

WHAT'S ON

AUTUMN 2024



Goldfields
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HUGH MACKAY

NATURE JOURNALLING

THE GRUFFALO'S
25TH BIRTHDAY



CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

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ON THE COVER

Cultural Diversity Week Celebrations.

Image: City of Greater Bendigo.
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Goldfields Library Corporation acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and waterways of our region. We recognise their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country, and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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SPECIAL EVENTS



ANNIE SMITHERS: CHEF, WRITER, FARMER

The wonderful Annie Smithers, author of *Recipe for a Kinder Life* is visiting in April. Stay tuned for details.

APRIL

Woodend Library

BIG BOWL OF HAPPINESS

Nutritionist Beck O'Farrell is a Macedon Ranges local, wife and mother of three with a clinical nutrition practice specialising in the nutritional treatment of digestive disorders. Beck also runs monthly cooking workshops focussed on sharing and teaching the benefits of a fibre-rich whole foods diet. Come along for insights, tips and demos to learn how to eat and live well.

SAT 20 APR, 11AM-12PM

Gisborne Library

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ATTRACTING BIRDS AND NATIVE CRITTERS TO THE GARDEN

Gardening expert Kerri Mewett has all the tips and tricks to ensure your garden is full of native wildlife and birdsong.

SAT 4 MAY, 10AM-12PM

Romsey Library

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FAMILY SUSTAINABILITY DAY

Join us for a fabulous day of sustainable fun and information about wildlife and biodiversity. Includes a talk from the Central Victorian Bat Alliance, Earth Day children's activities, an interactive wildlife display from TZR Reptiles and Wildlife, and much, much more. Something for everyone!

SAT 20 APR, 9.30AM-2PM

Bendigo Library

SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL

Sydney Writers Festival Live & Local returns to Goldfields Libraries in 2024! Stay tuned for the official program.

More at ncgrl.vic.gov.au/swf

THU 23-SUN 26 MAY

Castlemaine Library

Special Days & Weeks

Cultural Diversity Week
18-24 March

MULTICULTURAL MARCH LAUNCH

See page 10 for details.

MON 4 MAR, 10AM-12PM
Bendigo Library Gardens

AN EMERALD HOUR OF IRISH CULTURE

See page 11 for details.

SAT 16 MAR, 12.30-1.30PM
Bendigo Library

MULTICULTURAL STORYTIMES

See page 26 for details.

National Reconciliation Week
27 May-3 June

POSSUM SKIN CLOAKS

See, touch and experience beautiful possum skin cloaks created traditionally by the Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative (BDAC).

FRI 24 MAY-THU 6 JUN
Eaglehawk Library

WOMIN-DJI- KA WELCOME TO COUNTRY & CENTRAL VICTORIAN INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL LAUNCH

To mark National Reconciliation Week and launch the Central Victorian Indigenous Film Festival, Bendigo Library is honoured to be welcomed back to Country by Elders of the Dja Dja Wurrung people. A screening of the winning film in this year's Koorie Youth Flick Fest will be included.

More details at yobendigo.com.au

MON 27 MAY, FROM 4PM
Bendigo Library

International Women's Day
8 March

MENOPAUSE: MISERY OR MASTERY?

See page 10 for details.

THU 7 MAR, 5.30-6.30PM
Castlemaine Library

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FILM: BRAZEN HUSSIES FILM (M)

See page 20 for details.

FRI 8 MAR, 5-6.30PM
Bendigo Library

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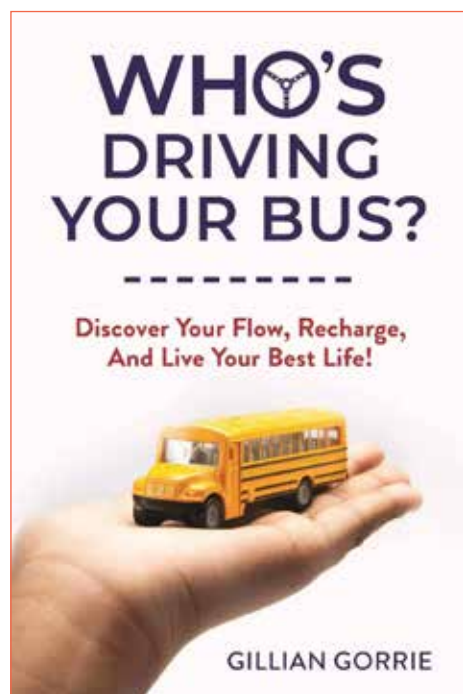
WHITE PRIVILEGE: A FACILITATED DISCUSSION

Join us for a facilitated discussion about the impact of white privilege in Australia.

FRI 31 MAY, 10.30-11.30AM
Castlemaine Library

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AUTHOR TALKS



GILLIAN GORRIE: WHO IS DRIVING YOUR BUS?

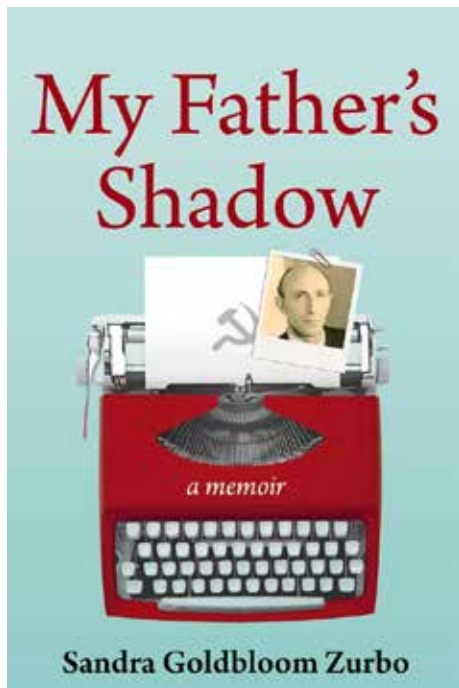
Local author and life coach Gillian Gorrie shares inspiration and tools for taking charge and living your best life.

Book sales and signings.

Amongst other things, Gillian is a stress management specialist, life coach, and practitioner of hypnotherapy and time line therapy.

TUE 5 MAR, 2.30-3.30PM
Romsey Library

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SANDRA GOLDBLOOM ZURBO: MY FATHER'S SHADOW

Samuel Mark Goldbloom was a prominent antiwar activist, brilliant political organiser and covert member of the Communist Party – both a hero and a nemesis to his daughter Sandra whilst growing up in St Kilda. *My Father's Shadow* is a portrait of life on the Left during a time of great social change. Lyrical, sharply observed and affecting, it is a candid exploration of the fraught dynamics between father and daughter – and, ultimately, the love that underlies them.

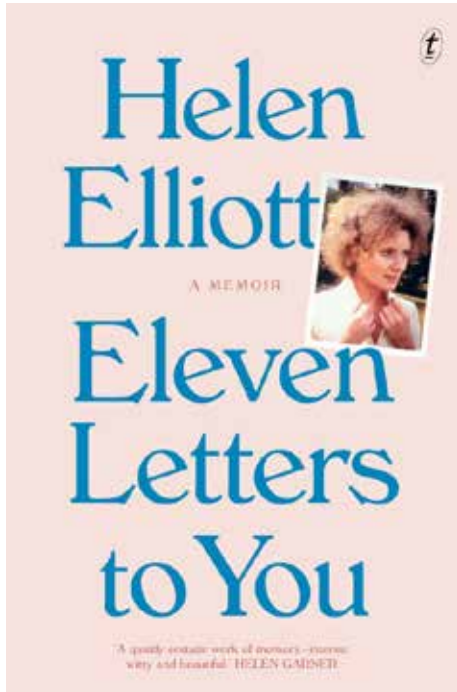
Sandra will be in conversation with Suzanne Donisthorpe, creator of MainFM and former producer at Radio National.

Book sales and signings.

Sandra Goldbloom Zurbo also wrote *The Book of Rachel* and lives, gardens and writes in Castlemaine.

THU 7 MAR, 5.30-6.30PM
Bendigo Library

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**HELEN ELLIOTT:
ELEVEN LETTERS TO YOU**

A profoundly original memoir and an intimate account of growing up in the suburbs of Melbourne in the 50s and 60s. A sparkling and absorbing book written in the form of eleven letters to those neighbours, relatives, friends, teachers and mentors who shaped the young Helen. Each letter recreates life in sensuous and indelible detail, bringing marvellous characters back to life, along with the lost worlds they inhabit.

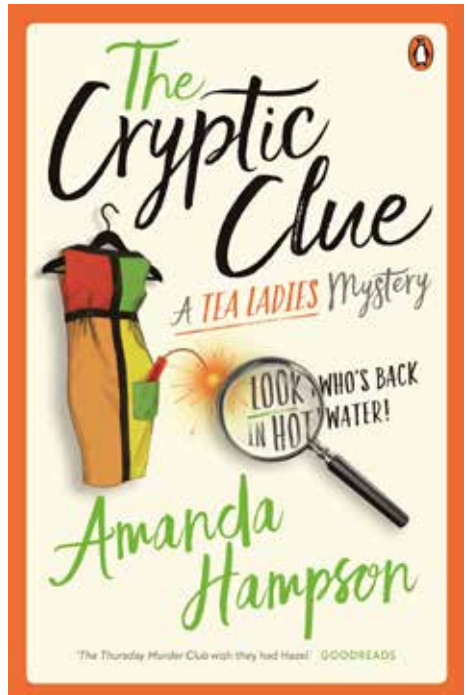
Book sales and signings.

Helen Elliott is a prominent literary critic, journalist and editor who lives on an acre of garden in Mt Macedon.



THU 14 MAR, 2-3PM
Gisborne Library

THU 21 MAR, 5.30-6.30PM
Castlemaine Library



**AMANDA HAMPSON:
THE CRYPTIC CLUE**

We are thrilled to welcome Amanda Hampson back to our libraries to discuss the hotly anticipated new novel in The Tea Ladies series of cozy crime novels, *The Cryptic Clue*.

Book sales and signings.

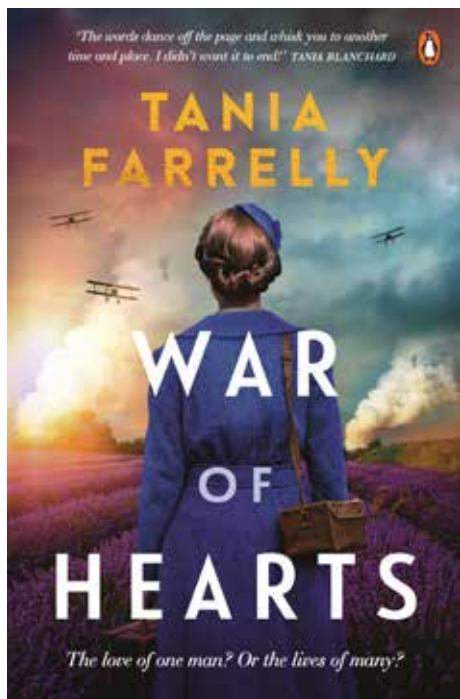
Melbourne based author Amanda Hampson has been a professional writer for some 20 years. Her works include articles, non fiction books and eight novels.



FRI 12 APR, 2-3PM
Kyneton Library

FRI 12 APR, 5.30-6.30PM
Bendigo Library

SAT 13 APR, 10.30-11.30AM
Castlemaine Library



TANIA FARRELLY: WAR OF HEARTS

Set against the backdrop of World War One and spanning three continents, *War of Hearts* is a heart-stopping story of forbidden love and courage that explores the nature of faith, the quest for redemption and the true meaning of grace.

Book sales and signings.

Tania Farrelly is an author of historical fiction who highlights pioneering women in times of great cultural change. *War of Hearts* is her second novel.

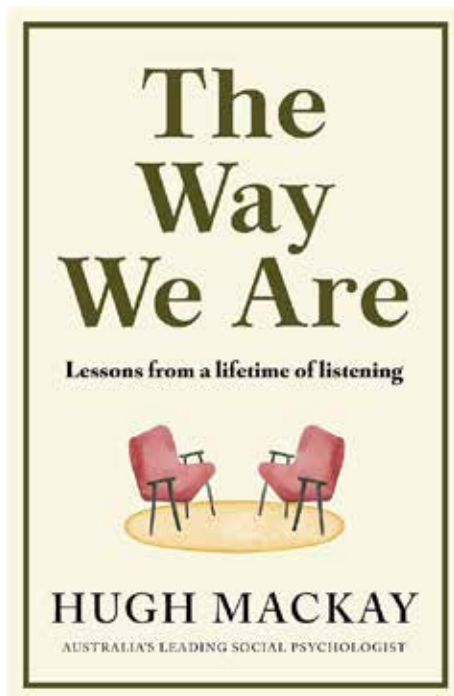
THU 18 APR, 11AM-12PM

Woodend Library



THU 18 APR, 2-3PM

Kangaroo Flat Library



HUGH MACKAY: THE WAY WE ARE

Amidst our epidemics of loneliness, anxiety and depression, and the impacts of entrenched poverty and ubiquitous technology, *The Way We Are* examines the major trends that are shaking the foundations of the Australian way of life.

Book sales and signings.

Hugh Mackay is a social psychologist and bestselling author of both fiction and non-fiction. His non-fiction covers social analysis, psychology, communication and ethics.



MON 13 MAY, 2-3PM

Bendigo Library

SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL

Details to come at ncgrl.vic.gov.au/swf

THU 23-SUN 26 MAY

Castlemaine Library

WRITING

POETRY WORKSHOP: CELEBRATING THE WORK OF MOTHERING

Highly awarded poet Anne Gleeson shows how to use techniques that help bring poetry to life. Capture your own moments of joy and loss in this interactive workshop, and go away with the first draft of a poem that matters.

FRI 10 MAY, 11AM-12PM
Bendigo Library

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READING

ANNE GLEESON: LIVING A POETIC LIFE

Enjoy an informal presentation of poetry and chat. Anne will talk about what led her to poetry, which poets matter most to her, and what keeps her living a poetic life. If you're curious, unsure whether poetry can be fun or comforting, or you're open to challenging ideas school might have inflicted on you, please come along!

THU 21 MAR, 2-3PM
Kyneton Library

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BOOK CLUB SOCIAL

Interested in joining a book club? In a book club looking for a new member or two? Just love talking books? Then this is the event for you! A casual get together with fellow booklovers to discuss books and book clubs. Meet some new fellow bookworms and maybe join a book club.

WED 17 APR, 2-3PM
Woodend Library

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FRI 19 APR, 2-3.30PM
Kangaroo Flat Library

FRI 19 APR, 5-6.30PM
Bendigo Library

POETRY READINGS: CELEBRATING THE WORK OF MOTHERING

All of us were mothered and most of us mother – many by choice. In this poetry reading, highly awarded poet Anne Gleeson will present poetry from her collections that will resonate, amuse and soften the hearts of those who have loved and grieved for their children, adult children and for their own mothers, aunties and grandmothers.

Note: The Bendigo Library session will be followed by a cuppa, and a poetry workshop for those who wish to partake. Details above.

THU 9 MAY, 2-3PM
Kyneton Library

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FRI 10 MAY, 10-11AM
Bendigo Library

LIFELONG LEARNING



TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

SATURDAY PHILOSOPHY AT CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY

Gather with like-minded people to enjoy a session of thought provoking ideas run by the Central Goldfields School of Philosophy.

More info at practicalphilosophyvic.org.au

TRUE NATURE OF HAPPINESS

SAT 2 MAR, 10-11.30AM

HAPPINESS & SOCIETY

SAT 6 APR, 10-11.30AM

HAPPINESS & PLEASURE

SAT 4 MAY, 10-11.30AM

MULTICULTURAL MARCH LAUNCH

Join us on the library lawn to launch a month long celebration of Bendigo's vibrant and diverse multicultural communities, acknowledging the benefits of a multicultural society. Featuring performances, speeches and more.

In celebration of Cultural Diversity Week. Presented in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo.

MON 4 MAR, 10AM-12PM
Bendigo Library Gardens

MENOPAUSE: MISERY OR MASTERY?

Community Health Nurse Bron Grieve discusses the most recent information on menopause – the why's and what's of symptoms, and the options available to manage. Come and learn how you can become a master of your own menopause!

In celebration of International Women's Day. Supported by Dhelkeya Health.

THU 7 MAR, 5.30-6.30PM
Castlemaine Library

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A PARADE OF QUILTS: THE HISTORY OF QUILTING

Enjoy a celebration of the history of vintage and antique quilts with local artisan Maree St Clair of Bendigo and District Quilters Inc.

Quilts will be on display at the Bendigo Library Monday 4 March through to Thursday 4 April.

THU 14 MAR, 5-6PM
Bendigo Library

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AN EMERALD HOUR OF IRISH CULTURE

The Central Victorian Irish Association proudly presents a pre-St Patrick's Day program of Irish music, dancing, poetry and more.

In celebration of Cultural Diversity Week. Presented in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo.

SAT 16 MAR, 12.30-1.30PM
Bendigo Library

FINANCIAL WELLBEING FOR SENIORS

Join us for a free morning tea and a discussion with local financial counsellors from the Salvation Army about concessions, utility relief and how to check your financial health. This conversation will be of particular relevance to seniors, but is open to all interested in financial counselling during these challenging times.

Supported by Financial Counselling Victoria Inc.

TUE 19 MAR, 10.30-11.30AM
Bendigo Library

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LITTLE LIFE HACKS

In need of a handy little innovation? Got a great little idea, a niche talent others would rejoice in, or a way of doing things more easily? Perhaps an unusual use for an object or product? Share with and learn from others about small ways to make everyday tasks better and easier by being creative with what you already have.

Refreshments provided.

THU 18 APR, 5.30-6.30PM
Castlemaine Library

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICE

A document witnessing services is available at several of our libraries.

For more information visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/jp



TOYS AND JOYS: VINTAGE MODEL VEHICLES

Meet inspirational senior David Flintoff, a talented creator of wooden and historical iconic vehicles. Enjoy a show and tell of his beautiful models, including a 1930 Ford Roadster, a 1934 Chevy Coupe, vintage fire trucks, and an engine that runs on air. David's love and talent for woodworking developed as a young boy playing in his father's carpentry workshop. Join us for a yarn and a cuppa as David shares his passion.

SAT 4 MAY, 10AM-12PM
Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK NOW

LEGAL HEALTH CHECK

Learn how to run a personal legal health check to attain peace of mind.

Presented in partnership with Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre, in celebration of Victorian Law Week.

MON 20 MAY, 10AM-12PM
Bendigo Library

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WED 22 MAY, 10AM-12PM
Wedderburn Library Agency

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

See page 5 for details.

MON 27 MAY-MON 3 JUN

Parenting in the Modern World

CatholicCare Victoria
Regional Parenting Program

TECH STRATEGIES FOR FAMILIES

Tech is part of our reality, but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy. Hear about current research, reflect on tech use in your family – considering the challenges and opportunities, and explore strategies to create a safe and happy tech environment.

Suitable for parents and carers of children up to 10 years.

THU 21 MAR, 10-11.30AM
Bendigo Library

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WED 22 MAY, 1-2.30PM
Gisborne Library

KNOWING YOUR TEEN

Learn about developmental changes for teenagers and peer relationships, along with tips for building and maintaining positive relationships with teenagers.

Suitable for parents and carers of children aged 10-17 years.

THU 18 APR, 5.30-7PM
Bendigo Library

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BUILDING RESILIENCE IN YOUNG CHILDREN

Explore how to help kids of all ages develop skills, habits and attitudes for building resilience; building good relationships, independence and confidence to face challenges and manage emotions.

Suitable for parents and carers of children aged 3-12 years.

TUE 21 MAY, 1-2.30PM
Bendigo Library

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THU 23 MAY, 10-11.30AM
Boort Library Agency



Mount Alexander Shire Council &
Dhelkeya Health

Presented by community health nurse Bron Grieve. Q&A and refreshment break included.

TEEN RELATIONSHIPS, EMOTIONS, AND SCHOOL

All about parenting young people with changing emotions and behaviours. Information and tips on communicating well, negotiating boundaries, school worries and reluctance, and discussing relationships with teens and tweens.

THU 14 MAR, 5.15-7PM
Castlemaine Library

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BEGINNERS GUIDE TO LGBTQIA+

Why are pronouns a big deal? What does LGBTQIA+ stand for? These, and other question answered. Or bring your own non-political questions about supporting LGBTQIA+ teenagers.

Suitable for parents, carers, families and community members working with LGBTQIA+ teens.

THU 16 MAY, 5.15-6.30PM
Castlemaine Library

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DIGITAL LITERACY

CREATE A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP

Social media is a great way to connect and share with communities and like-minded people. Learn how to create a Facebook page for your community group and grow your audience and online presence.

Facebook account and basic knowledge of Facebook required.

FRI 8 MAR, 2-3.30PM
Heathcote Library

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THU 14 MAR, 10.30AM-12PM
Boort Library Agency

FRI 15 MAR, 11AM-12.30PM
Elmore Library Agency

WED 27 MAR, 10.30AM-12PM
Wedderburn Library Agency

WED 27 MAR, 1.30-3PM
Inglewood Library Agency

ONLINE FAMILY HISTORY

Learn how to research your family history using library resources like Ancestry and Find My Past.

MON 18 MAR, 10.30-11.30AM
Woodend Library

THU 11 APR & FRI 19 APR, 2-3PM
Bendigo Library

FRI 10 MAY, 2-3PM
Castlemaine Library

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INTRO TO TROVE

Discover Trove, a free online service to search fully digitised Australian newspapers and more. While simple to use, there are some great techniques to help you become a successful Trover.

TUE 19 MAR, 2-3PM
Eaglehawk Library

FRI 19 APR, 2-3PM
Castlemaine Library

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INTRO TO ANDROID SMARTPHONES

We'll show you how to set up your Android phone, safely customised to suit your needs, whether you're new to using an Android or have been using one for a while.

BOOK NOW

FRI 22 MAR, 2-3PM

Castlemaine Library

IDENTIFYING AND AVOIDING SCAMS

Online scams are increasing, with scammers becoming more sophisticated in their approach to potential victims. Learn what you can do to protect yourself from being scammed, and what to do should you be the victim of one.

BOOK NOW

MON 25 MAR, 10-11AM

Kangaroo Flat Library

TEA & TECH AT KYNETON LIBRARY

Get together with others over a friendly cuppa, bring along your phone, laptop or tablet and let us help you solve your tech problems! Share what you've learned, get help, and try some fun and valuable skills in a relaxed session.

APPLE & MAC DEVICES

BOOK NOW

MON 15, 22 & 29 APR, 2.30-4PM

ANDROID & WINDOWS DEVICES

BOOK NOW

MON 13, 20 & 27 MAY, 2.30-4PM

ONE-ON-ONE IT HELP

Assistance from our patient and experienced staff with laptops, tablets and phones, including setting up email and learning how to use the library's fantastic online collections.

BY APPOINTMENT

All library branches and agencies.

Contact information on back cover.

KNOW YOUR GIZMO

Bring your phone, laptop or tablet and let us bust your tech problems! We'll help you navigate email and photos, use apps, message, and add contacts to open up your online world. Let us know how we can help you.

BOOK NOW

TUE 16 APR & 14 MAY, 2-3PM

Eaglehawk Library

MON 22 APR & 27 MAY, 1-2PM

Kangaroo Flat Library



CREATING DESIGNS WITH CANVA

Learn how to create professional and eye-catching posters, flyers and social media ads for your community group using Canva, a free-to-use online graphic design tool.

BYO device or use one of ours.

BOOK NOW

MON 6 MAY, 1-2PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

WHAT IS THE CLOUD?

Wondering what people mean when they mention The Cloud? This introductory session will give you an overview of what The Cloud is and how it can be useful in everyday life.

BOOK NOW

TUE 21 MAY, 2-3PM

Eaglehawk Library

FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

Australian Heritage Festival
18 April-18 May

FILM: THE LOST CITY OF MELBOURNE (PG)

See page 21 for details.

BOOK NOW

THU 18 APR, 4.30-6PM
Kyneton Library

THU 2 MAY, 5-6.30PM
Castlemaine Library

WED 8 MAY, 1-2.30PM
Gisborne Library

SAT 18 MAY, 12.30-2PM
Bendigo Library

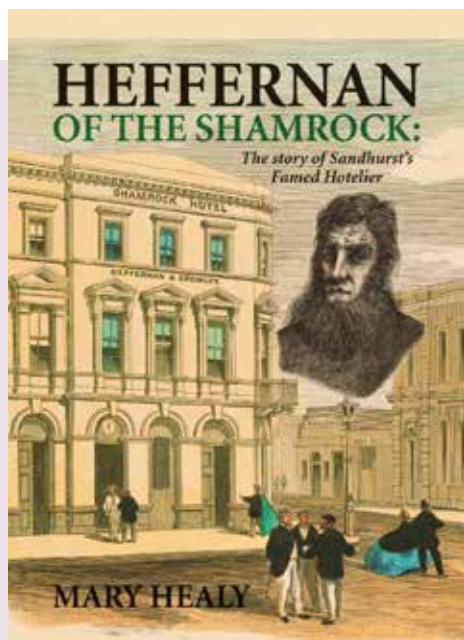


THE GREAT WAR AND ITS IMPACT ON SMALL COUNTRY TOWNS

Join local historian Tony Ford as he shares his research on the impact of World War I on small country towns, changing the lives of people living in these communities.

BOOK NOW

FRI 26 APR, 2-3PM
Heathcote Library



DISCOVERING HISTORY: HEFFERNAN OF THE SHAMROCK

Local researcher Mary Healy shares insights on this remarkable man. From impoverished conditions in Ireland, Heffernan travelled the world seeking a better life for his family. After finding gold in California, he sailed to Victoria, seeking further fortune. He established The Shamrock Hotel with his 30-year tenure mirroring the rise of Sandhurst as the world's richest goldfield.

Book sales and signings.

Followed by a brief presentation from the Bendigo Regional Archives Centre on resources available for researching Bendigo hotels.



BOOK NOW

THU 2 MAY, 5.30-6.30PM
Bendigo Library or online via Zoom

CONNECTION & CREATIVITY

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



HOME-GROWN HARVEST SWAP

Bring along excess home-grown produce or sealed homemade preserves to share or swap with others.

Please list ingredients and date made on preserves.

FRI 1-THU 28 MAR
Kangaroo Flat Library

Share A Yarn

CRAFTING FOR OTHERS

We're collecting handmade warm winter woollies for those needing some extra warmth this winter. Donations of scarves and beanies will be gratefully accepted and redistributed in the community.

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Eaglehawk Library

CRAFTING WITH OTHERS

Bring your needles, hooks and yarn to enjoy a cuppa and some time creating with fellow yarners to add to the Share a Yarn collection.

SAT 20 APR, 10AM-12PM
Eaglehawk Library

DISPLAYS

A Parade of Quilts
MON 4 MAR-THU 4 APR
Bendigo Library

Possum Skin Cloaks
FRI 24 MAY-THU 6 JUN
Eaglehawk Library

MAHJONG MEET UP

If you would like to learn how to play the ancient game of Mahjong and meet other beginner players, come along and join our friendly group. An great and enjoyable way to keep your brain active!

THU 14 MAR, 18 APR & 16 MAY
10.30AM-12PM
Heathcote Library

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NATURE JOURNALLING

See page 22 for details

WED 3 APR, 10AM-12PM
Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills

FRI 5 APR, 10AM-12PM
Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills

BOOK NOW



DIY KOKEDAMA BALL

Learn how to make your own hanging Japanese inspired Bonsai. These hanging soil and moss balls are easy to make and care for.

TUE 7 MAY, 9.30-10.30AM
Dingee Library Agency

WED 8 MAY, 1.30-2.30PM
Inglewood Library Agency

BOOK NOW



Get Moving!

The Get Moving exercise program for older adults is back, thanks to funding from the City of Greater Bendigo. Try something new for fitness, health and fun.

STRONG SENIORS: STRENGTH TRAINING FOR OLDER ADULTS

Designed specifically for adults over 60, Strong Seniors (based on the Geri-Fit model) helps rebuild strength lost through ageing. Exercises are focused on increasing strength and range of motion to improve health and mobility. No dancing, aerobics or choreography involved, with most exercises performed on seated chairs with light weights. We ask that you commit to either Group A or B twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays) for this eight-week series. You'll love it!

Get Moving programs are supported by the City of Greater Bendigo for healthy ageing.

Note: No session on Thursday 25 April.

GROUP A:
MON 15 APR-THU 6 JUN, 10-10.45AM

GROUP B:
MON 15 APR-THU 6 JUN, 11.15AM-12PM

Kangaroo Flat Library
Bookings: phone 5447 8344

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MINDFULNESS MADE EASY: A SHORT COURSE

Join Guy Robbins, Gisborne resident and experienced psychologist, to learn and practice mindfulness for wellbeing. This three-session course will include instruction, discussion and guided practice in a small group setting. Suitable for people of all ages and walks of life.

Guy Robbins has delivered health and wellbeing programs across private, public and corporate sectors, incorporating mindfulness into his personal life and professional career for 40 years.

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TUE 30 APR, 7 & 14 MAY
1.30-2.30PM OR 6-7PM
Gisborne Library



ART WORKSHOPS: INTRODUCTION TO COLOUR DRAWING

Join passionate artist and facilitator Marilyn Andrews for a series of four drawing with colour workshops. Learn how to see colour and tonal values. Marilyn will also cover use and placement of colour and types of coloured pencils and pens.

No experience is necessary, but attendance at all sessions is required.

\$10 materials cost. Please pay cash at the first session.

WED 8, 15, 22 & 29 MAY, 1-3PM
Kangaroo Flat Library

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REGULAR PROGRAMS

Craft and Sewing Groups

BYO CRAFT AND PREEMIE HEARTS

Come along and stitch a scent heart for premature and very sick babies, or bring along your current craft project and share in our friendly gathering.

All will be warmly welcomed.

FRI 1 MAR, 5 APR & 3 MAY, 2.30-4PM
Kyneton Library

CROCHET AND CONVERSATION

Are you new to crochet, or would you like to learn? Working on a crochet project and feel like company? Join our friendly gathering and share the love of all things crochet.

BYO supplies or your current project.

MON 4 MAR, 1 APR & 6 MAY, 2.30-3.30PM
Gisborne Library

CRAFT AND CHAT

Bring along your current craft project for idea sharing and skills in a friendly gathering. Preemie Hearts materials will also be available.

All will be warmly welcomed.

WED 13 MAR, 10 APR & 8 MAY, 2-4PM
Woodend Library

CRAFTING CONNECTIONS

Join us for a coffee, chat, craft and crochet. Want to learn? No problem! Come along and chat with any of our makers. All crafts welcome.

Members of Crochet Hookers Australia will be present.

THU 14 MAR, 11 APR, 9 & 30 MAY
1-2.30PM
Kangaroo Flat Library

PUZZLE AND CHAT

A good puzzler can complete a 500-piece jigsaw in three hours! But how quickly can a group of keen puzzlers do it? Join others to complete a new jigsaw while chatting.

Refreshments provided.

WED 6 MAR, 3 APR, & 1 MAY
1-4.30PM
Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK
NOW

SOCIAL SCRABBLE

Drop in and test your vocabulary against others in light hearted social scrabble. It's a great way to keep your brain active!

Refreshments provided.

TUE 26 MAR, 30 APR & 28 MAY
1-4.30PM
Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK
NOW

A Curious Circle at Romsey Library

Enjoy crafting for fun and connection in a friendly and inclusive setting. No skills required. Refreshments provided.

BOOK SPINE BOOKMARKS

TUE 19 MAR, 5-7PM

BOOK NOW

LEAF CRAFT

TUE 16 APR, 5-7PM

BOOK NOW

POLYMER CLAY CRAFT

TUE 21 MAY, 5-7PM

BOOK NOW

The Memory Place

Join us for memories, conversation and fun as we share our beautiful themed memory kits. Enjoy reflecting on or learning about the past and the stories that objects can tell.

Refreshments included.

CRAFT

TUE 19 MAR, 11AM-12PM

Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

HOBBIES AND GAMES

FRI 22 MAR, 2-3PM

Heathcote Library

BOOK NOW

BEAUTY AND STYLE

TUE 26 MAR, 11.30AM-12.30PM

Pyramid Hill library Agency

BOOK NOW

FAMILY FUN

TUE 16 APR, 11AM-12PM

Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

DOCUMENTS OF LONG AGO

TUE 30 APR, 2.30-3.30PM

Romsey Library

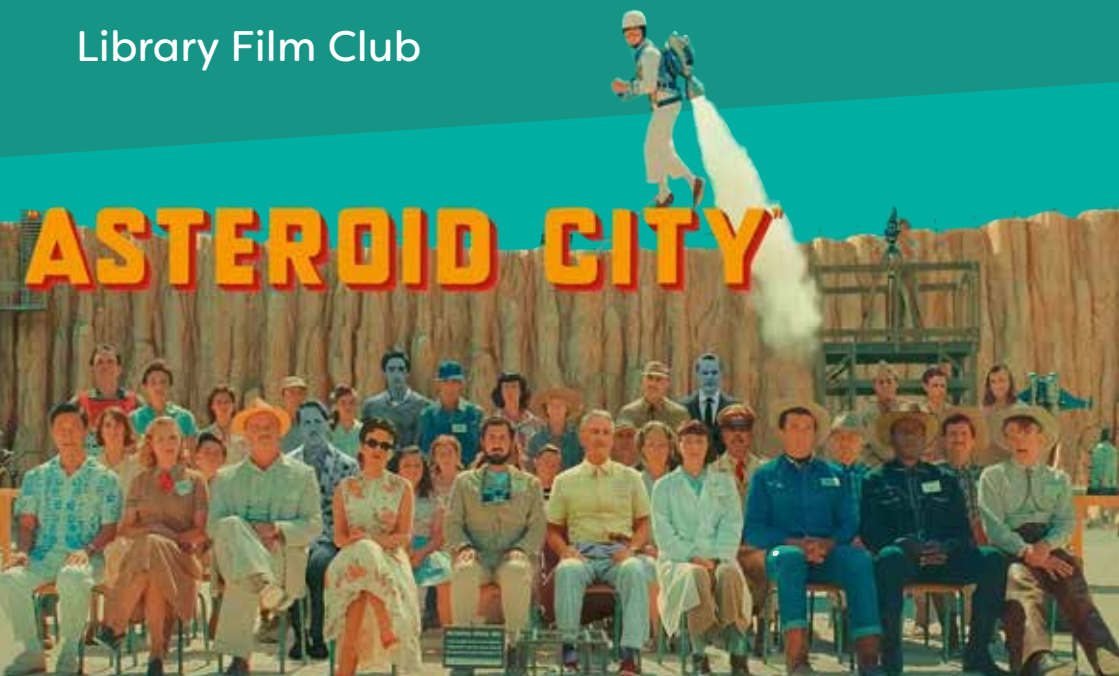
BOOK NOW

THU 30 MAY, 2-3PM

Kangaroo Flat Library



Library Film Club



BRAZEN HUSSIES (M)

Not so long ago, Australian women had to fight to be treated equally in every sphere of life. *Brazen Hussies* shows how a daring and diverse group of women joined forces to defy the status quo, demand equality and create profound social change as the Women's Liberation Movement (1965-1975).

In celebration of International Women's Day,

BOOK
NOW

FRI 8 MAR, 5-6.30PM

Bendigo Library

BARBIE (PG-13)

Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colourful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

Great fun, but not for little kids!

BOOK
NOW

WED 13 MAR, 1-3PM

Gisborne Library

OPPENHEIMER (MA 15+)

An epic biographical thriller about J. Robert Oppenheimer, the American theoretical physicist credited with being the father of the atomic bomb for his role in the World War II Manhattan Project, which developed the first nuclear weapons.

Based on the 2005 biography *American Prometheus* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.

BOOK
NOW

WED 27 MAR, 10.30AM-1PM

Romsey Library

ASTEROID CITY (PG-13)

World-changing events spectacularly disrupt the itinerary of a junior stargazer/space cadet convention in an American desert town circa 1955.

BOOK
NOW

THU 28 MAR, 5-6.30PM

Castlemaine Library

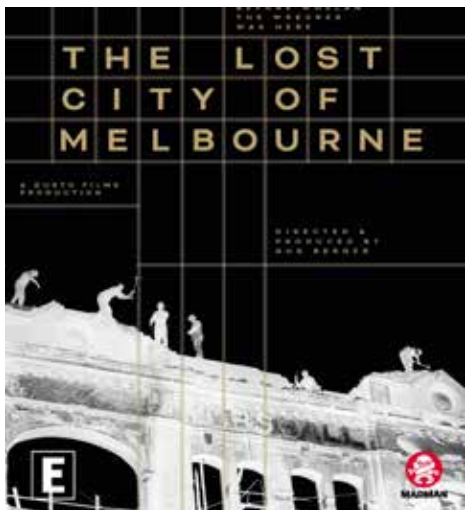
THE HUNGER GAMES: THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES (MA15+)

A prequel to *The Hunger Games* trilogy, based on the 2020 novel by Suzanne Collins. Follows the rise of Coriolanus Snow, the future dictator of Panem, from a young tribute to a mentor of a songbird. Set 64 years before the events of the first novel.

BOOK NOW

THU 4 APR, 2-4.40PM

Castlemaine Library



THE LOST CITY OF MELBOURNE (PG)

In the 1850s, Melbourne was the fastest growing city in the world - an epicentre of film culture with its hotels, restaurants and cafes world renowned. Sadly, attempted modernisation in the 1950s destroyed much of the city with buildings deemed too Victorian. Rare archival film and photography reveals the former glory of the lost city of Melbourne.

BOOK NOW

THU 18 APR, 4.30-6PM

Kyneton Library

THU 2 MAY, 5-6.30PM

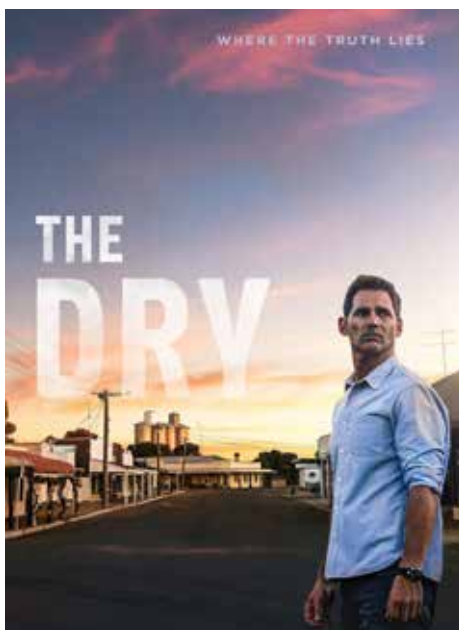
Castlemaine Library

WED 8 MAY, 1-2.30PM

Gisborne Library

SAT 18 MAY, 12.30-2PM

Bendigo Library



THE DRY (MA)

This thriller mystery drama based on Jane Harper's bestseller, *The Dry*, follows a detective investigating two crimes in a drought-stricken farming community. A compelling exploration of guilt, grief and the impact of corporate farming on small-town life.

BOOK NOW

WED 24 APR, 10.30AM-1PM

Romsey Library

CENTRAL VICTORIAN INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL LAUNCH

See page 5 for details.

MON 27 MAY, FROM 4PM

Bendigo Library

MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS (PG)

Based on the 1958 novel by Paul Gallico, *Mrs Harris Goes to Paris* tells a humorously heartwarming tale about London housecleaner, Ada Harris, who thinks her lonely life might turn around if she can become the owner of a Christian Dior gown.

BOOK NOW

WED 29 MAY, 10.3AM-1PM

Romsey Library



PRIMARY SCHOOL YEARS

Nature Journalling

Children aged 7+ years are invited to bring along their favourite senior person to explore and creatively document the beautiful Bendigo Botanic Gardens. Artist and illustrator Liz Duthie will facilitate two wonderful workshops, each focussing on special parts of the Gardens. A short guided tour will be included, with materials and refreshments provided.

BYO folding chair and picnic lunch if you wish to linger.

Funded by the City of Greater Bendigo.

HERITAGE GARDEN

WED 3 APR, 10AM-12PM

Meet at Samuel Gadd Centre,
Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills

BOOK
NOW

GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE

FRI 5 APR, 10AM-12PM

Meet at Garden for the Future stage,
Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills

BOOK
NOW

MINECRAFT LAB

Come along to Minecraft Lab and enter our Minecraft world with other kids. There will be challenges, tests and lots of fun along the way. Laptop computers supplied.

Ages 8-12 years.

THU 7, 14, 21 & 28 MAR, 4-5PM
Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW

School Holiday Program

Pick up a program from
18 March, or visit
ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram



STEAM AFTER SCHOOL

Pop into the library and explore hands on activities with fellow tinkerers.

Ages 7+ years.

TUE 23, 30 APR & 7, 14 MAY
3.45-4.45PM
Eaglehawk Library

THU 16, 23 & 30 MAY & 6 JUN
4.30-5.30PM
Kyneton Library

EARLY YEARS

1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL

Get in the reading habit and join 1000 Books Before School!

For more information, ask at your local library or visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/1000books



LITTLE BANG DISCOVERY CLUB

Calling all mini scientists! Sign up for this fantastic four-week series for scientific exploration, discovery and learning. Includes hands-on activities and loan of an awesome Discovery Box for home.

Ages 3-5 years. Please attend with your child. Attendance required at all four sessions.

MON 6, 13, 20 & 27 MAY, 4-5PM
Romsey Library

BOOK
NOW

THE GRUFFALO



The Gruffalo's 25th Birthday!

Celebrating 25 years of *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler.

GREAT GRUFFALO HUNT

Oh help! Oh no! It's a Gruffalo!

Find the characters from *The Gruffalo* hiding in our libraries for a chance to win a Gruffalo inspired prize pack.

Ages 1-5 years.

APRIL

Participating libraries and library agencies

GRUFFALO STORYTIME & MOVIE

A mouse took a stroll through the deep, dark wood... Celebrate 25 years of this much loved book with a special school holiday Storytime followed by a screening of *The Gruffalo*. Dress ups welcome!

Ages 3-5 years

WED 3 APR, 10.30-11.30AM

Castlemaine Library

SAT 25 MAY, 10.30AM-12PM

Bendigo Library

GRUFFALO OUTDOOR STORYTIME

Join us at the beautiful Canterbury Gardens for Gruffalo stories, songs, and activities.

Ages 2-5 years.

TUE 30 APR, 10.30-11.15AM

Canterbury Gardens, Eaglehawk

THE GRUFFALO STORYWALK®

MAY

Rotary Gateway Park, Kangaroo Flat





Storytime Specials

CURIOUS KIDS IN THE LIBRARY

Storytime welcomes back special guest Angela from the Discovery Centre, Bendigo, for more science-based storytimes for curious kids. Ages 3-5 years.

BOOK NOW

FRI 1 MAR & 3 MAY, 10-10.45AM

Woodend Library

WED 13 MAR & 15 MAY, 10.30-11.15AM

Gisborne Library

WONDERFUL WATER

Join the educators from Coliban Water to hear some stories, sing some songs and learn about the wonderful world of water.

Ages 3+ years.

WED 13 MAR, 10.30-11.15AM

Castlemaine Library

MON 18 MAR, 10.30-11.15AM

Kyneton Library

MON 6 MAY, 11.30AM-12PM

Elmore Library Agency

TUE 7 MAY, 10.30-11.15AM

Eaglehawk Library

FRI 10 MAY, 9.30-10AM

Heathcote Library

FRI 17 MAY, 10.30-11.15AM

Kangaroo Flat Library

EARTH DAY

Enjoy stories and activities which treasure our irreplaceable Earth.

Part of the Bendigo Library Family Sustainability Day.

SAT 20 APR, 10.30-11.15AM

Bendigo Library

MULTICULTURAL STORYTIME

Young families are invited to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week with Cultural Ambassadors and guest presenters from the City of Greater Bendigo.

DARI & HAZARAGI

SAT 16 MAR, 10.30-11.15AM

Bendigo Library

SPANISH & BAHASA INDONESIA

MON 18 MAR, 10.30-11.15AM

Bendigo Library

SINHALESE

TUE 19 MAR, 10.30-11.30AM

Bendigo Library

MALAYALAM

TUE 19 MAR, 10.30-11.30AM

Eaglehawk Library

TAGALOG

THU 21 MAR, 10.30-11.15AM

Bendigo Library

JAPANESE

FRI 22 MAR, 10.30-11.15AM

Bendigo Library

KAREN & KOREAN

FRI 22 MAR, 10.30-11.15AM

Kangaroo Flat Library

BONJOUR STORYTIME

Bonjour! Come along to a special Storytime in French to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week.

For ages 3-5.

WED 13 MAR, 10-10.45AM

Woodend Library



IDAHOBIT RAINBOW FAMILIES

Performer and storyteller Em Chandler will share stories about all types of families and belonging just as you are, with a sprinkling of magic. Wear bright rainbow colours!

Ages 3-6 years.

WED 15 MAY, 9.45-10.30AM

Bendigo Library

WED 15 MAY, 11.45AM-12.30PM

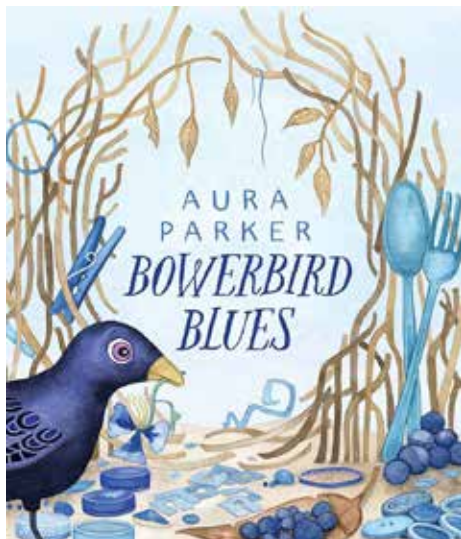
Castlemaine Library

MON 20 MAY, 9.45-10.30AM

Romsey Library

MON 20 MAY, 11.45AM-12.30PM

Kyneton Library



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME: BOWERBIRD BLUES

Young families are invited to join in the fun of National Simultaneous Storytime - Australia's biggest storytelling session! The same book will be read across Australia and New Zealand at the same time. How cool is that?!

More at ncgrl.vic.gov.au/nss

WED 22 MAY, 11.45AM

Participating libraries and library agencies



Storytime

Storytime programs run in your local Goldfields branch library each week of school term.

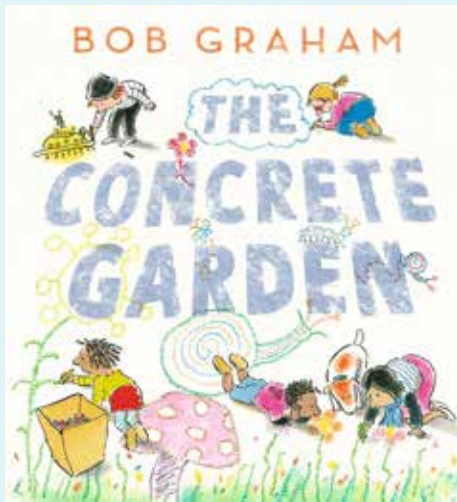
Join us for joyful explorations of stories, songs and rhymes with other young families.

Collect a timetable from your library or visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes

StoryWalks

Enjoy reading a children's picture book as you walk in the sunshine and fresh air.

Full details at ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storywalk



THE CONCRETE GARDEN

By Bob Graham.

Sponsored by Healthy Loddon Campaspe.

AUTUMN

Kyneton

Shared path by Primary School and Kinder

CASTLEMAINE STORYWALK®

New title coming soon. Sponsored by Healthy Loddon Campaspe.

AUTUMN

Gingell St, Castlemaine

A StoryWalk® will be coming to Loddon Shire soon! Keep an eye on Facebook and our website, ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storywalk for more information

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.



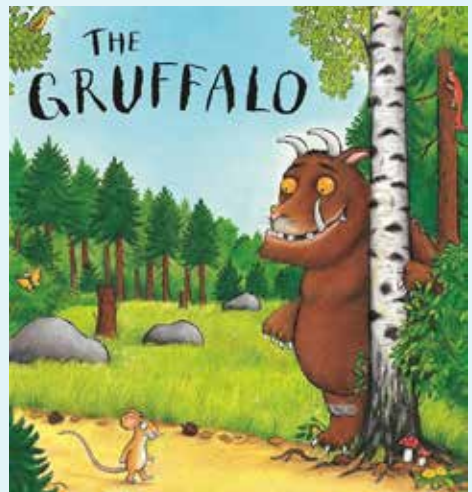
THE BLACK COCKATOO WITH ONE FEATHER BLUE

By Jodie McLeod, illustrated by Eloise Short.

Sponsored by Healthy Loddon Campaspe.

AUTUMN

Heathcote Playspace, 126 High St



THE GRUFFALO

by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler.

MAY

Rotary Gateway Park, Kangaroo Flat Library

LIBRARIES

BENDIGO

251-259 Hargreaves Street
p: 5449 2700

CASTLEMAINE

212 Barker Street
p: 5472 1458

EAGLEHAWK

Eaglehawk Mechanics Institute
1 Sailors Gully Road
p: 5446 7577

GISBORNE

8 Hamilton Street
p: 5428 3962

HEATHCOTE

125 High Street
p: 5433 3734

KANGAROO FLAT

23 Lockwood Road
p: 5447 8344

KYNETON

3 Baynton Street
p: 5422 1365

ROMSEY

98 Main Street
p: 5429 3086

WOODEND

Cnr High & Forest Streets
p: 5427 2074

AGENCIES

AXEDALE

Axedale Public Hall
94 Mclvor Road

BOORT

Boort Resource and
Information Centre
119-121 Godfrey Street

DINGEE

Dingee Railway Station
Bendigo-Pyramid Road

ELMORE

Elmore Athenæum Hall
62 Michie Street

INGLEWOOD

Inglewood Community
Neighbourhood House
Inglewood Town Hall Hub
20 Verdon Street

PYRAMID HILL

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House
Unit 5-8/43 Kelly Street

TARNAGULLA

Tarnagulla Community Centre
8 Sandy Creek Lane

WEDDERBURN

Wedderburn Community Centre
24 Wilson Street

Library Agencies
P. 5449 2790

For opening hours and accessibility information visit
ncgrl.vic.gov.au