

EMERGING

WRITERS

FESTIVAL

14-23 JUNE

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HELLO, AND WELCOME TO THE 2017 EMERGING WRITERS' FESTIVAL.

You have here in your hands the key to ten days of exploration, professional development and entertainment designed for storytellers of all kinds.

It's a tough time to be an emerging writer. In a politics of fear, where language is being weaponised, we need our storytellers more than ever. Hope is our best defence; this year's festival looks to the narratives of the present moment to make us a map for the future.

Join over 200 of Australia's best and brightest emerging storytellers to discuss, debate and connect to community. The Emerging Writers' Festival is here to support, nurture and promote the work of all tomorrow's voices — we're glad you could come along and lend us yours.

This packed program celebrates the full spectrum of storytelling in all its forms. Find your dancing feet at the EWF Formal, marking 25 years since the publication of Melina Marchetta's classic *Looking for Alibrandi*. Learn how to pitch to publishers like a pro, and get

the lowdown on writing YA, freelancing, short stories and screenwriting at our much-loved masterclasses.

Hold onto the edge of your sinking iceberg as five writers, four actors and one director create a play about climate change in 24 hours for *Tippling Points*. See subversion and smashed stereotypes as Quippings, a collective of performers with bodies and minds of unending variation, take to the stage at The Coopers Malthouse for *Love Show*.

This year's program was developed in collaboration with former Artistic Director Michaela McGuire, and I was thrilled to step into her shoes with such a wonderful blueprint to draw on. This program is a combination of legacy and looking forward — thanks for coming along for the ride.

Izzy Roberts-Orr, Artistic Director

VENUES

1000 Pound Bend
361 Little Lonsdale Street
Melbourne

Bella Union
54 Victoria Street
Carlton

Builders Arms Hotel
211 Gertrude Street
Fitzroy

Dandenong Library
225 Lonsdale Street
Dandenong

Readings Carlton
309 Lygon Street
Carlton

Springvale Library
411 Springvale Road
Springvale

State Library of Victoria
Conference Centre
179 La Trobe Street
Melbourne

The Coopers Malthouse
113 Sturt Street
Southbank

The Wheeler Centre
176 Little Lonsdale Street
Melbourne

The Workers Club
51 Brunswick Street
Fitzroy

VU at MetroWest
138 Nicholson Street
Footscray

Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre
Cnr Walker and
Robinson Streets
Dandenong



PEN PALS

EWf is a not-for-profit organisation whose foundations are built on supporting emerging writers. The festival is a place where creativity and innovation are celebrated, where new talent is nurtured and where diverse voices from across Australia are represented.

EWf gives many writers their first chance to appear at a literary festival. The Pen Pals program directly supports writers to participate as artists in the festival. Your donation will sponsor the appearance of a writer, a whole panel or even an entire event.

Supporting the Emerging Writers' Festival is your chance to transform the emerging writers of today into tomorrow's literary stars.

For more information or to donate, visit our website emergingwritersfestival.org.au/donate

TICKETING INFORMATION

Tickets can be booked online at emergingwritersfestival.org.au

GOLDEN TICKETS

The Golden Ticket is your passport to EWF 2017, including entry to The National Writers' Conference, an invitation to the artist party, VIP seating at all performance and panel events, and selected access to masterclasses and workshops.

For the price of \$200, a Golden Ticket is a fantastic way for individuals or organisations to get the most out of the 2017 Emerging Writers' Festival.

Only 30 Golden Tickets are available so don't miss out!

ACCESS INFORMATION

The Emerging Writers' Festival is committed to making the festival an inclusive and welcoming space for all writers. We provide a range of services and facilities to make our festival accessible to everyone.

Please see individual events for disability access venue information and if the event is being Auslan interpreted.

indicates venue with disability access indicates event with Auslan interpreters

CONTACT

For more information including disability access for venues, Auslan interpreters for events and Companion Card tickets please get in touch.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Work in Progress

A new theatre work devised and written by the SeaACT ensemble, exploring the difficulties of adolescence in a changing world.

Presented in partnership with City of Greater Dandenong, Drum Theatre and Melbourne Playback. Supported by Creative Victoria and Copyright Agency Cultural Fund

DATES: Wednesday 14, Thursday 15 and Friday 16 June
TIME: 7:00pm COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

10,000 Staples

Sticky Institute presents a festival-long exhibition of zines featuring work from distros around Australia. Keep your eye on the website for individual distro launches!

VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Gallery

The Gazette

Featuring criticism, interviews, opinion and profiles of EWF artists, The Gazette is a dynamic daily newspaper produced, published and distributed around Melbourne.

Presented in partnership with RMIT University, nonfictionLab and Bowen Street Press

PICKUP: At all EWF venues

Dandenong Emerging Writers' Intensive

Through practical exercises and expert tips, writers will develop key tools to kick-start their writing journey.

Presented in partnership with City of Greater Dandenong

ARTISTS: See website for full artist lineup
TIME: 11:00am COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: Dandenong Library

Dandenong Spoken Word and Poetry Workshop

Learn the art of crafting spoken word, poetry and lyrics in this introductory session.

Presented in partnership with City of Greater Dandenong

ARTISTS: See website for full artist lineup
TIME: 2:00pm COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: Springvale Library

Dandenong Scriptwriting Workshop

This practical hands-on workshop will provide the first steps to creating a script for the stage or screen.

Presented in partnership with City of Greater Dandenong

ARTISTS: See website for full artist lineup
TIME: 2:00pm COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: Dandenong Library

The Dandy Slam

An evening of electrifying performances from spoken word artists and poets curated by City of Greater Dandenong and EWF.

Presented in partnership with City of Greater Dandenong

ARTISTS: See website for full artist lineup
TIME: 6:30pm COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

EWF Formal

Get out your dancing shoes, we're throwing our very own formal! Come reminisce about the awkward years.

ARTISTS: Alison Evans • Elizabeth Flux
Michelle Law • Hera Lindsay Bird • Ara Sarafian
MUSIC BY: DJ Baby Bonus
TIME: 7:00pm COST: \$20
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Gallery

SUNDAY 18 JUNE

National Writers' Conference
See inset for details

Movie Night: Looking For Alibrandi

Get cozy at our screening of the adaptation of this classic novel, followed by a panel discussion.

ARTISTS: Lisa Marie Corso • Cassandra Fumi
Giselle Au-Nhien Nguyen
TIME: 6:00pm COST: Free
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Gallery

MONDAY 19 JUNE

Masterclass: Pitching in Publishing

Take the next step with your manuscript. Publishers, editors and literary agents give you tips on pitching your book.

In partnership with Victoria University. Supported by The Story Wines

ARTISTS: See website for full artist lineup
TIME: 10:00am COST: \$90 full/\$75 concession
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space

10,000 Staples: Exhibition Launch

Join the Sticky Institute team for a drink to celebrate the launch of their exhibition.

TIME: 5:30pm COST: Free
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Gallery

Industry Insiders: Emerging Editors

Editors discuss what it means to start careers on the other side of the page.

ARTISTS: James Read • Sian Vate • Jessica Wilkinson
TIME: 6:00pm COST: \$19 full/\$17 concession
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space

The Next Big Thing

Find it hard to keep up with the next big thing in books and writing? We're here to help.

Presented by The Wheeler Centre

ARTISTS: Sally Abbott • Daniel Findlay
Brodie Lancaster • Jamie Marina Lau
TIME: 6:15pm COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, The Moat Bar

Writers' Night School: Food Writing

Enjoy a five course meal with some of the industry's best food writers.

Presented in partnership with Builders Arms Hotel

ARTISTS: Larissa Dubecki • Michael Harden
TIME: 6:30pm COST: \$80 full/\$55 concession
VENUE: Ricky & Pinky at Builders Arms Hotel

Amazing Babes

A new binder of incredible women perform odes to the amazing babes in their lives.

Presented in partnership with i-D

ARTISTS: Susie Anderson • Paola Balla • Nayuka Gorrie
Somayra Ismailje • Sukhjit Kaur Khalsa
Giselle Au-Nhien Nguyen • Jasmeet Sahi
Yen-Rong Wong
HOSTED BY: Candy Bowers
MUSIC BY: Sovereign Trax
TIME: 7:00pm COST: \$19 full/\$17 concession
VENUE: Bella Union

Tell Me Like You Mean It

What does it mean to be an emerging poet? A night of readings from the best.

Presented by Australian Poetry

ARTISTS: Elena Gomez • Saara Umar • Sian Vate
TIME: 7:30pm COST: Free
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Gallery

Late Night Lit: Poetry

Contemporary poets present a night of personal and political spoken word, followed by an open mic.

ARTISTS: Bigoa Chuoi • Soreti Kadir
Molly Lukin • Jesse Oliver
HOSTED BY: Jessica Alice
TIME: 9:00pm COST: Free
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Gallery

TUESDAY 20 JUNE

The Early Words: Decolonial Narratives and the Diaspora

'The master's tools cannot dismantle the master's house.' This panel explores writing as a form of resistance.

Supported by Gippsland Dairy, Byron Bay Muesli and Wide Open Road

ARTISTS: Roj Amedi • Nayuka Gorrie • Bobuq Sayed
TIME: 8:30am COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space

Masterclass: Short Story

Short fiction writers and editors share their tips for writing, submitting and publishing in short form.

ARTISTS: See website for full artist lineup
TIME: 10:00am COST: \$90 full/\$75 concession
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space

Industry Insiders: Digital Self-Promotion

Don't know how to market your work? Learn how to use the internet to your advantage.

Presented in partnership with Kindle Direct Publishing

ARTISTS: Patrick Lenton
TIME: 6:00pm COST: \$19 full/\$17 concession
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space

Fall Where They May

Is climate change the ultimate act of terror? A reading of Christian Taylor's explosive new performance work.

Presented in partnership with Melbourne Fringe

ARTISTS: Christian Taylor
TIME: 6:00pm COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, The Church of Bang Bang Boogaloo

Literary Dystopias

Join these debut Australian novelists for a lively discussion about dystopian futures and their pathways to publication.

Presented by Readings

ARTISTS: Sally Abbott • Daniel Findlay
TIME: 6:30pm COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: Readings Carlton

Writers' Night School: Podcasting

This workshop will cover the nuts and bolts of audio storytelling, equipment, editing and marketing.

ARTISTS: Honor Eastly
TIME: 8:30pm COST: \$35 full/\$30 concession
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Workshop Space

Bogong Spoken Word

Six First Nations writers have been honing their fierce and frantic spoken word pieces. Expect to be entertained and edified.

Presented by the Blak Writers' Group

ARTISTS: Robbie Batzke • Kat Clarke • Hannah Donnelly
Nayuka Gorrie • Maurial Spearin & more
TIME: 7:00pm COST: Free
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Gallery

Lost The Plot

If you've ever wanted to watch some true lit nerds battle it out on stage, now's your chance. Join us for a night of wacky and wily literary games.

ARTISTS: Alexis Dreivkovsky • Deirdre Fidge
Elizabeth Flux • Patrick Lenton • Vidya Rajan
Rebecca Varcoe
HOSTED BY: Louisa Fitzhardinge
TIME: 7:30pm COST: \$19 full/\$17 concession
VENUE: The Workers Club

Late Night Lit: GUTS

A night of visceral, gut-wrenching, powerful writing with artists from Pencilled In, Gargouille and more.

ARTISTS: See website for full artist lineup
TIME: 9:00pm COST: Free
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Gallery

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

The Early Words: (Un)told Stories

How have refugee voices carved out spaces in creative communities? Join three artists and advocates to discuss.

With *Writing Through Fences*. Supported by Gippsland Dairy, Byron Bay Muesli and Wide Open Road

ARTISTS: Barat Ali Batoor • André Dao
Abdul Karim Hekmat
TIME: 8:30am COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space

Lunchtime Lit: Autobiographical Comics

Cut, paste and draw to your heart's content with fellow crafty folk. Plus, some advice from the zineexperts.

ARTISTS: Rachel Ang • Eloise Grills
TIME: 12:30pm COST: Free
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Unknown Union

Industry Insiders: Self-Publishing

Get the inside scoop on self-publishing and hear from writers who have published their own e-books, physical books and zines.

Presented in partnership with Kindle Direct Publishing

ARTISTS: Karen Andrews • Gemma Flack • Aaron Lamb
TIME: 6:00pm COST: \$19 full/\$17 concession
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space

Writers' Night School: Speculative Fiction

A look into fantasy worlds, the altered past and dystopian futures.

ARTISTS: C.S. Pacat
TIME: 6:30pm COST: \$35 full/\$30 concession
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Workshop Space

Songs and Stories of Home

Musicians and writers share their origin myths, family lore, and stories of leaving and finding home.

Presented in partnership with Parlour

ARTISTS: Peter Clynes • Lady Lash • Abe Nouk
Jesse Oliver • Phia & more
HOSTED BY: Sista Zai Zanda
TIME: 7:00pm COST: \$19 full/\$17 concession
VENUE: The Workers Club

YouTube Party

Writers make a case for their favourite YouTube videos in the natural evolution of any drunken dinner party.

ARTISTS: James Colley • Zoe Coombs-Marr
Deirdre Fidge • Emma Marie Jones • Patrick Lenton
Rajith Savanadasa • Fiona Wright
HOSTED BY: Giselle Au-Nhien Nguyen
TIME: 7:00pm COST: \$19 full/\$17 concession
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Gallery

NATIONAL WRITERS' CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE

The centrepiece of the Emerging Writers' Festival, industry professionals from around Australia will converge on the State Library of Victoria for the National Writers' Conference. The two-day Conference is programmed to inform and inspire writers of all genres and styles.

Ranging from the emerging to the established, writers and panellists offer exciting and varied perspectives on the industry, sharing the ins and outs of their writing lives, deconstructing and discussing the art, craft and business of being a writer.

DATE: Saturday 17 June and Sunday 18 June
VENUE: State Library of Victoria, Conference Centre
PRIZE: Weekend pass \$95 full / \$80 concession
Day pass \$60 full / \$50 concession

Select sessions Auslan interpreted, see website for more details

SATURDAY 17 JUNE				SUNDAY 18 JUNE			
TIME	MAIN	CONTROL ROOM		TIME	MAIN	CONVERSATIONS	CONTROL ROOM
9:30AM	Registration			9:30AM	Registration		
10:00am	5x5 Rules of Writing			10:00am	Historical Fiction	Mother Tongue	
11:00am	On Bodies	Look of the Book		11:00am	Writing the Environment	Game On	Melina Marchetta
12:00pm	Murder, They Wrote	Once Upon a Time	Anna Krien	12:00pm	Emerging Programmers	Criticism Online	Rebecca-Anne Do Rozario
1:00pm	LUNCH			1:00pm	LUNCH		
2:00pm	Knock Knock	Slashes		2:00pm	Pop Culture	Writing Disability	Michelle Law
3:00pm	Nuanced Voices	Script to Stage	Inga Simpson	3:00pm	Female Gaze	Fan Fiction	
4:00pm	Out of Town	Faber Writing Academy Case Study		4:00pm	Poetics of Place	Hachette Australia Case Study	

Late Night Lit: Collisions

Which texts have inspired you? Five artists respond with genre-defying performances, followed by an open mic.

ARTISTS: Adolfo Aranjuez • Thanh Hằng Pham
Soreti Kadir • Bobuq Sayed & more
TIME: 9:00pm COST: Free
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Gallery

THURSDAY 22 JUNE

The Early Words: Writing Trauma

A discussion about the difficulties of writing trauma and the power of sharing the hard stuff.

Supported by Gippsland Dairy, Byron Bay Muesli and Wide Open Road

ARTISTS: Britt Craig • Eliza Henry-Jones • Fiona Wright
TIME: 8:30am COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space

Masterclass: Screenwriting

A day packed with insight from industry professionals to kick-start a career in screenwriting.

ARTISTS: See website for full artist lineup
TIME: 10:00am COST: \$90 full/\$75 concession
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space

Lunchtime Lit: Women Writers in the City

A conversation about craft, mentorship, and being a woman writer in Melbourne.

Presented by RMIT University, nonfictionLab and City of Melbourne

ARTISTS: Emily Bitto • Kat Clarke
TIME: 12:30pm COST: Free
VENUE: 1000 £ Bend, Unknown Union

Industry Insiders: Publishing

Got a burning question about publishing? Here's your chance to ask in this audience-directed Industry Insiders event.

ARTISTS: Cate Blake • Jacinta di Mase • Johannes Jakob
TIME: 6:00pm COST: \$19 full/\$17 concession
VENUE: The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space

Literary Live Art: Performing Place

How do writers locate their reader in places, environments and contexts, and how does this affect a reader's commitment to the work?

Presented in partnership with Victoria University. Supported by The Story Wines

ARTISTS: Adolfo Aranjuez • Mark Brandi • Lian Low
Magan Magan • Jen Porter • Vidya Rajan
Angela Serrano • Mia Wotherspoon
HOSTED BY: Soreti Kadir
TIME: 6:00pm COST: Free (bookings essential)
VENUE: VU at MetroWest