# Program 2018

## Bellingen Readers & Writers Festival

### Thursday 7th June
- **6:00-7:00pm**
  - Coffs Harbour Library
  - **Author Talk with J.M. Donelan**
  - **FREE event**

- **10:30-11:30am**
  - Darrigo Rainforest Centre
  - **Imagining Climate Futures**
  - **With Dr. Timmy Croadman**
  - **FREE event**

- **4:30-6:30pm**
  - Cedar Bar
  - **Festival Opening Event**
  - **INVITATION only**

- **7:30-11:30pm**
  - Bellingen Memorial Hall
  - **BELLO POETRY SLAM**
  - **Sponsored by @memeworks**

### Friday 8th June

### Saturday 9th June
- **9:00-10:00am**
  - Bellingen Memorial Hall
  - **Science Writing - Panel**
  - **The Environment, The Mind & Science Fiction**
  - Chair: Ute Schalenberg with Dan Findlay, Catherine McKeon, Kate Cofe-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**

- **10:30-11:50am**
  - Bellingen Youth Hub
  - **Writing for Youth - Panel**
  - **Free event for age 20 & under**
  - **A New Generation of Readers & Writers**
  - Chair: Robyn Sheehan-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 Ali Sinden, Fiona McArthur & Annie Seaton

- **12:00-1:00pm**
  - Bellingen Youth Hub
  - **Poetry - Panel**
  - **In Just a Few Words**
  - **Chair: Johanna Featherstone with Lorna Murno, J.M. Donelan & Craig Nelson**

- **12:00-1:00pm**
  - Bellingen Memorial Hall
  - **Speaking as a Woman - Panel**
  - **Stories from Around the World**
  - **Chair: Debbie Spillane**
  - With Marieke Hardy, Amal Auda, Jenevieve Chang & Salari Gentill

- **1:00-2:30pm**
  - Cedar Bar
  - **Writing about Music - Panel**
  - **The Song Remains the Same**
  - **Chair: Seth Jordan**
  - With Stuart Coupe, Steven Fel & Samuel J. Feil

### 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**

### Sunday 10th June
- **9:00-10:30am**
  - Bellingen Memorial Hall
  - **Challenging Women - Panel**
  - **Perspectives on Life & Writing**
  - **Chair: Jesse Blackadder**
  - With Alicia Tuckerman, All Sinclair, Claire Aman & Jesse Cole

- **10:30-11:30am**
  - Cedar Bar
  - **History - Panel**
  - **What the Past Means to the Present**
  - **Chair: Debbie Spillane with Bruce Pascoe, Catherine McKeon, Dan Findlay & Lisa Milner**

- **12:00-1:00pm**
  - Bellingen Memorial Hall
  - **Diverse 21st Century Voices - Panel**
  - **We’re All Part of Something Bigger**
  - **Chair: Sunil Badami**
  - With Amal Auda, Salari Gentill & Jenevieve Chang

- **2:00-3:00pm**
  - Cedar Bar
  - **In Conversation: Mariere Hardy**
  - (Melbourne Writers Festival / ABC TV’s The Book Club)
  - With Jenevieve Chang

- **2:30-3:30pm**
  - Bellingen Memorial Hall
  - **Bruse 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
  - **Indigenous Voices - Panel**
  - **Writing from Country**
  - **Chair: Michael Jarrett with Bruce Pascoe, Lorna Murno & Gary Williams**

- **4:30-5:00pm**
  - Cedar Bar
  - **Fiction - Panel**
  - **The Novel in a Time of Digital**
  - **Chair: Ute Schalenberg with Marieke Hardy, Jesse Blackadder, and J.M. Donelan**

- **5:00-6:00pm**
  - Cedar Bar
  - **Inside Publishing - Panel**
  - **Negotiating the Publishing Industry**
  - **Chair: Jane McCready with Lee Hirt, Jo Butler, Lucy Bell & Robyn Sheehan-Street**

- **6:30-8:30pm**
  - Bellingen Memorial Hall
  - **An Evening with Michael Leunig**
  - **Ducks, Teapots & Mt. Curly**

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**Individual Artist Bios** and further festival information are available on the festival website: [www.bellingenwritersfestival.com.au](http://www.bellingenwritersfestival.com.au)

**Please Note:** This program is subject to change. Please check the festival’s website and Facebook page for updated information.