

PROGRAM 2018

Bellingen Readers & Writers Festival

Thursday 7th June	
6:00-7:00pm Coffs Harbour Library	Author Talk with J.M. Donellan FREE event
Friday 8th June	
10:30-11:30am Dorrigo Rainforest Centre	Imagining Climate Futures with Dr. Timothy Cadman FREE event (\$5 donation for morning tea)
4:30-6:30pm Cedar Bar	FESTIVAL OPENING EVENT INVITATION only
7:30-11:30pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	BELLO POETRY SLAM <i>sponsored by Officeworks</i>

WORKSHOPS

Saturday 9th June	
11:00am-12noon Cedar Bar	WORKSHOP 'Indigenous Language & Storytelling' with Michael Jarrett & Gary Williams (Free event)
2:00-4:00pm Bellingen Youth Hub	WORKSHOP 'Digital Storytelling & Graphic Comix' with Libby Feez & Sam Cross (Free event for age 20 & under)
Sunday 10th June	
9:00-10:00am Bellingen Youth Hub	WORKSHOP 'Using Real Life As A Basis For Fiction' with Lisa Milner
10:30-12noon Bellingen Youth Hub	WORKSHOP 'How To Write About Music' with Stuart Coupe & Steve Bell
3:30-4:30pm Bellingen Youth Hub	YOUTH POETRY WORKSHOP 'Express Yourself!' with Johanna Featherstone & Lorna Munro (Free event for age 20 & under)

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST BIOS and further festival information are available on the festival website www.bellingenwritersfestival.com.au

PLEASE NOTE: This program is subject to change. Please check the festival's website and Facebook page for updated information.

Saturday 9th June	
9:00-10:00am Bellingen Memorial Hall	SCIENCE WRITING - Panel 'The Environment, The Mind & Science Fiction' Chair: Ute Schulenberg with Dan Findlay, Catherine McKinnon, Kate Cole-Adams & Tim Cadman
9:30-10:30am Cedar Bar	THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LIES: 'The Long and Ignoble History of the Great Australian Literary Hoax' presented by Sunil Badami
10:30-11:30am Bellingen Youth Hub	WRITING FOR YOUTH - Panel (Free event for age 20 & under) 'A New Generation of Readers & Writers' Chair: Robyn Sheahan-Bright with Alicia Tuckerman, Dan Findlay & Jesse Blackadder
10:30 - 11.30am Bellingen Memorial Hall	ROMANCE - Panel 'Writing From & for the Heart' Chair: Ros Ward with Alli Sinclair, Fiona McArthur & Annie Seaton
12:00noon-1:00pm Bellingen Youth Hub	POETRY - Panel 'In Just A Few Words' Chair: Johanna Featherstone with Lorna Munro, J.M. Donellan & Craig Nelson
12:00noon-1:30pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	SPEAKING AS A WOMAN... - Panel 'Stories From Around The World' Chair: Debbie Spillane with Marieke Hardy, Amal Awad, Jenevieve Chang & Sulari Gentill
1:00-2:30pm Cedar Bar	WRITING ABOUT MUSIC - Panel 'The Song Remains The Same' Chair: Seth Jordan with Stuart Coupe, Steven Bell & Samuel J. Fell
2:30-3:30pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	DON WATSON - FEATURED TALK 'Collected Writings, the Bush and Weasel Words' One of Australia's most acclaimed authors brings his distinctive voice to a host of deserving subjects
4:00-5:00pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	INDIGENOUS VOICES - Panel 'Writing From Country' Chair: Michael Jarrett with Bruce Pascoe, Lorna Munro & Gary Williams
6:00-7:00pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	PROF. PETER GRESTE - KEYNOTE ADDRESS 'The First Casualty' A memoir from the front lines of journalism <i>sponsored by Windsong Travel</i>
7:00-8:30pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	MEDIA & JOURNALISM - Panel 'Real News, Fake News & the Future of Good Journalism' Chair: Chris Nash with Peter Greste, Wendy Bacon & Tim Page

Sunday 10th June	
9:00-10:00am Bellingen Memorial Hall	CHALLENGING WOMEN - Panel 'Perspectives On Life & Writing' Chair: Jesse Blackadder with Alicia Tuckerman. Alli Sinclair, Claire Aman & Jessie Cole
10:00-11:00am Cedar Bar	HISTORY - Panel 'What The Past Means To The Present' Chair: Debbie Spillane with Bruce Pascoe, Catherine McKinnon, Dan Findlay & Lisa Milner
10:30-11:30am Bellingen Memorial Hall	DIVERSE 21ST CENTURY VOICES - Panel 'We're All Part of Something Bigger' Chair: Sunil Badami with Amal Awad, Sulari Gentill & Jenevieve Chang
12:00noon-1:00pm Cedar Bar	IN CONVERSATION: MARIEKE HARDY (Melbourne Writers Festival / ABC-TV's The Book Club) with Jenevieve Chang
12:30-2:00pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIR - Panel 'The Stories Of Our Lives' Chair: Kate Cole-Adams with Don Watson, Jessie Cole and Stuart Coupe
1:00-2:00pm Bellingen Youth Hub	BOOK LAUNCH (Free event) 'Cage Of Ghosts' Local author Jon Rhodes discusses his new self-published book of photographs of Aboriginal sites in NSW
2:00-3:00pm Cedar Bar	LOCAL & REGIONAL WRITERS - Panel 'Think Globally, Write Locally' Chair: Fiona McArthur with Annie Seaton, Tim Cadman & Claire Aman
2:30-3:30pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	BRUCE PASCOE – FEATURED TALK Dark Emu - Black Seeds: The Story of Indigenous Life & Agriculture
3:30-4:30pm Cedar Bar	IN CONVERSATION: WENDY BACON & CHRIS NASH 'Journalism, Art & The Hidden Story'
4:00-5:00pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	FICTION - Panel 'The Novel In A Time Of Digital' Chair: Ute Schulenberg with Marieke Hardy, Jesse Blackadder, and J.M. Donellan
5:00-6:00pm Cedar Bar	INSIDE PUBLISHING - Panel 'Negotiating the Publishing Industry' Chair: Jane McCredie with Lex Hirst, Jo Butler, Lucy Bell & Robyn Sheahan-Bright <i>presented by the NSW Writers' Centre</i>
6:30-8:00pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL LEUNIG 'Ducks, Teapots & Mr. Curly' Michael Leunig speaks + Live Drawing and In Conversation with Debbie Spillane