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WHAT'S ON



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

COMPUTERS & TECH HELP



INTRODUCTION TO AUDACITY

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Wednesday 19 November & 17 December
11:00am- 12noon, Boronggook Drysdale Library

Get started with the basics of Audacity, a free digital audio editing tool used by podcasters and musicians around the world.

FINDING FACTS ONLINE

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Various dates, 10:00am-11:00am
Newcomb Library

Curious about what's real online?
This new series of workshops helps
you spot reliable information, learn
how to fact-check quickly, and
understand issues like AI-generated
images and deepfakes.



MOVIES, MUSIC & PERFORMANCE

EXPLORATORY MUSIC WORKSHOP

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Thursday 6 November, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library

Make some noise with Big Racket Studio!
This fun, hands-on workshop for youth
and adults lets you try out synthesisers,
sound machines, experiment with
improvisation, and create soundscapes in the
library's new recording and media space.



READING, BOOK CLUBS & WRITING GROUPS

JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB

Tuesday fortnightly, 2:30pm-3:30pm
Leopold Library

Celebrate the 250th year anniversary of Jane Austen's birth. Join our fortnightly book club to chat about one of her famed titles and its screen adaptations—share favourites, compare characters, and enjoy lively discussion.

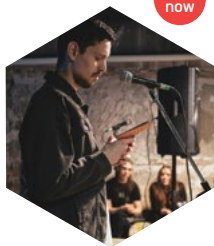


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SPOKEN WORD POETRY

Wednesday 19 November
& 17 December, 6:00pm-7:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Looking to kickstart your creativity? These workshops offer playful writing exercises, shared inspiration, and the chance to enjoy poetry with others—whether you're new to it or simply seeking fresh ideas.



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GET TO KNOW: JOHN MILTON

Wednesday 17 December
11:00am-12:30pm, Belmont Library

Discover the world of John Milton and his epic *Paradise Lost*. Unpack themes, characters, and language while learning new perspectives on one of literature's most enduring poets.



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MAKE & CREATE

EMBROIDERY BASICS

Tuesday fortnightly, 11:00am-12noon
Corio & Geelong libraries

A friendly get-together where you can learn embroidery basics, share a cuppa and enjoy conversation. Materials are supplied, or you can bring your own project.

PRESERVING YOUR RECIPES

Friday 5 December, 11:00am-12noon
Boronggook Drysdale Library

Preserve your favourite family recipes by putting them together in your own professional looking cookbook. Join us to learn how.



WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

MODERN CLOTH REUSABLE NAPPY WORKSHOP

Tuesday 11 November, 10:15am-11:30am
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library

Discover how modern cloth reusable nappies can save you money and reduce waste in this hands-on workshop. Learn the basics, get practical tips, and take home a starter pack.

In partnership with the City of Greater Geelong.



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

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

READ & ROAR

**Each Wednesday, November &
December, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Belmont Library**

Unlock the magic of reading with our phonics-based family program designed to help grow young learners' minds. Come explore the world of phonics with us and watch your child (ages 5-7) roar into reading! Regular sessions over nine weeks.

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SPEECHIE TALK SERIES

**Various dates & times
Various locations**

Speech Pathology Australia talks return with three sessions, where you can meet a local speech pathologist, enjoy reading and activities with your child (ages 0-5), and discover practical ways to support early language and literacy development at home. Bring along your questions.

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FESTIVE FUN

**Throughout December
various times & locations**

Check out your local library in December for festive story time and craft activities. Visit our website for details.

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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: Clare Reilly – disability advocate, adventurer and MS research fundraiser – will be at Boronggook Drysdale Library to share the story of her upcoming 1000km+ wheelchair trek.

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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NOVEMBER

WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

01 Saturday 1 November & 8 November, 11:00am-12noon
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS – ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2025

Hear from Archibald Prize artists, sitters and moderators as they share the stories and creative processes behind the portraits. Explore the stories, ideas and creative processes behind Australia's most celebrated portrait prize.

Presented in partnership with Geelong Gallery.

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SPECIAL EVENT

08 Saturday 8 November, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Boronggook Drysdale Library

WHEELCHAIR MEETS WILDERNESS

What does it take to roll 1,072km along Western Australia's epic Munda Biddi Trail? Disability advocate and podcaster, Clare Reilly shares stories from the mud, grit and determination driving her record-making wheelchair ride, undertaken in support of MS research.

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11 Tuesday 11 November, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

JUDY NUNN – *PILBARA*

Don't miss bestselling novelist Judy Nunn as she discusses *Pilbara*, her sweeping new book about family, survival and ambition set in Australia's northwest in 1800's. Join Judy as she discusses her storytelling, characters and career spanning stage, screen and page.

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12 Wednesday 12 November, 6:00pm-7:30pm
Boronggook Drysdale Library

RICK WILKINSON – *A BIRD IN THE HAND*

From minerals to murder: Rick Wilkinson shares his path from geologist and energy journalist to author of murder mysteries set on the Bellarine Peninsula. Discover how his diverse career shaped his writing, including his latest release.

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13 Thursday 13 November, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Bannockburn Library

DARRYL JONES – *(BE)WILDER*

Join urban ecologist Darryl Jones as he explores how people connect with wildlife in his new book. Discover how farming can work with conservation, how we can make cities friendlier to nature, and how birdwatching could help save our planet. In conversation with Charlotte Guest.

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Wednesday 19 November, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Thursday 20 November, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Colac Library

CHRISTIAN WHITE – *THE LONG NIGHT*

Bestselling author and screen writer Christian White appears at Colac and Geelong libraries to discuss his latest novel, *The Long Night*. This intense thriller is infused with his signature suspense and story twists – exploring the depths of human nature. Christian will be in conversation with Mark Smith (Geelong only).

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SPECIAL EVENT

22 Saturday 22 November, 10:30am-12:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

WRITEABILITY WORKSHOP WITH ALEX CREECE

Nurture your creative spark in this fun and welcoming writing workshop for people who identify as disabled. Join Alex Creece in a supportive space to explore new techniques and tools and opportunities to connect with writing and publishing. Embrace your unique voice and learn how to share your story. Perfect for all abilities and levels of experience.

Presented in partnership with Writers Victoria.

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WRITERS VICTORIA
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AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS

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25 Tuesday 25 November, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

TALK IT UP: DISINFORMATION & MISINFORMATION

What does disinformation look like in our community, what are its impacts and how do we respond when we see it? Hear from community leaders and experts from the Municipal Association of Victoria on how global issues of disinformation play out locally—and what we can do about it.

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27 Thursday 27 November, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

TONY ABBOTT – *AUSTRALIA: A HISTORY*

Former prime minister Tony Abbott discusses *Australia: A History*, his account of the nation's story. He reflects on writing the book and shares his perspective on the events, challenges, and achievements that have shaped Australia's identity

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DECEMBER

WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

06 Saturday 6 December, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Boronggook Drysdale Library

MY BIRDWATCHING & PHOTOGRAPHY JOURNEY

Kevin Bardsley shares his passion for local birdlife, showcasing photographs, behaviours, and tips on where to spot different species. Discover the role of photography in his interest and the equipment he uses.

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SPECIAL EVENT

06 Saturday 6 December, various times.
Belmont, Geelong & Torquay libraries

ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET DAY

Our Market Day is back! Visit your local library to browse arts and crafts stalls from local artisans and creatives and perhaps get a head-start on your festive shopping.

See website for details.

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