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WHAT'S ON

JULY/AUGUST 2025
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



COMPUTERS & TECH HELP



LET'S TALK SCAMS

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Various dates & times, Geelong West & Corio libraries

Join our informative session to learn practical tips for spotting and avoiding scams. Discover common scam types and what steps to take if you think you've been targeted.

LEARN ONLINE NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

Various times & locations.

Want to read the latest newspapers and magazines, on your device for free, using your library membership? Join this session to find out how! Bring your own device.



INTRODUCTION TO PODCASTING

**Monday 21 July, 11:00am-noon
Borongook Drysdale**

**Wednesday 6 August, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Ocean Grove Library**

Learn the basics of podcasting in this beginner-friendly session—what podcasts are, where to find them, and how to start creating your own with simple tools and tips.



MEMORY MATE

Wednesday 13 August, 2:00pm-3:30pm

**Wednesday 20 August, 3:00pm-4:00pm
Belmont Library**

This two-part workshop is designed for those with memory challenges, including dementia. Get help using your smartphone to support independence with practical, confidence-building tips. Bring your device.





HERITAGE

SAVING FAMILY STORIES – DIGITISING PHOTOS & VIDEO

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Various dates & times, Belmont, Leopold, Newcomb & Geelong libraries

Learn how to bring old photos, slides, film and VHS tapes to digital life with regular hands-on intro sessions to our digitisation station. Get tips, see the equipment in action, and start preserving memories.

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

**Thursday 7, 14, 21, 28 August
2:00pm-3:00pm,
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre**

Celebrate Family History Month this August with this four-part intro series at the Geelong Heritage Centre. Learn to use online databases like Ancestry, Find My Past and Trove, with expert guidance and Q&A opportunities each week.

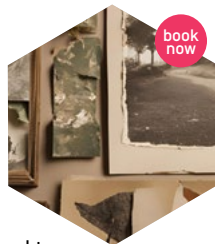


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HERITAGE COLLAGE - INCLUSIVE ART WORKSHOP

**Tuesday 15 July, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre**

Explore Geelong's history through art in this inclusive workshop using images from the Geelong Heritage Centre. Designed to support neurodiverse creativity, all abilities are welcome to create and connect with the past.



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READING, BOOK CLUBS & WRITING GROUPS

SHORT FICTION WORKSHOP WITH CLARE STRAHAN



Saturday 26 July, 10:00am-3:00pm
Boronggook Drysdale Library

Midwinter Words writers weekend

Join us for a special writers workshop presented in partnership and part of the Midwinter Words. Enjoy a short fiction workshop with author Clare Strahan. Weekend includes readings and flash fiction sessions at various locations. See website for full details.



KING LEAR: A CLOSER LOOK



Wednesday 27 August, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Online

Take part in this immersive online lecture as we unravel the complex world of *King Lear*, one of William Shakespeare's most profound tragedies.



WEAR IT PURPLE 2025

Celebrate LGBTQIA+ youth and their stories at your library this August for Wear It Purple Day. Check out the events and activities happening near you.

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 7 July – Friday 18 July
Various locations

Check out what's happening at your local library these school holidays. We've a huge line-up of activities for all ages and interests. The theme is Food and Sustainability – learn, create and have fun through art, craft, tech and more!

FOOD 4 FUTURE

Various dates in July, Bial-a Armstrong Creek, Newcomb & Corio Libraries

Learn essential food skills in this three-part workshop series for ages 15–24. Gain experience in meal planning, budgeting, and cooking, plus earn a TAFE food handling certificate! Take home a kitchen kit, veggie box, and meal. Free event. See website for details.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: BIRDS, HORSES & MIDNIGHT BLUES

**Saturday 23 August, Geelong,
Newcomb & Corio libraries**

Celebrate Children's Book Week with a performances of original songs inspired by books. Written and composed by Juliana Kay in collaboration with the Ensemble NORTH Children's Choir. Visit our website for times – no bookings needed.



REGISTER FOR AN EVENT

Bookings for events are free unless otherwise indicated. To attend most paid events and workshops, you must be a library member [free to join].

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 can book on your behalf.

By phone – [03] 4201 0600

Cover: What is it like being the son of one of Australia's most revered authors? Join Adam Courtenay at Geelong Library & Heritage Centre as he discusses his memoir, *My Father Bryce*. In partnership with The Wheeler Centre.

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 provided

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JULY

09 Wednesday 9 July, 5:30pm-7:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

GENDER EQUALITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Join Commissioner Dr. Niki Vincent for a presentation on gender equality in Victoria, highlighting the achievements of the Commission for Gender Equality in the Public Sector and future plans and priorities.

Presented in partnership with Women in Local Democracy (WILD).



15 Tuesday 15 July, 1:30pm-2:30pm
Lara Library

JJ CARPENTER – THE HAUNTING OF KENMORE ASYLUM

Step into Australia's haunted past with acclaimed historical horror author JJ Carpenter for a chilling journey beyond the gates of one of Australia's most haunted sites – the real-life Kenmore Asylum in Goulburn, NSW.



26 Saturday 26 July, 3:00pm-4:00pm
Mechanics Institute Hall, Apollo Bay

IMAGINED FUTURES – KATE MILDENHALL & TRACEY SPICER

Authors Kate Mildenhall and Tracey Spicer explore progress, legacy, and what to carry forward in a hopeful future. Hosted by Karen O'Sullivan.

Presented as part of Apollo Bay WORDfest and supported by Geelong Regional Libraries.



27 Sunday 27 July, 1:00pm-2:00pm
Apollo Bay Library

WORDFEST BOOK CLUB EVENT WITH LIA HILLS

Join author Lia Hills for a special WORDfest book club discussion of *The Desert Knows Her Name*, a powerful novel exploring land, silence, and connection.

Presented as part of Apollo Bay WORDfest and supported by Geelong Regional Libraries.



SPECIAL EVENT

30 Wednesday 30 July, 5:30pm-7:30pm
Boronggook Drysdale Library

GEELONG SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

The Geelong Short Film Festival returns for a night of local storytelling and creativity. Enjoy short films, guest speakers and insights from our event partners, the North Bellarine Film Festival team.



AUGUST

05 Tuesday 5 August, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

ADAM COURTENAY – MY FATHER BRYCE

Bryce Courtenay was one of Australia's most beloved authors. In this moving, unforgettable memoir, his son Adam searches for the real Bryce.

Presented in partnership with The Wheeler Centre.



WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

06 Wednesday 6 August, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Ocean Grove Library

MENOPAUSE: EMBRACING THE CHANGE

Come along to this interactive presentation that aims to help women understand and navigate the menopausal transition with greater confidence and empowerment. Presented by Brianna, a qualified naturopath.



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. Warm Winter Read is on until 31 August.



AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



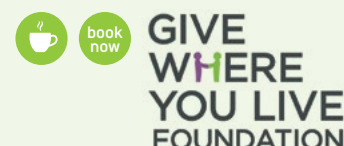
SPECIAL EVENT

06 Wednesday 6 August, 5:00pm-8:45pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

PITCH UP GEELONG 2025

Be part of this exciting crowd funding event in support of innovative community projects. Three not-for-profit organisations will pitch their ideas that tackle social challenges in the Geelong region – to the audience. Attendees pledge donations in real time, creating an exciting, interactive atmosphere.

Presented in partnership with Give Where You Live Foundation.



07 Thursday 7 August, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library

EDMUND GOLDRICK – ANZAC GUERRILLAS

Anzac Guerrillas is the incredible true story of how a handful of escaped Australian soldiers (one from Geelong!) became resistance fighters, double agents and spies during World War II. Meet the author and discover more about the inspiration behind this fascinating account.



27 Wednesday 27 August, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Ocean Grove Library

GAIL HOLMES – IN THE MARGINS

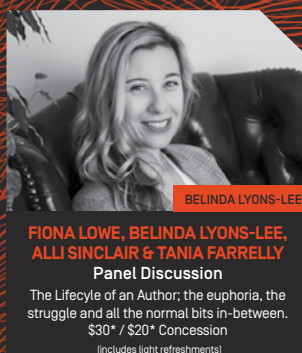
Join author Gail Holmes as she chats about her debut novel. The superbly researched book is inspired by real life of Frances Wolfreston – an intellectually curious pastor's wife in 17th century puritanical England and explores the restricted lives of women during this turbulent era.



22-23 AUGUST 2025

ON SALE FROM 1 JULY!

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



*Please note, you must be a library member to attend the paid events at the Local Word Writers Festival. Membership is free and available immediately online. For the full program of 14 events being held across the region, visit www.grlc.vic.gov.au/localword