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5 - 7 APRIL 2024





NEWCASTLE WRITERS FESTIVAL

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WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL	7.00pm - 9.00pm // Customs House LITERARY TRIVIA HOSTED BY NICK MILLIGAN Our literary trivia night is back! Hosted by Nick Milligan and we welcome teams of up to 8 people. Tickets \$20
FRIDAY 5 APRIL	10.00am - 4.00pm // NUspace, Q Building 211 WORK SHOP: CRAFTING NARRATIVE DRIVE WITH ASHLEY KALAGIAN BLUNT In this workshop, participants will learn why narrative drive is essential to storytelling and discover how properly structured, tension-filled scenes create story momentum. Snacks provided, but bring pen and paper or laptop for writing exercises. Tickets \$165 Limited to 15 places. Snacks provided.
FRIDAY 5 APRIL	10.00am - 2.00pm // NUspace, Q Building 210 WORKSHOP: THE EVERYDAY EPIC - A POETRY WORKSHOP WITH RICO CRAIG This workshop is all about bringing poetic vision to the everyday and learning how to expand worlds we share in our poetry. Bring pen and paper or laptop for writing exercises. Tickets \$120 Limited to 15 places. Snacks provided.
FRIDAY 5 APRIL	10.00am - 2.00pm // NUspace, Q Building 209 WORKSHOP: WRITING ROM-COM WITH MELANIE SAWARD Be a part of the rom-com boom by learning the rules of writing romance fiction and how to leverage the genre's tropes to gain the attention of publishers. Bring a pen and paper or laptop for writing exercises. Snacks provided. Tickets \$120 Limited to 15 places.
FRIDAY 5 APRIL	10.00am - 3.00pm // Watt Space Gallery ENTANGLEMENT: A DRAMA WORKSHOP Join Voices of Women artistic director Lliane Clar BOOKED on drama workshop exploring storytelling through spoken word and sound. FREE, bookings essential. Supported WH!P Collective
FRIDAY 5 APRIL	1.00pm - 2.00pm // Tomaree Library and Community Centre, 7 Community Close, Salamander Bay THINK GLOBAL, WRITE LOCAL Authors Joanna Atherfold Finn, Paula Morrow and Claire O'Rourke have spent their careers writing about global environmental topics. They share why they think it's important to contextualise global issues for local audiences and share examples of how their writing has mobilised people into action. Host / Alison Rogers <b>FREE</b>
FRIDAY 5 APRIL	3.00pm - 5.00pm // Back to Back Galleries, Cooks Hill COVERED: NEWCASTLE ARTISTS RESPOND TO FESTIVAL BOOKS Celebrate this annual exhibition, which features 18 Hunter region artists including Anne-Maree Hunter, Jane Kerrigan, Haylee Knight, Paul O'Brian, and Jerry Ray. The artists have responded to the work of authors featured in the 2024 Newcastle Writers festival program. The exhibition runs from 22 March to 7 April. FREE
FRIDAY 5 APRIL	5.00pm for 6.00pm start // Leda Gallery 850 Hunter Street, Newcastle West BOOK LAUNCH: THE NIGHTS BY HELEN HOPCROFT Celebrate the launch of <i>The Nights</i> by Helen Hopcroft with performance by actor Kelly Burke. Host / Dr Deborah Van Heekeren FREE
FRIDAY 5 APRIL OPENING NIGHT	7.30pm - 9.00pm // Newcastle City Hall OPENING NICHT: NEWS MAKER - AN EVENING WITH LEIGH SALES Leigh Sales will discuss her most recent book <i>Storytellers</i> , about the art and craft of journalism in an increasingly divided world. Host / Indira Naidoo MC Dan Cox. Tickets \$55

### **SATURDAY 6 APRIL**



CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC CONCERT HALL	CIVIC PLAYHOUSE	NUSPACE X101	NUSPACE X321	NUSPACE X320	NUSPACE X207	NUSPACE X301	WATT SPACE GALLERY	OTHER VENUES
MELISSA LUCASHENKO	10.00am - 11.00am KILLING FOR COUNTRY: DAVID MARR IN CONVERSATION Host / Lyndall DUT	10.00am - 11.00am THE PAST AND THE NOW: MELISSA LUCASHENKO IN CONVERSATION Host / Keri Glastonbury FREE	10.00am - 11.00am STOP THE PRESS With Daniel Browning, Antony Loewenstein and Louise Milligan. Host / Kylie Morris Tickets \$30	10.00am - 11.00am COMING OF ACE IN MIDDLE ACE With Emily Perkins, Megan Rogers and Christos Tsiolkas. Host / Ashley Hay Tickets \$20	10.00am - 11.00am <b>NEWCASTLE LIT:</b> <b>CELEBRATING</b> <b>LOCAL AUTHORS</b> With Meg Gatland- Veness, Margaret McBride and Natalie Murray. Host / Nick Wasiliev <b>FREE</b>	10.00am - 11.00am SUSTAINABLE LIVING FOR A KINDER FUTURE With Kirsten Bradley, Claire O'Rourke and Thanh Truong. Host / Dan Cox Tickets \$15	10.00am - 11.00am SUNBIRDS: MIRANDI RIWOE IN CONVERSATION Host / Ashley Kalagian Blunt FREE	10.00am - 11.00am The Press Bookhouse BOOK LAUNCH: SEED TO SKY BY PAMELA FREEMAN AND LIZ ANELLI Launched by Melissa Luckman FREE
11.30am - 12.30pm CRIME WRITER IN PINK: SALLY HEPWORTH IN CONVERSATION Host / Amy Lovat Tickets \$30 / \$20 livestream	11.30am - 12.30pm THE RISE OF ROM-COM With Clare Fletcher, Jonathon Shannon and Saman Shad. Host / Melanie Saward Tickets \$30	11.30am - 12.30pm AUTHOR, ACADEMIC, ACTIVIST: BRI LEE IN CONVERSATION Host / PriceD OUT BOOKED OUT	11.30am - 12.30pm THINGS WE DON'T SPEAK ABOUT: CLASS Peter Polites and Jessie Stephens discuss reckoning with class in fiction. Host / Beejay Silcox FREE	11.30am - 12.30pm WOMEN & CHILDREN: TONY BIRCH IN CONVERSATION Host / Chris Flynn FREE	11.30am - 12.30pm WRITING THE LIVES OF WRITERS With Bernadette Brennan, Catharine Lumby and Brigitta Olubas. Host / Susan Wyndham Tickets \$30	11.30am - 12.30pm I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET: VIDYA MADABUSHI Host / Shankari Chandran FREE	11.30am - 12.30pm ARE WE THERE YET? IT'S TIME FOR AN AUSTRALIAN POET LAUREATE With Nam Le, Kirli Saunders, and Michele Seminara Host / Yvette Henry Holt FREE Sponsored by First Nations Australia Writers Network.	10.00am - 11.00am NUspace X201 BOOK OF LIFE: DEBORAH CONWAY IN CONVERSATON Host / Magdalena Ba Tickets \$30
1.30pm - 2.30pm DARK PLACES: CHRIS HAMMER AND LOUISE MILLIGAN Host / Dan Cox Tickets \$30 / \$20 livestream	1.30pm - 2.30pm HOW TO CREATE A BETTER WORLD With Kirsten Bradley, Hannah Diviney, and Simon Longstaff. Host / Jane Caro FREE	1.30pm - 2.30pm THE IN- BETWEEN: CHRISTOS TSIOLKAS IN CONVERSATION Host / David Marr Tickets \$25	1.30pm - 2.30pm THINGS WE DON'T SPEAK ABOUT: DEATH Nadine J Cohen and Jackie Dent discuss reckoning with death. Host / Kylie Morris FREE	1.30pm - 2.30pm 2023 MILES FRANKLIN WINNER SHANKARI CHANDRAN IN CONVERSATION Host / Ailsa Pi BOOKED OUT	1.30pm - 2.30pm THE RESPONSI- BILITIES OF WOMEN With Kate Mildenhall, Kylie Needham and Emily Perkins. Host / Anna Downes Tickets \$25	1.30pm - 2.30pm WRITING COUNTRY AND CONNECTION With Susie Anderson, Sara M Saleh and Rob Waters. Host / Magdalena Ball FREE	1.30pm - 2.30pm BOOK LAUNCH: PARIS LIGHT, A PERSONAL PLAN DE PARIS BY JEAN KENT Launched by Judith Beveridge. Host / Linsay Knight FREE	12.30pm - 1.15pm NUspace Courtyar NERDS & MUSIC: FREE LUNCHTIME PERFORMANCE FREE
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3.00pm - 4.00pm THE CASE AGAINST MARRIAGE: CLEMENTINE FORD IN CONVERSATION Host / Maeve Marsden Tickets \$30 / \$20 livestream	3.00pm - 4.00pm THINGS WE DON'T SPEAK ABOUT: SEX Esme Louise James, Alecia Simmonds and Yumi Stynes discuss sex, taboo and relationships from the past to the present. Host / Elfy Scott Tickets \$30	3.00pm - 4.00pm THE PALESTINE LABORATORY: ANTONY LOEWENSTEIN IN CONVERSATION Host / Matt Beyan Ticket: TED OUT BOOKED OUT	3.00pm - 4.00pm THE LONG HAUL Long Covid discussion with Dr Steven Faux and Tracey Spicer. Host / Rosemarie Milsom Tickets \$20	3.00pm - 4.00pm BRIGHT YOUNG LIVES: WRITING FIRST NATIONS YOUTH With Graham Akhurst, Kirli Saunders and Melanie Saward. Host / Yvette Henry Holt FREE	3.00pm - 4.00pm HAUNTED BY THE PAST With Winnie Dunn, Mirandi Riwoe and Lucy Treloar. Host / Cath Keenan Tickets \$20	3.00pm - 4.00pm CLOSING TIME: A CARER'S EXPERIENCE OF DEMENTIA With narrator Ghillian Sullivan in conversation with poet Karin de Novellis. FREE	3.00pm - 4.00pm Watt Space Gallery BOOK LAUNCH: FLYING ISLANDS PRESS Celebrate the launch of <i>Tid</i> e by Ivy Ireland, <i>Beautiful Flames</i> by Mark Mahemoff and <i>Nibs &amp; Nubs</i> by Josh Stenberg. Host / Magdalena Ball FREE	4.00pm - 6.00pm Momo Wholefood Café BOOK LAUNCH WEAR NEXT, FASHIONING THE FUTURE B CLAPE DOUT BOOKED OUT BOOKED OUT HREE Booking required
4.30pm - 5.30pm THE TEACHER'S PET: HEDLEY THOMAS IN CONVERSATION Host / Richard Glover Tickets \$35 / \$20 livestream	4.30pm - 5.30pm STONE YARD DEVOTIONAL: CHARLOTTE WOOD IN CONVERSATION Host / Ailsa Piper Tickets \$30	4.30pm - 5.30pm THE RISE AND FALL OF TOLERATION Russell Blackford discusses his book How We Became Post-Liberal. Host / Simon Longstaff FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm LIFE ON THE PAGE With Jessica Kirkness, Sophie Matterson and Ben Mckelvey. Host / Fiona Murphy Tickets \$25	4.30pm - 5.30pm LOVE LANGUAGE: LINDA MARIGLIANO IN CONVERSATION Host / Maddison Connaughton FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm ON ART AND DESIRE With Anna Kate Blair, Bri Lee and Kylie Needham. Host / Amy Sambrooke Tickets \$25	4.30pm - 5.30pm SETTLING THE SCORE: ELLEN VAN NEERVEN IN CONVERSATION Host / Beejay Silcox FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm Watt Space Callery POETRY SALON An evening of poetry performance featuring Susie Anderson, Deborah Conway and others Tickets \$15	5.00pm - 8.15pm The Wollotuka Institute GIYI PARA - TH CONVENING OF A CATHERING An evening of community, corroboree and celebration with Uncle Warren
7.30pm - 9.30pm WORDS & MUSIC This special event celebrates music, literature and the nature of inspiration. Featuring Elijah Amoss, Piper Butcher, Deborah Conway, Natalie Damjanovich- Napoleon, Jim Moginie, Adam Newling and Nina Romeru and Lachlan X. Morris and Bray Porter. Tickets \$50	6.30pm - 7.30pm WELCOME TO SEX: YUMI STYNES AND MELISSA KANC IN CONVERSATION Host / Maeve Marsden Tickets \$35 / \$20 livestream		6.00pm - 7.00pm CELEBRATING MICROLIT With Emma Ashmere, Katharine Coles (USA), Sally Egan, Paul Hetherington, John Kinsella and Hazel Smith. Host / Cassandra Atherton				7.30pm - 9.30pm Local Connections University of Newcastle Callaghan Campus HEARTBAKE SUPPER CLUB: AN EVENING WITH CHARLOTTE REE Host / Bridi CANCELLED	Taggart, Rob Wat Brenda Matthew Duane Hamache and Krystal De Napoli. <b>Tickets \$10</b> Free for those who ide as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander but boo is required for catering purposes <b>6.30pm - 7.30pm</b>
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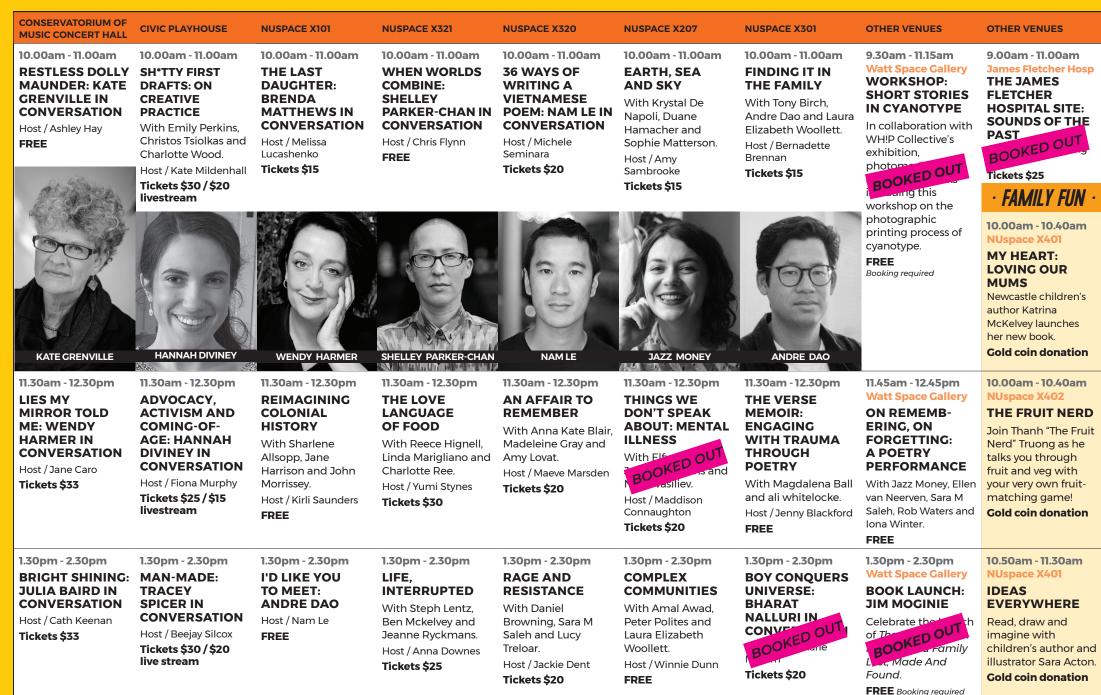
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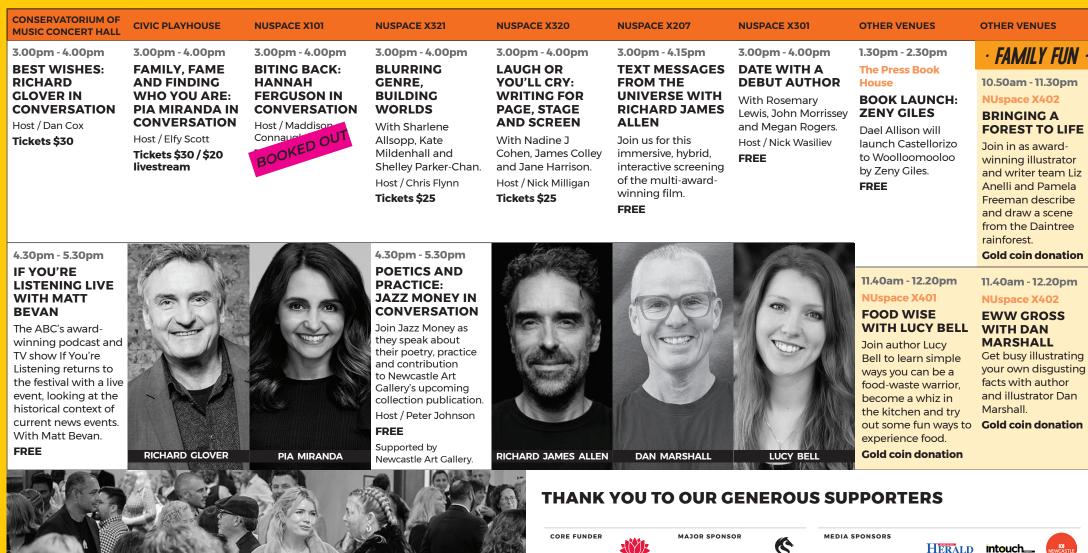
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