

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday 7 June
7:30-11:30pm

BELLO POETRY SLAM
Sponsored by Officeworks

Saturday 8 June
2:30-3:30pm &

CRIME & MYSTERY WRITING
'Whodunnit? Who Wrote It?'

Six of Australia's best crime/mystery authors explore this popular specialist genre in two featured panels

Sunday 9 June
9:30-10:30pm

IN CONVERSATION: KERRY O'BRIEN
'A Life In Journalism'

Sunday 9 June
6:30-8:00pm

Schools Program

In the days leading up to the Festival weekend, the Schools Program will be placing a number of experienced authors into both primary and secondary schools in the Bellingin and Coffs Harbour regions. They will be presenting exciting interactive workshops that offer students a chance to explore new ways of writing and storytelling.

This program is generously supported by Officeworks

Ticket information

Weekend Pass** \$160 (Saturday and Sunday)

(Please Note: Weekend Pass does NOT include Friday night Poetry Slam)

Saturday Pass** \$90

Sunday Pass** \$90

Single Event Pass \$25

Poetry Slam (Friday) \$15

Morris Gleitzman - Special Kids & Parents session (Sunday, 9:30am) - Adult \$20 / Child* \$5 (15 years and under)

* **Children** under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult

** **Concessions** available for: Pensioner, Healthcare and Disability card holders, and Students - Available only for tickets purchased at the Waterfall Way Information Centre, Bellingin (evidence of status must be sighted)

Weekend Pass concession \$140

Saturday Pass & Sunday Pass concession each \$80

All tickets available online at -

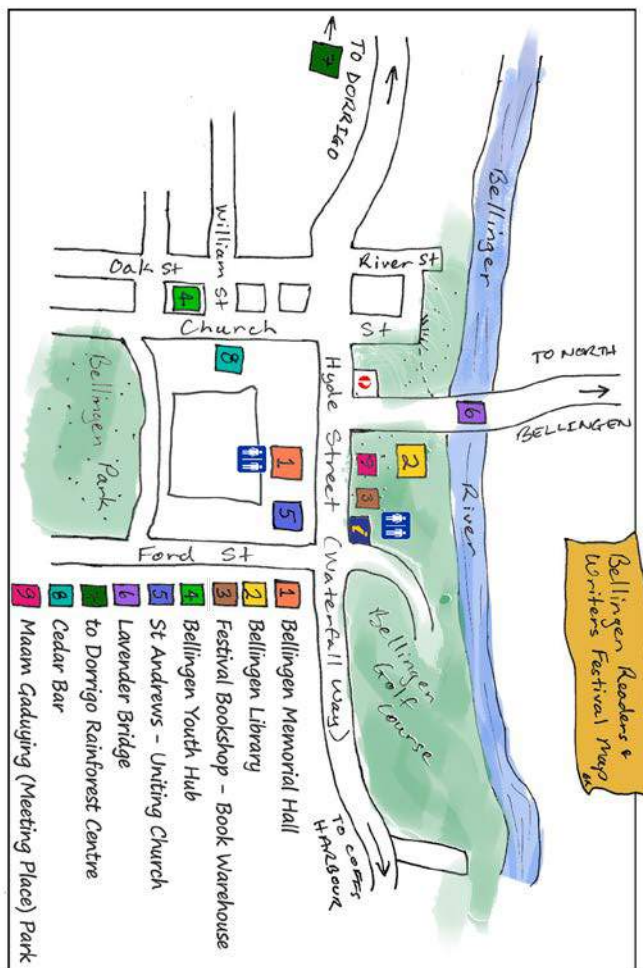
• **Trybooking** - www.trybooking.com/458274

Or in person from -

• **Waterfall Way Information Centre**, Bellingin

www.bellinginwritersfestival.com.au

Full festival program overleaf ...



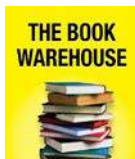
Bellingin Readers & Writers Festival

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Cool Events Bellingin
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BELLINGIN READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL



PROGRAM

June Long Weekend
7th - 9th June 2019

www.bellinginwritersfestival.com.au

With over 40 WRITERS attending, FEATURED GUESTS include:

KERRY O'BRIEN

One of Australia's most respected journalists, with six Walkley Awards for excellence in journalism including the Gold Walkley, Kerry worked in print and television as a reporter, feature writer, columnist and foreign correspondent. At ABC TV he was the editor, presenter and interviewer for *The 7:30 Report* over 15 years, *Lateline* for six years and *Four Corners* for five years. Kerry's acclaimed interview series with former Prime Minister Paul Keating was broadcast in 2013, and his book *Keating* expanding on those conversations, was published in 2015. His new book *Kerry O'Brien, A Memoir* provides insights into his journalistic career over half a century.



MARCIA LANGTON

An anthropologist and geographer, Marcia grew up in south-central Queensland and Brisbane as a descendant of the Yiman and Bidjara nations. In 1993 she was made A Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of her work in anthropology and the advocacy of Aboriginal rights. Since 2000 Marcia has held the Foundation Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne, and her Boyer Lecture series, *The Quiet Revolution* was published in 2013. Her 2018 book *Welcome to Country* is a curated guidebook to Indigenous Australia and the Torres Strait Islands.



MORRIS GLEITZMAN

Morris is a best-selling Australian children's author. His books explore serious and sometimes confronting subjects in humorous and unexpected ways. His titles include *Two Weeks with the Queen*, *Grace*, *Doubting Thomas*, *Bumface*, *Give Peas A Chance*, *Extra Time*, *Loyal Creatures*, *Snot Chocolate* and the series *Once*, *Then*, *Now*, *After*, *Soon*, and *Maybe*. Currently the Australian Children's Laureate, his books are published in more than 20 countries.



JANE HUTCHEON

Jane is the host of *One Plus One* on ABC TV, a weekly program where she interviews celebrities, musicians, actors, authors and people from all walks of life about their journeys and the events that have motivated them. A reporter for *ABC News* and *Foreign Correspondent* from 1995 to 2008, Jane is also the author of two non-fiction books, *China Baby Love* (2017) and *From Rice to Riches* (2003). She is currently writing her first children's book.



ROBYN WILLIAMS

Science journalist and broadcaster Robyn presents RN's *The Science Show* and *Ockham's Razor*, and has conducted countless interviews with scientists on programs such as *Quantum* and *Catalyst*. Robyn has written over 10 books,



including his autobiography *And Now For Something Completely Different*, the novel *2007: A True Story Waiting To Happen*, *Future Perfect*, and his searingly honest and blackly funny new memoir *Turmoil: Letters From The Brink*.

ROBERT MANNE

One of Australia's leading public intellectuals, Robert has written or edited over 20 books, including *The Petrov Affair: Politics and Espionage* and *Left, Right, Left: Political Essays 1977-2005*. His recent works include *Cypherpunk Revolutionary: On Julian Assange*, (2015); *The Mind of the Islamic State*, (2016); and his 2018 collection of essays *On Borrowed Time*, which address topics that have shaped our world over the last five years. Robert is Emeritus Professor of politics at La Trobe University and is a regular contributor to *The Monthly* and *The Guardian*.



CLEMENTINE FORD

Clementine is a Melbourne-based writer and public speaker who writes on feminism and other contemporary social issues. Exploring gender inequality and pop culture topics, her ability to use both humour and distilled fury to lay bare ongoing issues affecting women has earned her a huge and loyal readership. Her work radically challenges the issues of violence against women, rape culture and gender warfare in Australia, while her comedic take on other issues has earned her a reputation as an accomplished satirist. She is the author of *Fight Like A Girl* (2016) and *Boys Will Be Boys* (2018). Her work has also appeared in *The Guardian*, *Cosmopolitan*, *CLEO*, and *The Big Issue*.



JASON STEGER

Jason is a British-born Australian journalist, who began his career in 1980 as a sports reporter, before moving into business journalism and joining the *Financial Times*. He moved to Melbourne in 1987 and joined the *Sunday Age* as business editor, before moving into arts and books journalism. He became literary editor of *The Age* in 2000 and he remains books editor of *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*. Between 2006 and 2017 Jason co-hosted ABC TV's beloved *The Book Club*, alongside Jennifer Byrne and Marieke Hardy.



ROBERT DREWE

Robert is an Australian literary legend with more than 20 highly acclaimed books, including novels, short stories and memoirs. Awarded state, national and international prizes, his work has been widely translated and adapted for film, television, theatre and radio. After a short career as an award-winning journalist, Robert turned from newspapers to fiction writing with his debut 1976 novel *The Savage Crows*. Other novels include the multi-award-winning *The Drowner*, *Grace*, and 2017's *Whipbird*. His works also include memoirs *The Shark Net* and *Montebello*, the non-fiction *Swimming To The Moon* (2014) and his short-story collections *The Bodysurfers*, *The Rip*, and 2018's *The True Colour of the Sea*.



RACHEL WARD

Rachel is an English-born Australian actress who starred in CBS's highest rating mini-series ever, *The Thorn Birds* and the films *Sharkey's Machine* and *Against All Odds* amongst others. She has been nominated for three Golden Globe Awards. For the past 15 years Rachel has been directing and writing for film and television, and her 2009 film *Beautiful Kate* garnered 11 AFI nominations. She's just completed the film *Palm Beach*, starring Bryan Brown, Greta Scacchi, Sam Neill and Richard E Grant to be released in August 2019.



HENRY REYNOLDS

One of Australia's foremost historians, Henry grew up in Tasmania, and worked at James Cook University in Townsville for thirty years. He is best known for his pioneering work on the history of settler-indigenous relations, and his 1981 publication *The Other Side of the Frontier* was critical in changing understandings of the Australian frontier. His recent books include *Forgotten War* and *Unnecessary Wars*. The recipient of many literary awards, including two Queensland Premier's Prizes and a Prime Minister's Literary Award, in 2000 Henry took up a professorial fellowship at the University of Tasmania.



ANNA FIENBERG

Anna is the author of many popular and award-winning books for children of all ages. A storyteller with a special talent for fantasy and things magical, her work includes the *Tashi* series, which has been translated into 16 languages, *Horrendo's Curse*, *Wicked's Way*, *The Complete Adventures of Figaro and Rumba* and 2018's *Monsters*.



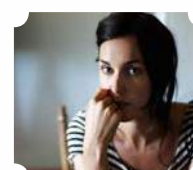
ZOHAB ZEE KHAN

Zohab is an educator, spoken word poet, comedian, motivational speaker, and hip-hop artist. Since 2006, he has been building a formidable career in spoken word poetry, culminating in his becoming the Australian Poetry Slam Champion in 2014. He was also runner-up in the International Poetry Slam in Madrid. As a fourth-generation Australian of Pakistani heritage, raised in rural NSW, Zohab's work confronts a range of social justice issues from racism to gender inequality and socio-economic disparities.



HOLLY THROSBY

A songwriter, musician and novelist Holly has released five solo albums, including *On Night*, *Team* and 2017's *After a Time*. She has been nominated for four ARIAs, including two for Best Female Artist. Holly's debut novel, *Goodwood* (2016), was a critically acclaimed best seller and shortlisted for several awards. Her second novel, *Cedar Valley* was published in 2018, and longlisted for an Indie Book Award.



PROGRAM 2019

Bellingen Readers & Writers Festival

Times	Friday 7th June
10:30-11:30am Dorrigo Rainforest Centre	'Exceptional Native Birds in an Ancient Landscape' with <i>Gisela Kaplan</i> FREE event (gold coin donation for morning tea). Limited seating – Please book on 6657 2309
5:00-7:00pm Cedar Bar	FESTIVAL OPENING EVENT Welcome to Country, welcome to Festival BY INVITATION ONLY
7:30-11:30pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	BELLO POETRY SLAM Doors open 7pm <i>sponsored by Officeworks</i>

SPECIAL EVENTS

Times	Saturday 8th June
12noon-1:00pm Bellingen Library	Bellingen Library Indigenous Story Time with Uncle Mark Flanders & Michael Jarrett (Free event)
12noon-2:00pm Bellingen Youth Hub	YOUTH WORKSHOP Spoken-Word Poetry Boot Camp (2 hr) Hip-hop poet, educator and comedian Zohab Zee Khan breaks it down for young wordsmiths, and shows you how to fully express yourself. (Free event for age 20 & under)
Times	Sunday 9th June
8:00-9:00pm NO. 5 Church Street	PERFORMANCE Hip-hop poet, educator and comedian Zohab Zee Khan (Limited seating – Bookings essential 6655 0155)



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.

Times	Saturday 8th June
9.30-11.00am Bellingen Memorial Hall	CHILDREN'S BOOKS 'Writing for the Youngest Readers' Chair: Jane Hutcheon with Morris Gleitzman, Anna Fienberg, Colin Thompson & Oliver Phommavanh
11:00-12:00noon Cedar Bar	WILD FOOD OF OZ Acclaimed Indigenous chef Clayton Donovan shares his knowledge of Australian bush tucker, recipes, cookbooks and creating gastronomic delights.
11:00am-12:00noon St Andrews (Uniting Church)	THE REVIEWERS 'Writing About Books & Music' Chair: Seth Jordan with Jason Steger, Bernard Zuel, Jane McCredie & Elias Greig
12:00noon-1:30pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	SCIENCE WRITING 'Science Fact, Science Fiction & the Environment' Chair: Tim Cadman with Robyn Williams, Jonica Newby, Gisela Kaplan & Marty Branagan
1:30-2:30pm Cedar Bar	IN CONVERSATION: Robert Drewe The award-winning author discusses his career and latest works – the short story collection 'The True Colour Of The Sea' and novel 'Whip Bird' with <i>Leonie Henschke</i>
2:30-3:30pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	CRIME & MYSTERY WRITING 'Whodunnit? Who Wrote It?' (Part 1) Chair: Chris Hammer with Holly Throsby, J.P.Pomare & Mark Brandi
2:30-3:30pm Bellingen Youth Hub	COMBINED BOOK LAUNCH (Free event) Local writers Kathryn Auger & Mary Kelly discuss their respective debut books 'The Galaxy Lighthouse' and 'Slow Walk To The Phone'
3:30-4:30pm Cedar Bar	IN CONVERSATION: Clementine Ford Feminist writer, broadcaster & public speaker discusses her work with <i>Leonie Henschke</i>
3:30-5:00pm St Andrews (Uniting Church)	SCRIPTWRITING 'Words For Film, TV & Theatre Actors' Chair: Christian White Rachel Ward & Robert Drewe discuss scriptwriting for screen with theatre playwrights Lachlan Philpott & Alana Valentine
4:30-6:00pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	WRITING HISTORY 'Past, Present & Future' Chair: Debbie Spillane with Marcia Langton, Robert Manne, Henry Reynolds & Michelle Scott Tucker
5:30-6:30pm Cedar Bar	IN CONVERSATION: Robyn Williams The celebrated author/broadcaster discusses his career and latest book 'Turmoil – Letters From The Brink' with <i>Bernard Zuel</i>
7:30-9:00pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	MEDIA & JOURNALISM '21st Century News & Information' Chair: Jane Hutcheon with Kerry O'Brien, Tom Iggulden, Clementine Ford & Chris Hammer

Times	Sunday 9th June
9:30-10:30am Bellingen Memorial Hall	MORRIS GLEITZMAN - SPECIAL KIDS & PARENTS SESSION! The celebrated Australian Children's Laureate talks with young readers
9:30-10:30am St Andrews (Uniting Church)	CRIME & MYSTERY WRITING 'Whodunnit? Who Wrote It?' (Part 2) Chair: J.P. Pomare with Caroline de Costa, Christian White & Chris Hammer
10:30-11:30am Cedar Bar	IN CONVERSATION: Robert Manne The author & academic discusses his career and latest book 'On Borrowed Time' with <i>Jane Hutcheon</i>
10:30-11:30am Bellingen Youth Hub	CONTEMPORARY POETRY 'Discussing New Verse' Chair: Zohab Zee Khan with Cherise Lily Nana, Malcolm McFarlane & Leah Kaminsky
11:30am-1:00pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	GAYIRRAY (Talking Together) 'Indigenous Writing & Storytelling' Chair: Michael Jarrett with Marcia Langton, Clayton Donovan, Shaa Smith & Mark Flanders
11:30am-12:30pm St Andrews (Uniting Church)	BIOGRAPHY, MEMOIR & BLOG 'Life Stories' Chair: Debbie Spillane with Michelle Scott Tucker, Robert Drewe, Anne Manne & Elias Greig
12:30-1:30pm Cedar Bar	IN CONVERSATION: Morris Gleitzman The prolific children's author discusses his work with <i>Jane Hutcheon</i>
1:00-2:00pm Bellingen Youth Hub	FEATURED TALK 'Birds In Your Backyard - From Community Science To Art' with animal behaviour author Gisela Kaplan
1:30-3:00pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	FICTION 'The Modern Novel' Chair: Jason Steger with Robert Drewe, Holly Throsby, Mark Brandi & Leah Kaminsky
2:00-3:00pm St Andrews (Uniting Church)	LOCAL & REGIONAL VOICES 'Think Globally, Write Locally' Chair: Malcolm McFarlane with Jarrah Dundler, Roby Aiken, Elisa Hall, & Cherise Lily Nana
3:00-4:00pm Cedar Bar	INSIDE PUBLISHING 'Negotiating the Publishing Industry' <i>presented by the NSW Writers' Centre with Jane McCredie & guests</i>
3:30-4:30pm Bellingen Youth Hub	IN CONVERSATION: Holly Throsby Popular mystery writer and singer/songwriter talks with <i>Bernard Zuel</i>
4:00-5:30pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	51%: ENGENDERING EQUALITY Chair: Anne Manne with Clementine Ford, Margaret Reynolds, Caroline De Costa & Elisa Hall & Alana Valentine
5:00-6:00pm Cedar Bar	IN CONVERSATION: Henry Reynolds / Marcia Langton 'The Frontier Wars: The True Black-White History'
6:30-8:00pm Bellingen Memorial Hall	IN CONVERSATION: Kerry O'Brien 'A Life In Journalism' The acclaimed ABC broadcaster/journalist discusses his fascinating career and his new book 'Kerry O'Brien: A Memoir' - with <i>Debbie Spillane</i>