

FESTIVAL DIRECTOR INTRODUCES EWF 2016

Across the 11 days of this year's festival, we're attempting to answer the question: how do you be a writer in the world? Over

200 artists are going to lead a series of conversations, small and large, about: who has the right to a story? How do you balance mental health with the need to earn an income? Where do good ideas come from? How do you navigate jealousy in the writing world? Across all genres, writers will push the ideas and possibilities of the literary form to create new narratives and perspectives.

The festival will provide invaluable guidance by curating some of the best writers, editors and publishers in Australia, giving them a platform to offer practical,

hands-on, no-nonsense advice to creative practitioners. There'll be tips and advice for writers who are just starting out, as well as for those who are looking to refine their craft and diversify their practice. It's also the best possible place for writers to make new friends and meet their heroes in the one night.

As Director, I've had an enormous amount of fun programming events that will allow writers to play with their craft. EWF 2016 is an astonishingly diverse, provocative affair, featuring the writers who are going to become our next favourite authors. I'm so excited to showcase the incredible range and scope of the writers involved.



Michaela McGuire, Festival Director

VENUES

1000 £ Bend

361 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne

ACMI

Federation Square Melbourne

Back Alley Sally's

4 Yewers St, Footscray

Bella Union

54 Victoria St, Carlton

Dandenong Library

225 Lonsdale St, Dandenong

Footscray Community Arts Centre

45 Moreland St, Footscray

Guild Theatre

Ground Floor Union House University of Melbourne Parkville

Kathleen Syme Library

251 Faraday St, Carlton

Readings Carlton

309 Lygon St, Carlton

Readings St Kilda

112 Acland St, St Kilda

State Library Victoria

Conference Centre 179 La Trobe St, Melbourne

Springvale Library

411 Springvale Rd, Springvale

Supernormal

180 Flinders Ln, Melbourne

The Coopers Malthouse

113 Sturt St, Southbank

The Toff in Town

Level 2 Curtin House

252 Swanston St, Melbourne

The Wheeler Centre

176 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne

VU at Metrowest

138 Nicholson St, Footscray

Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

Cnr Walker and Robinson St, Dandenong

PEN PALS

EWF provides not only a place for emerging writers to share the skills and knowledge crucial to their ripening, but time and space for networks to develop between writers, illustrators, editors, and publishers at the onset of this rough path.

Our philanthropic program Pen Pals directly supports writers at the Emerging Writers' Festival. Your donation will go towards directly sponsoring the appearance of a writer, a group of writers, or you could go as high as nurturing an entire literary movement.

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 at the door or online at emergingwritersfestival.org.au/events

GOLDEN TICKETS

The Golden Ticket is your passport to EWF 2016, 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 \$195, a Golden Ticket is a fantastic way for individuals or organisations to get the most out of the 2016 Emerging Writers' Festival.

Only 25 Golden Tickets are available so don't miss out!

ACCESS INFORMATION

The Emerging Writers' Festival is committed to making an accessible and welcoming event for all writers.

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

Additional Auslan interpreters can be provided upon request. Please contact us if there is an event you would like 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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FESTIVAL LONG EVENTS

The Reading Room

Pull up a chair for a reading break at the Unknown Union, where you'll find a selection of zines and publications curated by the EWF team.

VENUE 1000 £ Bend, Unknown Union

The Lifted Brow Art Exhibition

The Lifted Brow presents an interactive exhibition of visual art from some of its longtime and favourite contributors.

VENUE 1000 £ Bend, Gallery ♿

The Gazette

Presented in partnership with RMIT, non/fictionlab, Bowen Street Press

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

PICK UP In venues all around town.



TUESDAY 14 JUNE

Opening Night Storytelling Slam

Four storytellers step into the spotlight and share stories about the best, and worst, pieces of advice they've received. Includes the announcement of the recipients of the Monash Undergraduate Prize for Creative Writing and Victorian Premier's Literary Award for an Unpublished Manuscript.

Following the Opening Night performance, please join us for a celebratory drink at the bar.

Presented in partnership with the Wheeler Centre and the Coopers Malthouse

ARTISTS Mohammad Baqiri • Nayuka Gorrie • Fury Jane Harper • Dr Jill Tomlinson • Paul Gorrie Neil Morris

TIME 7:00pm COST Free (bookings essential)

VENUE The Coopers Malthouse, Merlyn Theatre ♿

WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE

Industry Insiders: Pitch Perfect

Leading publishers and editors give you a unique, behind-the-scenes perspective of publishing.

ARTISTS Jacinda Woodhead • Cate Blake • Jo Walker Cassidy Knowlton

TIME 6:00pm COST \$17 full/\$15 concession

VENUE The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space ♿

Small & Loud

Theatre scratch night for new live performance works in development.

Presented by Small & Loud

ARTISTS David Harris • Cassandra-Elli Yiannacou Alexandra Macalister-Bills • Kerensa Diball Yuhui Ng-Rodriguez

TIME 6:30pm COST Free

VENUE 1000 £ Bend, Gallery ♿

Footscray Tales Trail

A walking tour which will explore Footscray's rich culture through conversation, performance and prose.

Presented by Victoria University. Supported by Footscray Community Arts Centre.

In Our Backyard

A panel of creative minds from the inner west discuss the impact of gentrification.

TIME 6:00pm COST Free (bookings essential)

VENUE VU @ Metrowest ♿

Off the Map, Into the Stars

A night of stories, performances and readings.

TIME 7:15pm COST Free

VENUE Back Alley Sally's

West Writers Group

Walk through unique street installations and performances and find yourself light years away from where you started.

TIME 8:30pm COST Free (bookings essential)

VENUE Footscray Community Arts Centre ♿

Writers' Night School: Poetry of the Eye

Discuss the page as canvas for the visual aspects of poetry.

Presented in partnership with Australian Poets Festival and Cordite Poetry Review.

ARTISTS Toby Fitch

TIME 6:30pm COST \$35 full/\$30 concession

VENUE The Wheeler Centre, Workshop Space ♿

Late Night Lit: Cult Friction

Dust off your VHS collection and join the Lifted Brow, Firefiles and Archer for an homage to the underground.

ARTISTS See website for full artist lineup

TIME 9:00pm COST Free

VENUE 1000 £ Bend, Gallery ♿

THURSDAY 16 JUNE

Masterclass: Freelancing for Life

The best in the business teach you how to do what you love, but also pay the bills.

ARTISTS See website for full artist lineup

TIME 10:30am COST \$90 full/\$75 concession

VENUE The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space ♿

Lunchtime Lit: Characters Behaving Badly

Are there any lines we shouldn't cross when writing YA characters?

ARTISTS Gabrielle Williams • Nicole Hayes Amie Kaufman

TIME 12:30pm COST Free

VENUE 1000 £ Bend, Unknown Union

Unlocking Creativity: Teaching Students How to Write Stories

Professional development workshop for secondary school teachers.

Presented in partnership with Swinburne University

ARTISTS Nic Brash

TIME 3:00pm COST Free (bookings essential)

VENUE The Wheeler Centre, Workshop Space ♿

Swinburne Presents: Spirit of Punk

Bring along a one-page work and have your voice heard.

Presented in partnership with Swinburne University

ARTISTS Open mic

TIME 5:30pm COST Free

VENUE 1000 £ Bend, Unknown Union

Writers' Night School: Hot Takes

How can you write an insightful, original and engaged take on current affairs?

ARTISTS Amy Gray

TIME 6:30pm COST \$35 full/\$30 concession

VENUE The Wheeler Centre, Workshop Space ♿

Fear View Mirror (RMIT Horizons)

Mortification, anxiety, perpetual discomfort! Thirteen writers share stories of fear through readings and interactive works.

Presented in partnership with RMIT

ARTISTS See website for full artist lineup

TIME 7:30pm COST Free

VENUE 1000 £ Bend, Gallery ♿

FRIDAY 17 JUNE

Masterclass: A Room of One's Own

Join us in celebrating women in writing with a full day of workshops, panels and performances.

Presented by Monash University. Presented in partnership with Broadly, and events by Lip Magazine, the Stella Prize and Writers Bloc

ARTISTS See website for full artist lineup

TIME 10:00am COST \$90 full/\$75 concession

VENUE The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space ♿

SATURDAY 18 JUNE

National Writers' Conference

See inset for details.

The Tales of Many Cities

A suite of special events, covering, poetry, comic books, podcasting and performances.

Presented in partnership with City of Greater Dandenong

Emerging Writers' Intensive Learn creative skills and practical knowledge to kick start your writing journey.

TIME 11:00am COST Free (bookings essential)

VENUE Dandenong Library

Comic Books and Graphic Novels workshop Create your own visual masterpiece in this workshop for comic book lovers.

TIME 12:00pm COST Free (bookings essential)

VENUE Springvale Library

Podcasting workshop Learn how to write, produce and record your own podcast in this audio storytelling workshop.

TIME 3:00pm COST Free (bookings essential)

VENUE Dandenong Library

Off the Map and into the Stars A night of stories, performances and readings.

TIME 6:30pm COST Free (bookings essential)

VENUE Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

You Might as Well Live An evening of words, wine, and immersive theatre.

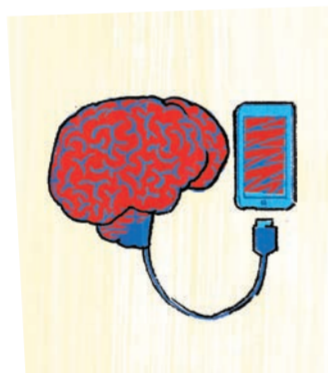
ARTISTS The Boon Companions

DRESS 1930's literary elite

TIME 7:00pm COST \$20

VENUE 1000 £ Bend ♿

SUNDAY 19 JUNE



MONDAY 20 JUNE

National Writers' Conference

See inset for details.

MONDAY 20 JUNE

Masterclass: Emerging Programmers

Arts and culture workers will share the finer points of curating and staging wildly successful events.

ARTISTS See website for full artist lineup

TIME 10:30am COST \$90 full/\$75 concession

VENUE The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space ♿

The Lifted Brow Art Exhibition Launch

Come join the Lifted Brow staff, exhibition artists and friends for a drink to officially launch this interactive exhibition of visual art.

ARTISTS See website for full artist lineup

TIME 5:30pm COST Free

VENUE 1000 £ Bend, Gallery ♿

2016 Scribe Nonfiction Prize

Hear the work of Australia's best young nonfiction writers and how they've forged their literary pathways.

Presented in partnership with Express Media and Scribe Publications

ARTISTS Elizabeth Flux • Sam van Zweden Eliena Savage • Yamiko Marama

TIME 6:00pm COST Free

VENUE The Wheeler Centre, Workshop 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 Rajith Sivanadasa • Susie Anderson Michelle Wright • Kate Mildenhall

TIME 6:15pm COST Free (bookings essential)

VENUE The Wheeler Centre, The Moat Bar ♿

Writers' Night School: Food Writing

Enjoy dinner with some of the industry's best food writers.

Presented in partnership with Supernormal and Broadsheet

ARTISTS Emily Naismith • Michael Harden

TIME 6:30pm COST \$60 full/\$55 concession

VENUE Supernormal ♿

Amazing Babes

Amazing Babes pay R-E-S-P-E-C-T to the rebel girls, the riot grrrls and the just-a-girls.

ARTISTS Amy Gray • Bronie Coates • Izzy Roberts-Orr Emma Marie Jones • Hannah Donnelly Greer Clemens • Alison Whittaker • Raj Amedi

Hosted by Bri Lee

TIME 7:00pm COST \$17 full/\$15 concession

VENUE The Toff in Town ♿

Late Night Lit: Poetry Slam

A night of multisensory, interactive and kinetic poetry by today's most exciting contemporary spoken word artists.

ARTISTS Steve Smart • Jess Holly Bates • Abe Nook Sukhjit Kaur Khalsa • Hosted by Emilie Zoey Baker

TIME 9:00pm COST Free

VENUE 1000 £ Bend, Gallery ♿

TUESDAY 21 JUNE

The Early Words: Self Care for Writers

Burn out in the arts is high: how do writers avoid mental and creative fatigue?

Supported by Padre Coffee and The Wild muesli

ARTISTS Kate Richards • Lex Hirst • Chris Tanti Vikki Ryall

TIME 8:30am COST Free (bookings essential)

VENUE The Wheeler Centre, Performance Space ♿

Masterclass: Criticism

A full day of events about the art and practice of criticism.

ARTISTS See website for full artist lineup

TIME 10:30am COST \$90 full/\$75 concession