something for everyone, whether you want to build, create, play, or perform.



# 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: Best selling author Holden Sheppard will be in conversation with Mark Smith at Geelong Library & Heritage Centre on Wednesday 11 June to discuss his latest release *King of Dirt*.

## NOT A LIBRARY MEMBER?

Scan the QR code below and join for free today!



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*Bookings are essential*



*Event is online*



*Book sales & author book signings at events*



*Paid tickets. Full details on our website*



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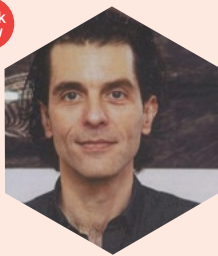
### WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

**01** Thursday 1 May, 10:30am-11:30am,  
Queenscliff Library

#### PRINT MAKING & STREETON

Learn about printmaking and its lasting impact with Theo Mantalvanos from Queenscliff Gallery. Hear how his work connects with Sir Arthur Streeton, a key figure in the Heidelberg School, more than a century later.

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**08** Thursday 8 May, 6:30pm-7:30pm,  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

#### JAMILA RIZVI & ROSIE WATERLAND – *BROKEN BRAINS*

Jamila and Rosie discuss their book *Broken Brains* with Charlotte Guest, sharing personal stories, humour, and the challenges of living with illness. Library member only event. Tickets \$20/\$10.

*Presented in partnership with The Wheeler Centre.*

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**12** Monday 12 May, 5:30pm-6:30pm,  
Newcomb Library

#### MAL WALDEN – *THE NEWS MAN*

Mal Walden, Australia's longest-serving veteran TV news presenter and established author joins us to discuss his 50-year career in Australian news media and the stories that inspire him to write.

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**14** Wednesday 14 May, 11:00am-12:00noon,  
Leopold Library

#### DARCY TINDALE – *BURNING MOUNTAIN*

Darcy shares insights into her writing life and creative process. Hear about *Burning Mountain*, the sequel to *The Fall Between*, and the 20-year-old mystery of a missing school boy who went up a mountain with four of his friends, but did not return.

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**22-25** Thursday 22 May - Sunday 25 May,  
Various times, Geelong Library &  
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#### SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL LIVESTREAM

Watch this special livestream free and direct from the Sydney Writers' Festival as part of their 'Live & Local' program, featuring authors Markus Zusak, Helen Garner, and Colm Tóibín.

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**24** Saturday 24 May, 2:00pm-3:00pm,  
Boronggook Drysdale Library

#### OUR AFRICAN ADVENTURE – PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE WILD

Hear from Lorraine and Neil Smith as they share their wildlife photography and African adventures, from humorous moments to intense encounters. See their stunning photos on display and discover the stories behind the shots.

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**28** Wednesday 28 May, 6:00pm-7:00pm,  
Boronggook Drysdale Library

#### AMANDA HAMPSON – *THE DEADLY DISPUTE*

Join Amanda for a talk about her latest *Tea Ladies* mystery, *The Deadly Dispute*. Set in 1967, the story follows Hazel, Betty, and Irene as they navigate crime, gold heists, and the Maltese mafia.

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## JUNE

**04** Wednesday 4 June, 6:00pm-7:00pm,  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

#### DOMINIC AMERENA – *I WANT EVERYTHING*

In *I Want Everything*, Dominic explores the complex world of lies, truth, and deception. Hear from this emerging Australian writer as he discusses his debut novel, the creative process and the inspiration for his characters.

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# AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS

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**11** Wednesday 11 June, 6:00pm-7:00pm,  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

#### HOLDEN SHEPPARD – *KING OF DIRT*

Hear from award winning author Holden Sheppard as he discusses his adult fiction novel – a gritty and heartfelt gay coming-of-age story set among FIFO workers and tradies in Western Australia. In conversation with Mark Smith.

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**14** Saturday 14 June, 1:30pm-2:30pm,  
Torquay Library

#### CHRISTINE KEIGHERY – *WE'RE NOT US WITHOUT YOU*

A Local Word Festival Pop Up Event

Christine Keighery discusses her latest novel, a story of friendship, secrets, and the ties that bind us. When a long-lost friend is found living off-grid in a spiritual retreat, old betrayals and hidden truths resurface. Hear Christine talk about her writing process and the inspiration behind her new book.

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WRITERS FESTIVAL

**24** Tuesday 24 June, 2:00pm-3:00pm  
Belmont Library

#### KIRSTEN ALEXANDER – *AFTER THE FALL*

Explore themes of friendship, power, and starting over in this conversation about Kirsten's new release *After the Fall*. Hear how one woman's escape to a quiet village leads to unexpected connections and the dangers that can follow when the past refuses to stay behind.

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### WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

**21** Saturday 21 June, 10:30am-1:30pm,  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

#### MEGAN J RIEDL – *POETIC CATHARSIS*

Explore poetry as a tool for personal expression in this hands-on workshop. Experiment with different poetic styles and found poetry techniques like blackout and erasure. Tickets \$30/\$20/\$10.

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**25** Wednesday 25 June, 6:00pm-7:00pm,  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

#### JACINTA PARSONS – *A WISDOM OF AGE*

Jacinta shares insights from women across the country on ageing with confidence and resilience. Through their stories, she explores how we can redefine ageing, take up space unapologetically, and reclaim the fierce girl within. Library member only event. Tickets \$20/\$10.

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#### NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Tuesday 27 May - Tuesday 3 June  
Various times, All libraries

Join us at the library for Bridging Now to Next, this year's Reconciliation Week theme. Explore First Nations stories, voices, and culture through events that reflect on the past and look toward a more inclusive future.



#### COSY UP WITH A GOOD BOOK THIS WINTER & CELEBRATE READING!

Whether it's listening to an audiobook, flipping through a graphic novel, browsing a magazine, or curling up with a book – reading comes in many forms, and it's all so good for you. The Warm Winter Read campaign will run between 1 June and 31 August.

1 June to 31 August

