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We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and to the more than 65,000 years of storytelling that has taken place on the lands and waterways of this Country. Sovereignty was never ceded.

## FESTIVAL INFORMATION

## **HOW TO BOOK**

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## **COMMUNITY TICKETS FOR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES**

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## MESSAGE FROM FESTIVAL DIRECTOR **VERONICA SULLIVAN**



Any reader will tell you that books possess a special kind of magic. They transform our understanding of ourselves and others. They animate divergent ways of seeing. They immerse us in fantastic worlds that blur the line between the real and the imagined, and offer pathways towards new possible futures.

Magical thinking can be risky – assumptions are fallible, memory is subjective, and it's impossible to ever fully know what's inside another person's mind. Unaccompanied by action, belief can stagnate or taper into inertia.

But reading equips us to navigate the world with empathy, curiosity and imagination - to dream big and take a leap of faith. Storytelling is a transformative force – a way to not only understand the world but to change it, one

Across four packed days this May, some of Australia and the world's most brilliant and incisive writers and thinkers will gather in our City of Literature to celebrate the alchemy of storytelling, and the power of imagination and connection to open doors we never thought possible. We invite you to immerse yourself in a spectacular long weekend of fascinating stories and big ideas.

At this year's Festival, you'll encounter nuanced discussions spanning literature, politics, philosophy, history and psychology. We'll explore the fine line between utopia and dystopia; the mythologies of our national identity; and consider how to find meaning in times of crisis.

We'll celebrate different types of brains and thought traditions across cultures. We'll centre alternative means of communication from art to translation, podcasting to poetry. We'll traverse time and space, from the mountains of Iceland to the International Space Station, from the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean to medieval France, before returning to the laneways of Melbourne.

The 2025 Festival program has been immeasurably enriched by the contributions of this year's First Nations Curators, Daniel Browning and Nardi Simpson. Cleareyed creativity and passion are at the heart of their five curated events, which are set to be highlights of the festival.

You'll also encounter Booker Prize winners, inspiring memoirists, genre-defying storytellers, acute political analysts, vibrant podcasters, transcendent musicians, shimmering poets, and emerging writers who will shape Australian literature in years to come.

Join us in May to be transported to other worlds, and to find connection in this one, as we embrace the magic that lingers long after the final page.

## YOUR REWARD FOR GETTING IN QUICK

Buy your MWF tickets before 11.59pm, Thursday 27 March to receive a 10% early-bird discount.\*

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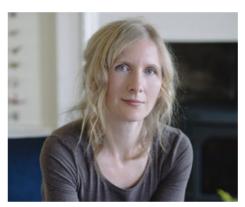
# WELCOME TO THE FESTIVAL



## **Opening Night: Magical Thinking**

Join us to open the 2025 Festival with renowned novelist Rumaan Alam, 2024 Booker Prize-winner Samantha Harvey, beloved author Hannah Kent, slam poet Solli Raphael and First Nations Curators Daniel Browning and Nardi Simpson. Plus, the announcement of The Age Book of the Year awards. Supported by ARA

\$45 full / \$40 conc. (3) (7) (5)



## Samantha Harvey: Orbital

Sun 11 May, 2.30pm | Athenaeum Theatre

Journey through deep space with Samantha Harvey, winner of the 2024 Booker Prize for her novella Orbital - a profound meditation on the meaning of life and the nature of humanity itself. Hosted by Kate Mildenhall.

\$40 full / \$35 conc. (3)



## Marian Keyes: My **Favourite Mistake**

Sun 11 May, 12.30pm | Athenaeum Theatre Spend a lively afternoon in the company of Marian Keyes, one of the most successful Irish novelists of all time, as she reflects on telling stories that resonate across generations and lessons learned over the course of her career. \$40 full / \$35 conc. (3)



## Colum McCann: **Twist**

ABC Radio National's Kate Evans.

Sat 10 May, 6.30pm | Athenaeum Theatre National Book Award-winning author Colum McCann discusses loss, connection and the power of the sea in his latest novel, Twist, with

Supported by Culture Ireland \$40 full / \$35 conc. (3)



## Sarah Wilson: Living Fully in an Age of Crisis

Sat 10 May, 4.30pm | Athenaeum Theatre

Sarah Wilson discusses finding meaning, beauty and humanity amid global crises. Drawing on years of interviews with leading thinkers, she offers a hopeful guide to living fully in challenging times, with host Carody Culver.

\$35 full / \$30 conc. 3



## **Jimmy Barnes:** Highways and **Byways**

Sat 10 May, 2.30pm | Athenaeum Theatre Spend an afternoon with beloved star and maverick Jimmy Barnes as he celebrates heritage, family, friends, music and the adventures of a grand life. \$40 full / \$35 conc. **3** 

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## Kaliane Bradley: The Ministry of Time

Sat 10 May, 2pm | The Capitol

Join Kaliane Bradley and ABC Radio National's Claire Nichols as they discuss Bradley's debut novel, The Ministry of Time, a propulsive tale of time travel, spies and the potential for love to

Supported by ARA \$35 full / \$30 conc. (3)



## Jamila Rizvi and **Rosie Waterland: Broken Brains**

Sat 10 May, 12.30pm | Athenaeum Theatre Writers, friends and co-authors Jamila Rizvi

and Rosie Waterland discuss brain health the physical and the mental - through their intertwined experiences of illness, resilience and friendship in this raw, insightful and Melbourneexclusive conversation about their new book Broken Brains. Hosted by Clare Bowditch.

\$65 full — ticket + book \$60 conc. — ticket + book (3)



## Hannah Kent: Always Home, **Always Homesick**

Sun 11 May, 4.30pm | Athenaeum Theatre One of Australia's bestselling literary novelists. Hannah Kent, presents her debut work of non-fiction - a tender, diaristic love letter to her muse, Iceland. Speaking with ABC Radio National's Richard Fidler.

\$35 full / \$30 conc. (3)



## A. C. Grayling: Making Peace in the **Culture Wars**

Sun 11 May, 6pm | Athenaeum Theatre

In this special lecture, the philosopher presents a nuanced and timely examination of the divisive state of public culture and offers a compelling vision for how we might move forward. Followed by a Q&A hosted by Esther Anatolitis.

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## Asako Yuzuki: Butter

Sat 10 May, 5.30pm | The Capitol

The Japanese author discusses her twisty treat of a novel, Butter, and the connections between food, gender and the joy of eating. With host Beejay Silcox.

This event will be translated live from Japanese to English.

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University of Melbourne

\$35 full / \$30 conc. 💰 🇷



# THE CURATORS

Be enthralled and inspired at these special events brought together by the 2025 MWF First Nations Curators - Bundjalung and Kullilli writer, journalist and radio broadcaster Daniel Browning and Yuwaalaraay storyteller and performer Nardi Simpson.



## Post-Referendum Voices: Where Do We Go From Here?

Sat 10 May, 12.00pm Conversation Quarter, State Library Victoria

Eighteen months after the Voice referendum, **Daniel Browning** leads Abbatangelo, Thomas Mayo and Vanessa Turnbull-Roberts on the way forward for reconciliation and the urgent need for truth-telling. \$25 full / \$20 conc. (3)



## Tradition and Innovation: 65,000 Years of Indigenous Art

Sat 10 May, 3pm State Library Theatrette

Explore the brilliance and longevity of 65,000 years of Indigenous art. Marcia Langton, Judith Ryan, Brook Garru Andrew and Jessica Neath examine its history, impact and future. Curated and hosted by Daniel Browning. \$25 full / \$20 conc. (3) (7)



## We Sharpen Our Axes Against the Hardest

Sun 11 May, 3.30pm Conversation Quarter, State Library Victoria

Is adversity the key to making great art? Brook Garru Andrew, Nayuka Gorrie, personal, political and social upheaval offer the necessary impetus to the creation of great works of art. Curated and hosted by Daniel Browning. \$25 full / \$20 conc. 💰



#### First Knowledges First Sat 10 May, 4.30pm State Library Theatrette

Noongar doctor Professor Sandra Eades and Darumbal and South Sea Islander journalist **Amy McQuire** explore the enduring wisdom of First Nations knowledge systems in the fields of healthcare and media. Curated by Nardi Simpson. Pay What You Wish (3)



**Blak Magic Women** Sat 10 May, 7.30pm The Capitol

Anita Heiss, Amy McQuire, Alice Skye and more share their creative practices across writing, music and performance in a night of storytelling, community and celebration. Curated and hosted by Nardi Simpson. \$35 full / \$30 conc. (3)

## Thin Red Lines: An **Evening of Poetry**

Fri 9 May, 6pm The Wheeler Centre

The Naarm-based poetry event celebrates six years with co-hosts Thabani Tshuma and Georgia Kartas and a lineup featuring Manisha Anjali, Afra Atiq, Daniel Browning, Hasib Hourani, Nam Le and Micaela Sahhar. In partnership with Australian Poetry via the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund Pay What You Wish (3)

## Cancelling Culture

Fri 9 May, 8pm Athenaeum Theatre

Is it possible to separate the art from the artist? Join journalist Osman Faruqi, philosopher A. C. Grayling and cultural critic **Tara Kenny** as they debate legacy, transgression and accountability with host Beejay Silcox \$40 full / \$35 conc. (3)

## **Culture Club Podcast:** Live with Chloe Elisabeth Wilson

Fri 9 May, 8pm The Wheeler Centre

Join media-slashies Jasmine Wallis and Maggie Zhou for a live recording of their podcast Culture Club, as they dive into the dark side of the beauty industry with special guest Chloe Elisabeth Wilson (Rytual). \$25 full / \$20 conc. (3) (3)

## Lev Grossman: The Bright Sword

Sat 10 May, 10.30am Conversation Quarter, State Library Victoria

New York Times-bestselling author Lev Grossman presents his longawaited epic novel The Bright Sword, a transformative reimagining of the King Arthur legend, in conversation with CS Pacat. \$25 full / \$20 conc. (3i)



## Anita Heiss in Conversation

Sat 10 May, 10.30am **State Library Theatrette** 

Anita Heiss discusses her latest novel, Red Dust Running, her ongoing activism, and writing novels grounded in heart and humour. With host Shelley Ware.

Supported by the Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne

\$25 full / \$20 conc. (3)

#### **Culture Vultures: Griffith Review**

Sat 10 May, 12pm State Library Theatrette Join Griffith Review contributors Esther Anatolitis Darby Jones and Raeden Richardson as they consider digital versus real world artistic spaces, the hyperreality of the information age and making art in the age of algorithms, with host Carody Culver

## Rumaan Alam: Entitlement

\$25 full / \$20 conc. (3)

Sat 10 May, 12pm The Capitol

Bestselling author Rumaan Alam talks about his latest novel Entitlement, a simmering exploration of money, morality and the compromises we're willing to make. In conversation with ABC Radio National's Claire Nichols. \$35 full / \$30 conc. (3)

## The Writer as Witness

Sat 10 May, 12.30pm The Wheeler Centre

Hasib Hourani, Amy McQuire and Micaela Sahhar discuss writing as an act of witnessing and the power of unconventional narrative forms across journalism, memoir and poetry. n partnership with Overland

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#### John Button Oration: Decoding the Federal Election

Sat 10 May, 1.30pm State Library Theatrette

Lobbyist, pollster and electoral strategist Kos Samaras offers a cleareyed analysis of the 2025 federal election, exploring the structural, social and economic forces shaping Australia's political landscape Supported by the Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne \$25 full / \$20 conc. (3)

## The Past is a Foreign Country

Sat 10 May, 1.30pm Conversation Quarter, State Library Victoria

Historians and authors Santilla Chingaipe, Sita Sargeant and Steve Vizard explore untold, mythologised and overlooked aspects of Australian history, revealing how they shape our national identity. Hosted by ABC Radio National's Natasha Mitchell. Supported by ARA \$25 full / \$20 conc. (3)

## Drawing the Line Sat 10 May, 2.30pm

The Wheeler Centre How can comics and graphic art challenge injustice? Visual artists Safdar Ahmed and Sam Wallman explore the power of visual storytelling to amplify urgent voices. In partnership with Overland Pay What You Wish (3)

## The Next Big Thing

Sat 10 May, 3pm The Moat

Over a drink at The Moat, hear from novelist Dominic Amerena, graphic novelist Rachel Ang, memoirist Candice Chung, poet Jacinta Le Plastrier, romcom author Cynthia Timoti and Voiceworks contributor Isabella Eichler-Onus

In partnership with The Wheeler Centre Pay What You Wish (3)

## Horror, Hauntings and **Monstrous Femmes**

Sat 10 May, 3pm Conversation Quarter, State Library Victoria

Argentine journalist and author Mariana Enríquez joins partners in writing and life Mikaella Clements and Onjuli Datta to discuss queer horror, monstrous femmes and the themes that haunt their writing. In conversation with Maeve Marsden. \$25 full / \$20 conc. (3)

### The Fifth Estate: Citizenship and its **Discontents**

Sat 10 May, 4pm The Capitol

Are the voices of ordinary people fully present in Australian media and politics? Notable thinkers including Thomas Mayo explore civic responsibility, political engagement and public identity in this federal election year. With host Sally Warhaft. In partnership with The Wheeler Centre \$35 full / \$30 conc. (3)

#### Peter Steele Poetry Conversation: Pádraig Ó Tuama

Sat 10 May, 4.30pm The Wheeler Centre

Irish poet Pádraig Ó Tuama takes a deep dive into the state of poetry for the annual Peter Steele Conversation. He'll explore poetry's power across mediums, closing with a taste of his Poetry Unbound podcast, With Izzy Roberts-Orr.

Supported by the Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne \$25 full / \$20 conc. (3) (7)

### Top 100 Books with **ABC Radio National**

Sat 10 May, 4.30pm Conversation Quarter, State Library Victoria

Join Kaliane Bradley, Kate Grenville, Colum McCann and host Sarah L'Estrange as they debate the greatest contemporary books of the 21st century, inspired by ABC Radio National's Top 100 Books Countdown. In partnership with ABC Radio National \$35 full / \$30 conc. (3)



### The Psychology of Your 20s with Lucinda **Price AKA Froomes**

Sat 10 May, 6.30pm Conversation Quarter, State Library Victoria

Jemma Sbeg hosts a live episode of her hit podcast about the psychology behind the universal life experiences of being twenty-something, with special guest Lucinda Price (AKA Froomes). \$25 full / \$20 conc. (3) (7)

MELBOURNE WRITERS FESTIVAL

# SPECIAL EVENTS

Experience bold storytelling, electrifying performances and immersive literary adventures



#### Queerstories Fri 9 May, 7.30pm Conversation Quarter, State Library Victoria

Curator and host Maeve Marsden's beloved national LGBTQIA+ storytelling project features guest speakers Rumaan Alam. Clem Bastow, Bebe Oliver, Norman Erikson Pasaribu and Ernest Price sharing personal stories celebrating the richness of the queer community through unexpected tales of pride. prejudice, resilience and resistance

\$35 full / \$30 conc. (3) 🚱

Yael van der Wouden:

Yael van der Wouden discusses her

Booker Prize-shortlisted debut,

The Safekeep - a gripping tale of

desire, obsession and secrets set in

the shadow of WWII, in conversation

The Safekeep

Sun 11 May, 10.30am

The Capitol

with Tali Lavi.

Supported by ARA

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## **Badass Women of Melbourne Walking Tours** Sat 10 May & Sun 11 May, 10.30am

Uncover Melbourne's hidden feminist nistory and walk in the footsteps of trailblazing women who shaped the city, as activist, author and tour guide Sita Sargeant brings her She Shapes History walking tours to Melbourne for

In partnership with Victorian Women's Trust

All tickets \$60

**Emily Maguire and** 

Are You There, God?

Celebrated authors Emily Maguire

World) discuss their new novels that

explore faith, fate and the nature of

(Rapture) and Josephine Rowe (Little

Josephine Rowe:

Sun 11 May, 10.30am

State Library Theatrette

belief, with Jaclyn Crupi.

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Kate Grenville and

**Australian Stories** 

Sun 11 May, 10.30am

Conversation Quarter,

Anita Heiss: Unsettling



#### Afternoon Tea with Sarah Wilson Sat 10 May, 12.30pm Sofitel Melbourne On Collins

Join Sarah Wilson for an intimate afternoon tea as she unpacks her storied career with Georgia Frances King. Enjoy a glass of bubbles on arrival and a delicious afternoon tea, courtesy of the Sofitel Supported by Sofitel Melbourne On Collins

All tickets \$100



#### Carrie Tiffany: Bitten -A Snake Performance Sat 10 May, 4.30pm Fringe Common Rooms

In this Australian premiere, Carrie Tiffany weaves fiction and memoir with live percussion and subversive collages in a performance circling themes of nature and power. Followed by a Q&A hosted by Michael Williams. In partnership with Fringe Common Rooms



## and Amaya Laucirica: Fire Moves Faster

Sat 10 May, 6.30pm Fringe Common Rooms

This premiere performance brings together the words of renowned poe Maxine Beneba Clarke with original music by contemporary musician Amaya Laucirica. Followed by a Q&A hosted by Maeve Marsden. In partnership with Fringe Common

\$40 full / \$35 conc. (3) \$40 full / \$35 conc. (3) (3)

## Sun 11 May, 12pm State Library Theatrette

Authors Bora Chung, Jordan Prosse and Neal Shusterman discuss what draws them to write utopias and dystopias and how the speculative fiction genre mirrors our hopes and fears for the future. With host Kate

\$25 full / \$20 conc. (3)

**Future Tense** 

## **ABC's The Bookshelf** Live

Sun 11 May, 12pm Conversation Quarter.

State Library Victoria Award-winning authors Kate Grenville and Anita Heiss take a personal, political and cultural look at writing frontier histories and unsettling colonial narratives, with ABC Radio National's Kate Evans. In partnership with PEN Melbourne \$35 full / \$30 conc. (3)



State Library Victoria

Be part of a live recording of ABC Radio National's *The Bookshelf* as Hannah Kent and Beeiav Silcox sit down with hosts Kate Evans and Jonathan Green to discuss the latest fiction releases they're enjoying. loving and being challenged by In partnership with ABC Radio National Pay What You Wish (3)

## **Queering Genre** Sun 11 May, 12.30pm

The Capitol Acclaimed authors Amie Kaufman (Lady's Knight), Torrey Peters (Stag

Dance) and Yael van der Wouden (The Safekeep) explore the risks, rewards and complexities of writing within and beyond traditional genres while creating beloved, authentic queer characters, with host Patrick

\$25 full / \$20 conc. (3) (7)

#### Translation Slam with Mariana Enríquez

Sun 11 May, 1.30pm Conversation Quarter. State Library Victoria

Translators Lilit Žekulin Thwaites and Alice Whitmore go head-to-head, each translating the same excerpt of Mariana Enríquez's work. They defend their choices, revealing the intricacies of translation, while Enríquez reflects

on being translated. In partnership with AALITRA Supported by the Faculty of the Arts, University of Melbourne

\$35 full / \$30 conc. **3** 

## Norman Erikson Pasaribu: My Dream Job

Sun 11 May, 1.30pm State Library Theatrette

The Indonesian poet and Internationa Booker Prize-longlistee sits down to discuss queer poetics, writing across languages and their shimmering collection of poems My Dream Job, with Hasib Hourani.

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# WORKSHOPS

Hone your craft and develop your creative voice at these intimate writing workshops led by acclaimed festival guests. The Wheeler Centre | \$140 full / \$120 conc. 3 MWF Workshops are presented in partnership with Writers Victoria



Santilla Chingaipe: **Working with Archives** Tues 6 May, 6pm-8.30pm



Raeden Richardson: Writing to the **Edge of Reality** Wed 7 May, 6pm-8.30pm



Rumaan Alam: Making Writing a Habit Friday 9 May, 10am-12.30pm



**Hannah Kent: Writing Historical Fiction** Sat 10 May, 10am-12.30pm



Afra Atiq: The Healing **Power of Poetry** Sat 10 May, 2:30pm-5pm



### Better Off Said: **Eulogies for the Living** and Dead

Sun 11 May, 2.30pm | The Capitol This spoken-word salon features Kaliane Bradley, A. C. Grayling, Gideon Haigh, Marcia Langton, Samah Sabawi and Vanessa Turnbull-Roberts reflecting on 'The Words I Wish I'd Said', with a musical performance by Eliza Hull. Hosted by Emilie Zoey Baker and produced by Marieke Hardy.

\$40 full / \$35 conc. (3) (7)



**Bora Chung: Your Utopia** Sun 11 May, 3pm State Library Theatrette

In this Australian exclusive, join International Booker Prize-shortlisted author Bora Chung in conversation with Marina Sano about Your Utopia, her thrillingly inventive collection of speculative short stories \$25 full / \$20 conc. (3)

#### Someone Like Me: **Autistic Writing and** Belonging

Sun 11 May, 4.30pm State Library Theatrette Co-editors Clem Bastow and Jo Case are joined by contributors Jess Ho, Caitlin McGregor and Marlee Jane Ward to discuss identity, creativity, and their new anthology of non-fiction by Autistic gender-diverse and women writers. Pay What You Wish (3)

#### Mariana Enríquez: A Sunny Place for Shady People

Sun 11 May, 5pm Conversation Quarter, State Library Victoria

Argentine novelist and short story writer Mariana Enríquez discusses her chilling collection of macabre tales. She explores horror's power to unpack love, trauma and Argentina's past, in conversation with Beejay Silcox.

Supported by Instituto Cervantes \$25 full / \$20 conc. (3)





**Torrey Peters: Stag Dance** 

Sun 11 May, 5.30pm | The Capitol Following the runaway success of her debut novel, Detransition, Baby, author Torrey Peters returns to discuss her sophomore book, Stag Dance an unruly quartet of tales exploring trans life past, present and future. In conversation with Nevo Zisin.

\$35 full / \$30 conc. (3)



#### Colm Tóibín: From Brooklyn to Long Island Wed 21 May, 6.30pm | The Capitol

Three-time Booker Prize finalist Colm Tóibín discusses his powerful new novel with Jason Steger, reflecting on his distinguished career and the themes of exile and desire that have come to define his celebrated body of writing. In partnership with The Wheeler Centre

Supported by Culture Ireland \$39.50 full / \$29.50 conc. (3)

# IN THE SUBURBS



#### Kate Grenville: Unsettled

Friday 9 May, 6pm | Vision Australia Library, Kooyong

The beloved author of The Secret River discusses Unsettled, a deeply personal memoir of reckoning with what it means to be on land that was taken from other people. In conversation with

In partnership with Vision Australia Library Free, bookings required (3) (7)



## Nardi Simpson: The Belburd

Friday 9 May, 8pm | Vision Australia Library, Kooyong

Award-winning author Nardi Simpson reflects on motherhood, belonging and connection to Country in The Belburd, her lyrical novel weaving the everyday with the metaphysical In conversation with Daniel James In partnership with Vision Australia Library

Free, bookings required (3) (7)

## FOR YOUNGER READERS

Bring the whole family along for a fun-filled time at MWF!

#### The Library of Bears with Cat Rabbit

Sat 10 May, 10.30am Create Quarter, State Library Victoria

Join Melbourne author Cat Rabbit for a heartwarming storytime featuring The Library of Bears - a tale of Softie the Bear's journey to find a friend. Meet felt animals and enjoy this magical, feel-good adventure!

Rec. 3+. Free, no bookings required (3)

## Jessica Townsend: Silverborn

Sat 10 May, 10.30am | The Capitol At this family-friendly event, join internationally bestselling author

**Jessica Townsend** as she talks about the latest book in her phenomenally popular Nevermoor series, Silverborn: The Mystery of Morrigan Crow, with host

All tickets \$15 3

## Wonders Under the Moon with Tai Snaith

Sat 10 May, 12pm Create Quarter, State Library Victoria

Calling all young nature-lovers! Discover the wonders of nocturnal animals that eat and play at night and create your own magical night garden. Art materials provided. Rec. 4+. Free, no bookings required (3)

## Amie Kaufman and Meagan Spooner:





### Sat 17 May, 1pm | The Wheeler Centre

CS Pacat joins Amie Kaufman and Meagan Spooner for a lively chat about their latest YA book, Lady's Knight, where even the best-laid plans are at risk of being trampled by dragons.

In partnership with The Wheeler Centre All tickets \$15 (3)

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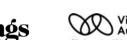
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