



# Program 2022

May 12 - 15

## A small town festival with big ideas.

The Kyogle Writers Festival seeks to bring the best of contemporary Australian writing to our region to explore the question: 'Close to Home?'

This is a remarkable neck of the woods which incorporates the lands of the Bundjalung people, who nurtured and managed the land through millennia. Whose sovereignty was never ceded.

Ours is an area of stunning natural beauty. Our recent history features the cedargetters and generations of farmers along with the migration of the children of Aquarius. Our hidden valleys stretch up to the sensational rainforests of the Border Ranges National Park. Our bush runs west through to Bonalbo, and up to Woodenbong. The Land. The streams. The many bridges. The wildlife. Our homes.

We find immense pleasure in the connection between ourselves and words: those written, those spoken aloud, shared ideas, so many shared conversations.

See you at the festival!

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Kyogle Writers Festival acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land and waters on which we work and live. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



Raised Ink Press

Kyogle Writers Festival would also like to thank the Standfield and Hanley Families for their generosity.

# Thursday May 12

## Bringing Stories to Life!

**KIDS WORKSHOP**

Discover how author and illustrator Tina Wilson brings a story about a little toy monkey to life through innovative illustration techniques, hand knitted toys, and original music composed by award-winning artist Matt Ottley.

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**Where:** Bonalbo Central School

**When:** 9:30am

**Participants:** Tina Wilson

**Event type:** Kids workshop

**Tickets:** Free. This event is for Bonalbo Central School students. Contact the school for more details.

## Bringing Stories to Life!

**KIDS WORKSHOP**

Discover how author and illustrator Tina Wilson brings a story about a little toy monkey to life through innovative illustration techniques, hand knitted toys, and original music composed by award-winning artist Matt Ottley.

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**Where:** Woodenbong Central School

**When:** 1pm

**Participants:** Tina Wilson

**Event type:** Kids workshop

**Tickets:** Free to Woodenbong Central School students. Contact the school for more details.

## The Princess Bride (PG)

A screening of a 1980s cult-classic about a farmhand on a mission to rescue his beloved Buttercup? As you wish! Come join us at Kyogle Cinemas for this truly inconceivable adventure.

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**Where:** The Kyogle Cinemas

**When:** 6pm

**Event type:** Film screening

**Tickets:** Adults \$10. Children under 16 are free. All proceeds will go to Arts Northern Rivers Flood Recovery Appeal.

# Friday May 13

## Poet's Breakfast

Come join the Kyogle Writers Group as they host this energetic, open mic morning of spoken word poetry.

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**Where:** The Farmer's Plate

**When:** 9am – 12pm

**Participants:** Vincent Stead, The Kyogle Writers Group

**Event type:** Open mic

**Tickets:** Free. To register as a reader contact Vince via email [vincentstead@outlook.com](mailto:vincentstead@outlook.com)

## Too Close to Home?

**KIDS WORKSHOP**

When young Melaina moves from a polite city school up to the North Coast, she swaps polished shoes and knee socks for bare feet and kids who are, um... not polite. In this highly entertaining session students will learn techniques for great storytelling – spoken and written!

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**Where:** Kyogle Primary School

**When:** 9:30am

**Participants:** Melaina Faranda

**Event type:** Kids workshop

**Tickets:** Free. Contact the school for more details.

## I Hate Networking!

**WORKSHOP**

Brought to you by Arts Northern Rivers

A surprisingly fun business workshop that combines education with the opportunity to practise networking in a safe and friendly environment, while embracing the discomfort of the whole process and having a laugh. *I Hate Networking!* is designed to encourage creative people to get to know each other, while acknowledging the horror, and sharing a few tips at the same time.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 10am – 12pm

**Participants:** Monica Davison

**Event type:** Workshop

**Tickets:** Free with registration

## Bringing Stories to Life!

**KIDS WORKSHOP**

Discover how author and illustrator Tina Wilson brings a story about a little toy monkey to life through innovative illustration techniques, hand knitted toys, and original music composed by award-winning artist Matt Ottley.

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**Where:** St Brigid's Primary School

**When:** 11am

**Participants:** Tina Wilson

**Event type:** Kids workshop

**Tickets:** Free. Contact the school for more details.

## High Schools Event: The Power of Words

Brought to you by Southern Cross University

Join us for three very different writers – teen-activist Jean Hinchcliffe, writer and film-maker Ben Gilmour and master storyteller Melaina Faranda – as they take their turns on the KMI Hall Main Stage to talk about their creative journeys and give tips and advice to young writers (and activists!).

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**Where:** The KMI Hall Main Stage

**When:** 11am – 2pm

**Participants:** Melaina Faranda, Jean Hinchcliffe & Ben Gilmour

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** Free. Contact your school for details

## The Hero's Journey

**WORKSHOP**

The Hero's Journey is a template for everything from legends and myths to Hollywood scripts and contemporary novels. We will explore its archetypes in this workshop, and how it can help you shape narratives in your own writing.

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**Where:** Kyogle Library

**When:** 12pm – 1:30pm

**Participants:** Luca Collins

**Event type:** Workshop

**Tickets:** Free with registration

## Is Art and Culture the Key to Revitalising the Regions?

Brought to you by Arts Northern Rivers

Arts Northern Rivers Executive Director, Jane Fuller, will facilitate a rigorous and thoughtful panel discussion with three leading creative industry and business leaders; Jasmine Phillips, Director Wild Honey Creative, Kyogle; Jane Laverty, Regional Manager of the NSW Business Chamber and Alex Wisser, Creative Director of Cementa Festival, Kandos.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 12:45pm – 1:45pm

**Participants:** Jane Fuller, Jasmine Phillips, Alex Wisser & Jane Laverty

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** Free.

## There's No Place Like Home?

Brought to you by ACON and Raised Ink Press

For many LGBTQI+ identifying people, the family home and neighbourhood have not been places of comfort and safety. New understandings of belonging and community have been forged from experiences of rejection, disconnection and abandonment. This panel interrogates the festival's theme, 'Close to Home?' through insights from LGBTQI+ writers. Join us for a lively discussion exploring notions of home, homelessness, homelands, place, identity, and travel.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 2pm – 3pm

**Participants:** Mykaela Saunders, Gavin Yuan Gao, Hayley Katzen and Michael Burge

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** Free

## **David Hallet**

Join accomplished poet, performer and Northern Rivers local, David Hallet for a reading of his work.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 3pm – 3:45pm

**Participants:** David Hallet

**Event type:** Reading

**Tickets:** Free

## **Mirandi Riwoe in Conversation with Mandy Beaumont**

This years' Kyogle Writers Festival Ambassador, Mirandi Riwoe, talks to Mandy Beaumont about her much-loved works *Stone Sky Cold Mountain* and *The Burnished Sun* and her approach to completing history by talking back to the past.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 4pm – 5pm

**Participants:** Mirandi Riwoe & Mandy Beaumont

**Event type:** One-on-one

**Tickets:** Free

## **Mark Olive in Conversation with Adele Wessell**

Join celebrated Bundjalung chef Mark Olive as he takes you on a journey through his love of country, cooking and native ingredients. Mark will be joined on stage by Southern Cross University's Adele Wessell.

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**Where:** The KMI Main Stage

**When:** 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Participants:** Mark Olive, Adele Wessell

**Event type:** One-on-one

**Tickets:** \$20 full. \$15 concession.

## **Festival Launch Party**

Join us to launch the festival with a mix of local musicians, poets and food.

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**Where:** Stratheden Street

**When:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**Participants:** Just you wait and see

**Event :** PARTY!

**Tickets:** Free

## Kids Bookmaking with Sarah Daley

**KIDS WORKSHOP**

Something for the Kids! – Ever wanted to know how to make a book?

Sarah from Social Futures is back again this year to show kids how to make a special paper fold to make an 8-page mini-book that your kids can take home.

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**Where:** Outside the library if it's sunny, inside if the library if it's not

**When:** 9am – 11am

**Participants:** Sarah Daley

**Event type:** Kids workshop

**Ages:** 3 – 12 years

**Tickets:** Free

All kids need to be under the supervision of a responsible adult to attend this session.

## Home / Cooking

Brought to you by Southern Cross University.

During the pandemic, the boundaries between work and home blurred for many of us. While restaurants were closed, more people were eating at home and there was a surge in both 'home cooking' and support for restaurants through buying their home kits and takeaways. This panel explores the place of cooking, both at home and 'away from home', and the role that cooking literature has played and continues to play in shaping cooking (and eating) cultures.

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**Where:** The KMI Hall Main Stage

**When:** 9:30am – 10:30am

**Participants:** Adele Wessell, Paul Wilson, Nancy Cushing, Barbara Sweeney & Belinda Jeffery

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** Included as part of the Saturday Pass, or \$15 for the individual event

## Podcasting Workshop Parts 1 & 2

**WORKSHOP**

Presented by the host/writing team behind Spotify's hit podcast *Who is Daniel Johns?* – Kaitlyn Sawrey and Francisco Lopez. Over the weekend participants will learn about documentary and scripted podcast/audio production and will leave with practical skills to take into their projects. Kaitlyn and Frank will share what they've learned from 25+ years of audio production, from daily radio to deeply researched long-form documentary podcasting in New York City. Please note that this workshop will take part in two sessions, each crucial to your learning journey.

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**Where:** Kyogle Together's Laneway Community Space

**When:** Saturday 14th May 9:30am – 10:30 am (Part 1)

Sunday 15th May 11am -12:30pm (Part 2)

**Participants:** Frank Lopez and Kaitlyn Sawrey

**Event type:** Workshop

**Tickets:** \$30 (for both parts)

## **The Will to Climb**

The Will To Climb is an adventure documentary not to be missed. Film-maker and author of the book of the same name will be available at the conclusion of the film for a question and answer session about the creative process he went through in their production.

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**Where:** Kyogle Cinema

**When:** 10am + 2pm – film run time 104 minutes

**Participants:** Richard Harris

**Event type:** Screening and discussion

**Tickets:** \$14. Contact the cinema directly to purchase via [manager@kyoglecinemas.com.au](mailto:manager@kyoglecinemas.com.au)

Please note this film is exempt from classification, however this session is recommended for audiences 12 and over.

## **Flamingo Writers Salon**

The Flamingo Salon is a showcase of emerging writers, hosted by Southern Cross University Alumni Andrew Spencer. The Flamingo Salon debuts short form story writing across styles and genres.

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**Where:** The Readers Lounge

**When:** 10:30am – 11:15am

**Participants:** Sandra Moon, Andy Spencer and Sarah Temporal, Peter Mitchell and Jayne Miller

**Event type:** Readings

**Tickets:** Free

## **New Fiction**

Join force of nature Mandy Beaumont, author of *The Furies* for a panel featuring three of Australia's most dynamic writers as they discuss their recent releases.

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**Where:** Senior Citizens Centre

**When:** 11am – 12pm

**Participants:** Mandy Beaumont, Mirandi Riwoe, Emily Brugman & Fiona Robertson

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** \$10

## **What Fear Was**

Ben Walter, fiction editor at Island and author of the acclaimed short story collection *What Fear Was* will be in conversation with Rohan Wilson about his strange, intensely moving writing.

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**Where:** The Fellowship Centre

**When:** 11am – 12pm

**Participants:** Ben Walter & Rohan Wilson

**Event type:** One-on-one

**Tickets:** \$10

## **The Gap, Ben Gilmour**

Join us for a chat with author, paramedic and film-maker, Ben Gilmour about his memoir *The Gap* — a no-holds-barred look at what happens after a triple-zero call is made — the drugs, nightclubs, brothels, billionaires, emergency births and even a kidnapping. Ben will be joined on stage by Kevin Markwell.

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**Where:** The Supper Rooms

**When:** 11am -12pm

**Participants:** Ben Gilmour & Kevin Markwell

**Event type:** One-on-one

**Tickets:** \$10

**Warning:** Some audience members may find some of the content in this discussion challenging.

### **Creativity After the Fire**

Just weeks after the 2019 bushfires a music festival was held in Ewingar, helping the community connect, and raise funds for their recovery. Around the same time two musos pushed their piano into fire affected Nymboida where they wrote and performed songs, heard stories of survival, and made a film about it. Ewingar's Hayley Katzen and 'piano-pushers' Grace and Hugh discuss art after the fires with Jarrah Dundler. There will be a screening of Hugh and Grace's film, *Up Armidale Road* after the panel is completed.

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**Where:** Kyogle Cinema

**When:** 11am – 1:30pm

**Participants:** Hayley Katzen, Hugh Murray, Grace Hickey & Jarrah Dundler

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** \$10

### **World Building, Place and Time in Young Adult Fiction**

**WORKSHOP**

A workshop to guide you through building an engaging, believable world within your young adult novel, looking specifically at world mechanics, visualisation of place and placing your story within a recognisable story-relevant time.

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**Where :** The Business Hive

**When:** 11am – 12:30pm

**Participants:** Lynnette Lounsbury

**Event type:** Workshop

**Tickets:** \$20

### **Slam Poetry**

**WORKSHOP**

Slam poetry gives you the microphone for two minutes and asks, 'what's your story?' Create a unique slam poem with prize-winning poet and educator, Sarah Temporal, in this fun and inclusive workshop. You will leave with a new spoken-word creation ready to enter the KWF poetry slam on Sunday.

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**Where:** Kyogle Together's Laneway Community Space

**When:** 11am – 12:30pm

**Participants:** Sarah Temporal

**Event type:** Workshop

**Tickets:** \$20

### **Bring Those Stories to Life!**

**KIDS WORKSHOP**

Join author and illustrator Tina Wilson for story time with a difference. Tina will be sharing her children's picture book, *Afloat in Venice*, about a little toy monkey who travels the world. Children are welcome to bring their own favourite toy, meet Monkey and his hand-knitted friends, take part in some fun drawing activities, and hear the fabulous music of @mattottleyart!

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**Where:** Kyogle Library

**When:** 11am – 12:30pm

**Participants:** Tina Wilson

**Event type:** Kids workshop

**Tickets:** Free

All kids need to be under the supervision of a responsible adult to attend this session.

### **Liam Ferney**

Join Liam for a reading and discussion of his work, including his most recent *Hot Take*. Liam will be joined by celebrated poet Stuart Cooke.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 11:30am – 12:15pm

**Participants:** Liam Ferney & Stuart Cooke

**Event type:** Reading

**Tickets:** Free

### **Micro-book launch**

Hear from writers who've done the hard yards. Uncover the processes and pitfalls of self-publishing. Join our writers for a discussion of independent writing in Australia, get a sneak peek into their writing, find your favourite writer at the KWF2022 Micro-Book Launch.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 12:00pm – 12:45pm

**Participants:** Andy Spencer, Helen Burns, Sue Edmonds & Jayne Miller

**Tickets:** Free

### **Peter Mitchell**

Join us as local poet, author of the sublime *Conspiracy of Skin* (Ginninderra Press, 2018) and *The Scarlet Moment* (Picaro Press, 2009) reads and discusses his work. Peter will be joined onstage by Barnaby Smith.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 12:30pm – 1:15pm

**Participants:** Peter Mitchell and Barnaby Smith

**Event type:** Reading

**Tickets:** Free

### **The Idea of Australia and the Unimaginable**

What is the 'Idea of Australia'? What defines the soul of our nation? Are we an egalitarian, generous, outward-looking country? Or is Australia a place that has retreated into silence and denial about the past and become selfish, greedy and insular? How do we face the future in light of the seemingly 'unimaginable' and recent natural disasters? Join Julianne Schultz on stage for a thought provoking discussion about her recent work with award-winning Bundjalung author Melissa Lucashenko.

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**Where:** KMI Hall Stage

**When:** 1pm – 2pm

**Participants:** Julianne Schultz & Melissa Lucashenko

**Event type:** One-on-one

**Tickets:** Included as part of the Saturday Pass, or \$15 for the individual event.

### **Front Up! Running a Writing Group**

This is for both experienced writing group members and those yet to form or join a group. What suits one group will very often not suit another but there is plenty to learn and share. How to stay on task and leave the socialising aside, and how to offer honest and helpful feedback.

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**Where:** The back of the library

**When:** 1pm -2pm

**Participants:** Kyogle Writing Group Members

**Event type:** Front Up!

**Tickets:** Free

### **Stuart Cooke**

Join celebrated poet and translator Stuart Cooke for a reading of his work. Stuart will be joined on stage by Liam Ferney.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 1:30pm – 2:15pm

**Participants:** Stuart Cooke & Liam Ferney

**Event type:** Reading

**Tickets:** Free

### **The Birth Suite**

"What did you do before becoming a Mum?" This question sparked a new collaborative project between performance poet Sarah Temporal and circus artist Britt Portelli. They use word and movement to create innovative performances for unusual settings. The Birth Suite project explores stories of transition, labour, and creative lives now shaped by motherhood.

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**Where:** The Readers Lounge

**When:** 2pm

**Participants:** Sarah Temporal and Brit Portelli

**Event type:** Circus and poetry

**Tickets:** Free

### **Front Up! Stories of the Richmond River**

Once 'a beautiful stream of clear water, running over clean sand and pebbles, an ideal of beauty and purity not to be surpassed anywhere,' the Richmond River is now in a sad way. This project will collect personal experiences in a social and environmental history of the river.

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**Where:** The back of the library

**When:** 2pm -2:30pm

**Participants:** Graeme Gibson

**Event type:** Front Up!

**Tickets:** Free

### **This All Come Back Now**

Come join us for a discussion of *This All Come Back Now* – the first-ever anthology of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander speculative fiction – written, curated, edited and designed by blackfellas, for blackfellas and about blackfellas. Dazzling, imaginative and unsettling, *This All Come Back Now* centres and celebrates communities and culture. It's a love letter to kin and country, to memory and future-thinking.

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**Where:** Senior Citizen Centre

**When:** 2:30pm – 3:30pm

**Participants:** Mykaela Saunders & Ellen van Neerven

**Event type:** One-on-one

**Tickets:** \$10

### **I Love Poetry and Rugby League**

Writers often have to hide their love for the working-class game, lest they be tarred and feathered. Join us for a celebration of blood, sweat and words. And remember, to allow the ball to bounce, is to invite misery into your life.

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**Where:** The Fellowship Centre

**When:** 2:30 – 3:30pm

**Participants:** Liam Ferney, Stuart Cooke, Barnaby Smith, Wendell Hussey and Paul Shields

**Event type:** Reading

**Tickets:** \$10

### **Writing Close to Home**

One last 'To Do' list for a dying mum. Finish migrants finding home on the isolated Abrolhos Islands. An exploration of how family trauma inhabits the body. Megan Albany, Emily Brugman and Jesse Cole's works are all close to home in many ways. Join them in a conversation with local writer Jarrah Dundler.

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**Where:** The Supper Rooms

**When:** 2:30pm – 3:30pm

**Participants:** Emily Brugman, Megan Albany, Jessie Cole & Jarrah Dundler.

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** \$10

## Life Stories

**WORKSHOP**

This workshop introduces the delights and skills of memoir writing and is suitable for both beginners and experienced writers as it goes to the heart of writing practice. We will look at how to access the creative 'right brain' via memory to find the texture of lived experience. BYO writing materials.

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**Where:** The Business Hive

**When:** 2:30pm – 4pm

**Participants:** Patti Miller

**Event type:** Workshop

**Tickets:** \$20

## Writing the Sensual World

**WORKSHOP**

Whether you are writing a sex scene or just writing about someone brushing their teeth, your writing can be lifted from the mundane into something that is an immersive, sensual, whole-body experience. Through a series of exercises, activities, discussions and readings, this workshop will equip you with tools that will help you to see and describe your literary world in a more sensual light.

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**Where:** Kyogle Together Laneway Community Space

**When:** 2:30pm – 4pm

**Participants:** Krissy Kneen

**Event type:** Workshop

**Tickets:** \$20

## Who is Daniel Johns?

Q+A with the creators of the #1 Spotify Original documentary podcast *Who is Daniel Johns?* Frank Lopez and Kaitlyn Sawrey walked into the Silverchair frontman's home not knowing what to expect, but after a year of interviews delving into the reclusive mind of one of Australia's greatest musical artists, they pulled back the curtain on his truly unique life.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 2:30pm – 3:15pm

**Participants:** Frank Lopez, Kaitlyn Sawrey & Nick Kelly

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** Free

## Bring Your Writing Alive with Sarah Armstrong

**TEEN WORKSHOP**

Sarah will teach techniques to get participants' writing flowing, as well as concrete, practical tools to create narrative tension, deepen character, and create a sense of immediacy for the reader. Participants will do lots of writing in the workshop and learn about constructive ways to approach rewriting.

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**Where:** Kyogle Library

**When:** 2:30pm – 4pm

**Participants:** Sarah Armstrong

**Event type:** Teenage Workshop

**Tickets:** Free

## **Front Up! Local Environment Groups share stories of experience**

Join the conversation with three local environment groups sharing their experiences, triumphs, future plans and lessons learned. Think global, act local.

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**Where:** The back of the library

**When:** 2:30pm – 3:30pm

**Participants:** Kyogle Landcare, Friends of the Koala and Kyogle Environment Group

**Event type:** Front Up!

**Tickets:** Free

## **Chris Mansell**

Join poet's poet Chris Mansell, the winner of many awards including the Queensland Premier's Award for Poetry, the Amelia Chapbook Award, the Meanjin Dorothy Porter Poetry Prize, for a reading and discussion of her work. Chris will be joined on stage by Carlie Daley.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Participants:** Chris Mansell & Carlie Daley

**Event type:** Reading

**Tickets:** Free

## **Making a Home for Emerging Voices**

How can writers, editors, and publishers work together to create opportunities for emerging writers? The panel will explore the intersection between opportunity and the responsibilities of literary gatekeepers when it comes to making space for diverse voices. The session also includes major must-knows and publication tips for emerging writers.

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**Where:** The Readers Lounge

**When:** 3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Participants:** Brooke Maddison, Martine Kropowski, & Nadia Johansen

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** Free

## **First Nations**

Join two of Australia's strongest female First Nations voices in an hour of truth-telling about the ongoing, and lived experience of colonisation.

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**Where:** KMI Hall Main Stage

**When:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Participants:** Chelsea Watego, Jackie Huggins and Merinda Dutton

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** Included as part of the Saturday Pass, or \$15 for the individual event.

## **Allen Ginsberg Down Under – 50 years on**

In March and April of 1972, the Beat poet Allen Ginsberg toured Australia for the first and only time. This session will retrace Ginsberg's steps, explore this period of his career, and feature readings of his work. Barnaby Smith, author of a recent article about Ginsberg's trip, will interview poet and artist Richard Tipping, who was involved with Ginsberg's time in Adelaide.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 4:45pm – 5:45pm

**Participants:** Richard Tipping, Lynnette Lounsbury and Barnaby Smith

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** Free

## **Plant Power Sisterhood**

Join Gullibul Elder Aunty Marcia Brooks, Jenny Fraser, Ellen van Neerven and others as they launch and discuss Jenny's recently edited offering for the Plant Power Sisterhood: an anthology of eco-revolution. A creative response from the patriarchy celebrating the plant life of Australia and the Pacific Islands, challenging us to think critically about our own kinship to the natural world, toward restoring it to the original true splendour. Take a moment out to give a cheers to the plant kingdom – trees are people too!

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 6pm – 7pm

**Participants:** Aunty Marcia Brooks, Jenny Fraser, Ellen van Neerven & others

**Event type:** Panel

**Ticket:** Free

Please note there will be Bushfood Fusion Bloody Marys and other cocktails and mocktails available for purchase from the bar for this event.

## **In Kyogle Tonight**

Join ALDI's answer to Judith Lucy, Kyogle's own Odette Nettleton on stage with a casserole of comedians, festival guests and raffle draws. Thor Phillips and band will be joining in the fun.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 7:30pm till the wheels fall off.

**Participants:** Odette Nettleton & Thor Phillips

**Event type:** Stand-up comedy, live music

**Tickets:** \$25 full. \$20 concession. This is a licensed event and the festival bar will be running. No BYO.

**Possible coarse language and adult themes.**

## Close to Home: Historical Narratives of Lived Experience

**WORKSHOP**

The best historical writing imagines what it was like for those who lived then; the day-to-day lives that lived through historical events. But what if we are living in historic times? Can we write with an eye to future readers? Can contemporary literature document the present for later historians or writers of historical fiction? Participants will consider examples of contemporary writing, focusing on place and the lived body as a reflection of culture, then apply these principles in writing exercises. This workshop has an emphasis on creative writing. Suitable for poets, fiction and creative non-fiction writers.

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**Where:** The Business Hive

**When:** 9am – 10:30am

**Participants:** Katinka Smit

**Event type:** Workshop

**Tickets :** \$20

## Writing Nature

'Nature' is arguably as much a product of culture and history as it is an outcome of biophysical and ecological processes. This panel explores the ways in which our understandings and experiences of nature can be represented through writing at a time when we face a crisis in global biodiversity brought about by a range of factors but accelerated by global climate change. How do we find – or create – hope for recreating relationships with nature that are based on genuine care and respect?

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**Where:** KMI Hall Main Stage

**When:** 9:30am – 10:30am

**Participants:** Melissa Lucashenko, Ben Walter, Harry Saddler & Stuart Cooke

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** Included as part of the Sunday Pass or \$15 for the individual event.

## No, Never!

Libby Hathorn will present her three latest children's publications, including her CBCA winner *No, Never!* and talk about the trials and tribulations of her changing life as a writer over many years. For aspiring writers, and young readers.

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**Where:** Kyogle Library

**When:** 10am – 11:30am

**Participants:** Libby Hathorn

**Event type:** Kids and adults reading

**Tickets:** Free

All kids need to be under the supervision of a responsible adult to attend this session.

## Flamingo Writers Salon

The Flamingo Salon is a showcase of emerging writers, hosted by Southern Cross University Alumni Andrew Spencer. The Flamingo Salon debuts short-form story writing across styles and genres.

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**Where:** The Readers Lounge

**When:** 10:30am – 11:15am

**Participants:** Sandra Moon, Andy Spencer and Sarah Temporal, Peter Mitchell and Jayne Miller

**Tickets:** Free

## True Friends, Patti Miller

Brought to you by Southern Cross University

Friendships are among the most important relationships in our lives, often outlasting love affairs, marriages, even, at times, family connections. The loss of a friend can be one of life's most disturbing events, yet these 'friend break-ups' are little acknowledged in our culture. Acclaimed writer Patti Miller discusses her new work *True Friends* with Lynda Hawryluk, Senior Lecturer in Writing at SCU.

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**Where:** The Senior Citizen Centre

**When:** 11am – 12pm

**Participants:** Patti Miller & Lynda Hawryluk

**Event type:** One-on-one

**Tickets:** \$10

## The Furies

Mandy's writing is a contact sport, visceral, engaging and unapologetic. Join us as she welcomes her debut novel *The Furies* into the world. Mandy will be joined on stage by Lynnette Lounsbury.

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**Where:** The Fellowship Centre

**When:** 11am – 12pm

**Participants:** Mandy Beaumont & Lynnette Lounsbury

**Event type:** One-on-one

**Tickets:** \$10

## Lead the Way

Join us for a discussion of Jean Hindcliffe's *Lead the Way*, the DIY guide to leading your community to change, written by one of Australia's brightest young stars. From identifying your cause to finding allies, planning a march, nailing your messaging, public speaking and working with the media, to the importance of self-care when you're on your activist journey, *Lead the Way* guides you to start changing the world today. Jean will be joined onstage by Brisbane academic, and friend of the festival Belinda Eslick.

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**Where:** The Supper Rooms

**When:** 11am – 12pm

**Participants:** Jean Hinchcliffe & Belinda Eslick

**Event type:** One-on-one

**Tickets:** \$10, under 18s free

## Writer in Residence: Nadia Johansen

The Kyogle Writers Festival runs a writer in residence program each year to support one early career writer in developing their work. This year, the residency will go to a First Nations writer. Join us for a reading and discussion of their work, and what they were busy working on during their time in Kyogle.

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**Where:** Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 11am – 11:45am

**Participants:** Nadia Johansen

**Event Type:** Reading

**Tickets:** Free

## Powerful Stories in Tiny Word Counts

**WORKSHOP**

Flash fiction is the art of crafting the biggest story you can within a limited word count, typically between 10 and 750 words. With so few to play with, there's no room for lazy words. Exploring techniques and examples of the form, workshop participants will practise the skills required to craft compelling flash fiction. These skills are transferable and will help sharpen other forms of creative writing. Flash is gaining global popularity for its brevity and punchy bite-sized storytelling. Come along and discover why so many writers are getting hooked.

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**Where:** The Business Hive

**When:** 11am – 12:30pm

**Participants:** Dettra Rose

**Event type:** Workshop

**Tickets:** \$20

## Podcasting Workshop Part 2

**WORKSHOP**

Presented by the host/writing team behind Spotify's hit podcast *Who is Daniel Johns?* – Kaitlyn Sawrey and Francisco Lopez. Over the weekend participants will learn about documentary and scripted podcast/audio production and will leave with practical skills to take into their projects. Kaitlyn and Frank will share what they've learned from 25+ years of audio production, from daily radio to deeply researched long-form documentary podcasting in New York City. Please note that this workshop will take part in two sessions, each crucial to your learning journey.

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**Where:** Kyogle Together's Laneway Community Space

**When:** Saturday 14th May 9:30am – 10:30 am (Part 1)

Sunday 15th May 11am -12:30pm (Part 2)

**Participants:** Frank Lopez and Kaitlyn Sawrey

**Event type:** Workshop

**Tickets:** \$30 (for both parts)

## How to Make a Basket, Jazz Money

Jazz Money is one the brightest sparks in the Australian poetry scene. Join her for a reading and discussion about her breath-taking debut *How to Make a Basket* with Mykaela Saunders.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 12pm – 12:45pm

**Participants:** Jazz Money & Mykaela Saunders

**Event type:** Reading

**Tickets:** Free

## Fundamentals of Film-Making

**TEEN WORKSHOP**

Presented by the Byron Writers Festival StoryBoard Program and KWF.

To purchase tickets or register for an event - go to the [kyoglewritersfestival.com/program](http://kyoglewritersfestival.com/program) or drop in to the box office.

Celebrated local writer/director Benjamin Gilmour hosts a one-off workshop on the art of screenwriting and shooting film. Participants will explore the fundamentals of filmmaking – the growing of ideas, the importance of story, character development and structure. Participants will then put their film knowledge into practice using a phone or iPad. Optional – bring your own device/phone for the practical part of the workshop – those without a device can share with others as participants will work in a group.

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**Where:** Kyogle Library

**When:** 12pm – 1:30pm

**Participants:** Ben Gilmour

**Event type:** Workshop (young people 12 to 15 years)

**Tickets:** Free. Registration required.

### **Delia Falconer in Conversation with Nancy Cushing**

Join celebrated Australian writer Delia Falconer, author of the highly acclaimed *The Service of Clouds, Sydney* and *The Lost Thoughts of Soldiers*, for a chat about her most recent work *Signs and Wonders*. Delia will be joined on stage by Nancy Cushing.

This event is brought to you by the generosity of the Standfield and Hanley Families.

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**Where:** KMI Hall Stage

**When:** 12:30pm – 1:30pm

**Participants:** Delia Falconer & Nancy Cushing

**Event type:** One-on-one

**Tickets:** Included as part of the Sunday Pass or \$15 for the individual event.

### **Crossing**

10 very different local creatives have been busy creating a poetic encounter of rare beauty. Join us for a discussion on how it was made, a special sneak peek.

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 1pm – 1:45pm

**Participants:** Christabel Strehle, Andrew Johnston, Dusk Dundler and Carlie Daley

**Event type:** Panel

**Tickets:** Free

### **Front Up! Get Your Kids to Love Books**

Join us for a conversation with father and daughter primary school teachers, Bob and Kate, on the importance of fun in engaging children with writing. Come and enjoy this hands-on workshop to find out how much fun writing can be.

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**Where:** The back of the library

**When:** 1pm – 2pm

**Participants:** Bob and Kate Brace

**Event type:** Front Up!

**Tickets:** Free

### **Richard Tipping**

Join one of Australia's most famous poets for a reading and discussion of his work.

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Where: The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

When: 2pm – 3pm

Participants: Richard Tipping & Barnaby Smith

Event type: Reading

Tickets: Free

### **Front Up! Body Self Care with Dr Shannon Apps – Registered Osteopath**

Learn about body self-care with Kyogle Osteopath Dr Shannon Apps. Discover how writers, illustrators, stitchers or anyone who spends long hours at a desk or table can develop good practice to avoid debilitating shoulder, back, neck or wrist pain and enjoy their craft to the full.

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Where: The back of the library

When: 2pm – 2.30pm

Participants: Dr Shannon Apps – Registered Osteopath

Event Type: Front Up!

Tickets: Free

### **Blackfulla Bookclub**

Join us for a celebration of Blak writing as we wind down the festival.

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Where: KMI Hall Main Stage

When: 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Participants: Ellen van Neerven, Melissa Lucashenko, Merinda Dutton, Jazz Money and more

Event type: Panel/readings

Tickets: Included as part of the Sunday Pass or \$15 for the individual event.

### **Love in an Election Year**

Ever feel like election campaigns have all the charm of a bin-fire rolling down a short pier? You are not alone. But like a drunk uncle at Christmas they can also offer some of the best unintentional funnies going around. Join us as our panel picks the bones out of Election 2022.

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Where: The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

When: 3:15pm – 4pm

Participants: Frank Lopez, Dan Illic, Kaitlyn Sawrey and the Betoota Advocate's Wendell Hussey

Event Type: Panel

Tickets: Free

### **Front Up! Speaker's Corner returns to Kyogle**

An opportunity for those with a good idea for Kyogle, a genuine concern about the state of the world – or a personal hobby horse – to claim five minutes of public airtime to share their views to an engaged and enthusiastic public audience. Soap box provided.

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Where: The back of the library

When: 2:30 pm – 3pm

Participants: Whoever turns up

Event Type: Front Up!

Tickets: Free

### **Slam Poetry**

Join us for an open mic, audience-judged battle for the inaugural KWF Slam Poetry Cup. Also, if anyone has a cup we

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could borrow, that'd be great thanks. Have you still got that big brass mug Odette?

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 4pm – 5pm

**Participants:** Sarah Temporal, YOU!

**Event type:** Open mic

**Tickets:** Free

### **Wrap Party**

Be serenaded by the music of Brigadoon as we say farewell to the festival. Now... where did I leave my gin?

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**Where:** The Roxy Gallery UQP Stage

**When:** 5pm- 7pm

**Participants:** You, me, him, her, they, them, everybody.

**Event type:** PARTY!

**Tickets:** Free. The festival bar will be operating during this event.