

# festival program

## Week one

Friday 14 May

**12.00pm–2.30pm**

**In Praise of Veg – Luncheon**  
Basil's Farm

**\$65 –**

Enjoy a fabulous meal cooked from recipes in Alice Zaslavsky's superb new book and hear from Alice herself in conversation with Matt Preston.

**Alice Zaslavsky, in conversation with Matt Preston**

Saturday 15 May

**11.00am–12.00pm**

**Breathless Prose**  
Queenscliff Town Hall

**\$25 –**

Emma Viskic (*Darkness for Light*) and JP Pomare (*Tell Me Lies*) discuss why edgy, scary fiction is so enjoyable and why a Melbourne setting suits the genre so perfectly.

**Emma Viskic, JP Pomare**  
Chair: Jock Serong

**2.00pm–3.00pm**

**What's News?**  
Queenscliff Town Hall

**\$25 –**

Misha Ketchell, Editor of *The Conversation* (ANZ), Nikki Gemmell, author and columnist for *The Australian Magazine*, and Rick Morton, author and journalist, discuss the rapid changes in the media landscape.

**Nikki Gemmell, Rick Morton**  
Chair: Misha Ketchell

**4.00pm–5.00pm**

**Animals Make us Human**  
Queenscliff Town Hall

**\$25 –**

Strong bonds with nature bring humanity, love and compassion to the fore. Proceeds from book sales go to the Australian Marine Conservation Society and Australian Wildlife Conservancy.

**Meg Keneally (co-editor)**  
**Emma Viskic (contributor)**  
Chair: Jill Swanson

**6.00pm – 7.00pm**

**The Kindness Revolution**  
Queenscliff Town Hall

**\$30 –**

Revolutions never start at the top. If we dare to dream of a more loving country, we must each live as if we already inhabit that country. In his wise and inspiring new book, Australia's most respected social psychologist, Hugh Mackay, dares to think of a more loving country.

**Hugh Mackay in conversation with Hilary Harper**

**Workshop**  
**Monday 17 May**

**11.00am – 12.00pm**

**Writing Your Own Story**

The Breeze, Point Lonsdale

**\$25 –**

An introduction for anyone wanting to write a memoir or tell family stories.

**Michael Cathcart and Hannie Rayson**  
Kindly supported by The Breeze

Sunday 16 May

**11.00am–12.00pm**

**Shipwrecked Women**  
Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall

**\$25 –**

Nikki Gemmell (*The Ripping Tree*) and Meg Keneally (*The Wreck*) embark on very different fictional paths to tell tales of immense courage and survival in colonial Australia.

**Meg Keneally, Nikki Gemmell**  
Chair: Jock Serong

**2.00pm–3.00pm**

**My Year of Living Vulnerably**  
Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall

**\$25 –**

Rick Morton, author of the acclaimed memoir *One Hundred Years of Dirt*, discusses his recent journey to rediscover love and show how we can't live without it – even if, as Rick did for many years, we think we can.

**Rick Morton in conversation with Misha Ketchell**

**4.00pm–5.00pm**

**Hope is at the Heart of Love**  
Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall

**\$25 –**

Kate O'Donnell (*This One is Ours*) and Nina Kenwood (*It Sounded Better in My Head*) discuss why today's YA readers respond to age-old romance despite the complexity of their lives. In conversation with internationally renowned local romance writer Marion Lennox.

**Kate O'Donnell, Nina Kenwood**  
In conversation with Marion Lennox

**6.00pm – 7.00pm**

**Remembering Clive James**  
Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall

**\$25 –**

ABC Radio presenter Michael Cathcart and playwright Hannie Rayson delve into the extraordinary treasure-house mind of the 'Kid from Kogarah' with readings, stories and more.

**Hannie Rayson and Michael Cathcart**

**School Workshops**

See our website for details on the School events.

[QueenscliffLiteraryFestival.com.au](http://QueenscliffLiteraryFestival.com.au)

## Week two

Saturday 22 May

**11.00am–12.00pm**

**The Queen, the Governor-General, and the Dismissal of a Prime Minister**  
Queenscliff Town Hall

**\$25 –**

Hear from Jenny Hocking (*The Palace Letters*) on her fight for access to hidden correspondence about the greatest constitutional crisis in our history.

**Jenny Hocking in conversation with Pauline Parker**

**2.00pm–3.00pm**

**Infinite Splendours**  
Queenscliff Town Hall

**\$25 –**

Sofie Laguna, multi award-winning author of *The Choke*, discusses her latest novel, *Infinite Splendours*. Set in the Grampians, this is a wise and compassionate portrait of a man finding meaning in art and nature after a catastrophic boyhood betrayal.

**Sofie Laguna in conversation with Jason Steger**

**4.00pm–5.00pm**

**Dwellers of Fisherman's Flat**  
Queenscliff Town Hall

**\$25 –**

Maggie Stowers tells previously untold stories of Queenscliff's fishing families, from the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners to fishing folk of the 1930s.

With the Queenscliffe Historical Museum

**Maggie Stowers in conversation with Diana Sawyer**

**Micro-fiction Competition**

PENNED, the QLF's micro-fiction writing competition is on again.

**The challenge:** to write a story in exactly 50 words.

**Two sections:** under 18 and 18–110 years.

See website for entry and prize details and check our Facebook page to read the 2020 entries.

Sunday 23 May

**11.00am–12.00pm**

**Encounters with Love, Death and Faith**  
Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall

**\$25 –**

In *The Believer*, multi-award-winning author of *The Trauma Cleaner* Sarah Krasnostein brings her trademark blend of curiosity and empathy to explore the power of belief to shape our lives.

**Sarah Krasnostein in conversation with Sarah L'Estrange**

**2.00pm–3.00pm**

**Australian Noir**  
Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall

**\$25 –**

Join former journalist Chris Hammer, now an award-winning and internationally acclaimed author of *Scrublands*, *Silver* and *Trust*, for the story behind our new favourite thrillers.

**Chris Hammer in conversation with Christian White**

**4.00pm–5.30pm**

**Meeting My Mother**  
Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall

**\$30 –**

The accidental discovery of a mother's secret makes a daughter rethink everything she knows. A dramatised reading of a powerful new one act play by local writer Pip Kainey, followed by a Q&A with Pip, director Nic Velissaris and performer Jenny Seedsman.

**Performed by Jenny Seedsman**  
Directed by Nic Velissaris

## Week three

Saturday 29 May

**11.00am–12.00pm**

**A Journey of Love, Snow, Fire and an Enchanted Beer Can**  
Queenscliff Town Hall

**\$25 –**

Award-winning science reporter Jonica Newby (*Beyond Climate Grief*) explores the emotional turmoil brought on by climate change in her often funny and deeply moving personal story.

**Jonica Newby in conversation with Josie Horne**

**2.00pm–3.00pm**

**Alex Miller's Max: A Conversation with History**  
Queenscliff Town Hall

**\$25 –**

*Max* is Alex Miller's widely acclaimed tribute to friend and Jewish Nazi-Resistance figure Max Blatt.

**Alex Miller in conversation with Tom Griffiths**

**4.00pm–5.00pm**

**Reset: Restoring Australia After the Pandemic Recession**  
Queenscliff Town Hall

**\$30 –**

Our nation's most prophetic economist shows how the COVID-19 crisis offers Australia the opportunity to reset its economy and build a successful future – and reveals why the old approaches will not work.

**Ross Garnaut in conversation with Kitty Walker**

**6.00pm – 7.00pm**

**Turns Out I'm Fine**  
Queenscliff Town Hall

**\$30 –**

For beloved comedian Judith Lucy, a broken heart became the catalyst for a complete existential meltdown. Nearly fifty, suddenly alone and unsure about every aspect of her life, she decided to figure out what went wrong and then turn her attention to finding out what her life might look like if it went right.

**Judith Lucy in conversation with Kaz Cooke**

Kindly supported by Provenance Wines

Sunday 30 May

**11.00am–12.00pm**

**Love, Trust and Control**  
Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall

**\$25 –**

Celebrated author of *Unpolished Gem* Alice Pung (*One Hundred Days*) and Gina Wilkinson (*When Apricots Bloom*) – inspired by her own experiences in Iraq) confront the complexities of friendship and love in their outstanding new novels.

**Alice Pung, Gina Wilkinson**  
Chair: Maria Takolander

**2.00pm–3.00pm**

**History Belongs to Humanity**  
Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall

**\$25 –**

Two of our finest novelists discuss the turmoil left by war and its secrets. Favel Parrett's *There Was Still Love* is a love letter to women who bind families together, despite dislocation and distance. Steven Conte's *The Tostoy Estate*, is set in Russia during the doomed German invasion.

**Favel Parrett, Steven Conte**  
Chair: Maria Takolander

**4.00pm–5.00pm**

**A Life Freed by Dance**  
Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall

**\$25 –**

From the backblocks of Perth to international stardom, David McAllister (*Soar*) reflects on his triumphant life in ballet and in love.

**David McAllister in conversation with Pauline Nunan**

**6.00pm – 7.00pm**

**The Original Storytellers**  
Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall

**Free – Bookings essential**

A descendant of the planet's oldest living culture, Susan Moylan-Coombs shares ancient knowledge and wisdoms passed down orally through the generations.

**Susan Moylan-Coombs**  
Proudly supported by the Australian Governments Regional Art Fund and Regional Arts Victoria.

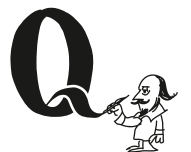
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