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our writers, readers and stories

Stonnington Libraries Literary Festival

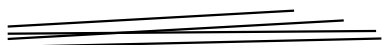
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Message from the Mayor

The Stonnington Library and Information Service is delighted to host our eighth literary festival **[untitled]: our writers, readers and stories**.

This year's program explores growing up, taking in individual and collective experiences, and how our history, gender, education, ethnicity, community and culture help shape us.

Some of Australia's best-loved authors lend their voice to conversations both frank and funny, and there are new voices to hear from too, all poised to get you talking, reading, writing, thinking and imagining.

If, like me, you love reading, and being part of a community of readers, I recommend attending one of the many events listed inside this program, spread over four days in November, featuring stories based on fact, fiction and everything in between.

Please join me for the launch of **[untitled]: our writers, readers and stories**, at 6.30pm on Thursday 14 November, at Hobba café, 428 Malvern Road, Prahran, where guests will hear from bright young comedian and author of **The Prettiest Horse in the Glue Factory**, Corey White. We'll also announce the winners of our **What's Your Story? writing competition**.

I hope to see you there.

Cr Steve Stefanopoulos
Mayor of Stonnington

Launch of

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our writers, readers and stories

Thursday 14 November
6.30pm – 8pm

Hobba, 428 Malvern Road, Prahran

Tickets: free

Hear from bright young comedian Corey White, whose debut memoir, **The Prettiest Horse in the Glue Factory**, is equal parts hilarious and horrifying. The winners of our What's Your Story? Writing competition will also be announced.



Axiomatic

Friday 15 November
10.30am – 11.30am

Stonnington History Centre
Exhibition Space
1257 High Street, Malvern

Tickets: free

In **Axiomatic**, author Maria Tumarkin takes five axioms and interrogates their value as self-evident truths. Does time really heal all wounds? Are those who forget the past condemned to repeat it? Is the child at age seven reflective of the woman? **Dmetri Kakmi** talks to **Maria Tumarkin** about memory, facing the traumas of the past and writing a slippery kind of understanding.



The Hollow Bones

Friday 15 November
1pm – 2pm

Stonnington History Centre
Exhibition Space
1257 High Street, Malvern

Tickets: free

The Hollow Bones blends science, politics and fiction into one and explores issues of ethics, racism, women in war and animal sentience.

Leah Kaminsky discusses her latest novel, which implores us to pay attention to the crucial lessons we might learn from our not-too-distant history.



The Lost Boys

Friday 15 November
2.30pm – 3.30pm

Stonnington History Centre
Exhibition Space
1257 High Street, Malvern

Tickets: free



In the First World War, thousands of boys across Australia and New Zealand lied about their age, forged a parent's signature and left to fight on the other side of the world. Some were as young as thirteen and soon found they could die as well as any man.

Journalist **Paul Byrnes** reveals the incredible and previously untold stories of 40 under-age soldiers in this homage to youthful bravery and poignant reminder of the horror of war.

Song and play book

Friday 15 November
7pm – 8pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road
South Yarra

Tickets: \$10

There'll be songs, stories and playacting aplenty in this grown up reimagining of **Play School**.





Writing for wellness

Saturday 16 November
10.30am – 11.30am

Malvern Library
1255 High Street, Malvern

Tickets: \$10

Write, map, journal and play your way to an understanding of how writing can enhance your wellbeing. This event is suitable for beginners; no need to be a creative writer!

Led by **Alison Arnold** (editor of **The Rosie Project**) and **Cath Crowley** (two-time PM's Literary Awards winner), founders of Word House.



Pathways to self-publishing

Saturday 16 November
10.30am – 12pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road
South Yarra

Tickets: \$10

Taking smart steps towards self-publishing is about much more than writing, editing and proofreading a compelling story. Successful self-publishers need to deal with a lengthy to-do list, including design, distribution and all-important marketing.

Claire Halliday, **Alison Croggon** and **Ellie Marney** are experienced authors who made self-publishing work for them. They share their tips on how to produce a professional book that attracts reviews, attention and sales.



No Apologies: Women in comedy

Saturday 16 November
12.30pm – 1.30pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road
South Yarra

Tickets: \$10

Joanne Brookfield has spent two decades working in the world of comedy, as both a journalist and a stand-up comedian. Over coffee, wine, laughter and tears, she's talked with the women of comedy about every aspect of their lives.

Joanne Brookfield is joined by **Jo Stanley** and **Judith Lucy** to discuss their lives working in comedy. Together they look at some of the challenges women face in comedy and the ways in which they have been able to triumph. This session is a must-see not only for comedy fans but any women working in traditionally male-dominated fields.



Writing for sound

Saturday 16 November
1pm – 2.30pm

Malvern Library
1255 High Street, Malvern

Tickets: \$10

Join sound recordist, university lecturer and writer, **Dr Michael Kitson**, in this workshop that focuses on the use of sound in film and literature. Discover tools and techniques to enhance the atmosphere in a novel, screenplay or on screen.



The second novel

**Saturday 16 November
2pm – 3.30pm**

**Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road
South Yarra**

Tickets: \$10

Second novel syndrome can be a difficult thing to overcome. **Christian White** (*The Nowhere Child*, *The Wife and the Widow*) and **Mark Brandi** (*Wimmera*, *The Rip*), whose keenly awaited second novels came out this year, discuss their experiences writing that second novel and how to triumph over doubts.



Creative partnerships

**Saturday 16 November
4pm – 5pm**

**Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road
South Yarra**

Tickets: free

Ali Berg and **Michelle Kalus** have been best friends for life and share a bursting passion for books and writing. Together they began Books on the Rail in Australia and are coauthors of *The Book Ninja* and *While You Were Reading*.

Ali and Michelle discuss their partnership and the books and authors that have left an imprint on their lives and writing.



What really matters?

Saturday 16 November
6.30pm – 8pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road
South Yarra

Tickets: \$10

Bruno Lettieri brings together two of Australia's most admired writers, **Helen Garner** and **Michael Leunig**, for a powerful conversation about living creatively and soulfully into your eighth decade.

**This event will be Auslan interpreted.*



Female coming of age

Sunday 17 November
10.45am – 11.45am

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road
South Yarra

Tickets: free

Authors **Sallie Muirden** (*Wedding Puzzle*) and **Mira Robertson** (*The Unexpected Education of Emily Dean*) discuss their most recent novels on the theme of female coming of age and rites of passage, with acclaimed film and television writer-director, **Ana Kokkinos**.



Growing up in Australia

Sunday 17 November
12.30pm – 1.30pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road
South Yarra

Tickets: free

Alice Pung (editor of **Growing up Asian in Australia**), Demet Divaroren (co-editor of **Coming of Age: Growing up Muslim in Australia**) and Nyadol Nyuon (contributor to **Growing up African in Australia**) tell their stories of growing up in Australia.



The Prettiest Horse in the Glue Factory

Sunday 17 November
2pm – 3.15pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road
South Yarra

Tickets: free

Corey White was a golden child. He knew this because his father would hit his mother and sisters but not him. And his mother adored him so much she let him drop out of primary school.

Joanne Brookfield talks to Corey White about his darkly funny debut, **The Prettiest Horse in the Glue Factory**, his memoir of trauma and survival that is equal parts horrifying and hilarious.

**This session is for mature audiences. It contains explicit language and adult themes of a sensitive nature.*



#MeToo: Stories from the Australian movement

Sunday 17 November
4pm – 5.15pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road
South Yarra

Tickets: \$10

In October 2017, #MeToo went viral. Since then, we've watched controversy erupt around well-known men and women. We've discussed #NotAllMen, toxic masculinity and trolls. We've seen the #MeToo movement evolve and start to accuse itself – has it gone too far? Is it enough? What does it mean in this country?

Coeditors **Christie Nieman**, **Maggie Scott** and **Miriam Sved** discuss the stories they collected from the Australian experience within a global movement of solidarity.



The Art of Growing Up

Sunday 17 November
6.30pm – 8pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road
South Yarra

Tickets: \$10

John Marsden has spent his adult life engaging with young minds – through his award-winning, internationally best-selling young adult fiction and his work as an educator. As the founder and principal of two schools, John is a daily witness to the inevitable and yet still mysterious process of growing up.

In **The Art of Growing Up**, John shares his insights into everything – from the role of schools and the importance of education, to problem parents and problem children, and the conundrum of what it means to grow up and be 'happy' in the 21st century.

**This event will be Auslan interpreted.*

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Stonnington History Centre and Exhibition Space	1257 High Street, Malvern 8290 1360



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