MARGARET RIVER

Readers & Writers Festival

Big Ideas
Bold Conversations
Brilliant Stories

A 3-day storytelling spectacular in stunning Margaret River featuring top international and Australian authors, journalists, innovators and big thinkers.

15-17 May 2026
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HOW TO BOOK

Before the Festival

Online: **www.mrrwfestival.com**

Phone: **08 9780 5294**

In Person: **Arts Margaret River/ Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART**
47 Wallcliffe Road,
Margaret River WA 6285
Open Monday to Friday,
10.00am–4.00pm.

At the Festival

On the festival weekend tickets can be purchased from Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART Box Office. Pre-purchased passes can be collected at Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART Box Office on the festival weekend.

Festival Tickets

Day Passes**

FREE Friday Afternoon (Main Stage only)

Saturday: $150 (Main Stage only)

Sunday: $125 (Main Stage only)

Session Passes

Main Stage: $35/session

Writers Room: see individual events.

Workshops

$35/session. Get four workshops for the price of three!

Special Events

Please see individual events

Busselton Book Festival

Please see individual events

FESTIVAL HUBS

Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART

Includes Main Stage, Writers Workshops, Discovery Tent & Storytelling Snug
47 Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River WA 6285

Food & Drink

Available over the festival weekend.

Accessibility

Wheelchair accessible. The Main Stage has Assistive listening devices (ALDs). Phone Arts Margaret River on 08 9780 5294 for assistance.

Parking

Walking, cycling and ride-sharing is encouraged. Festival parking will be available in designated areas.

Shelter Brewing Co.

Foreshore, Busselton WA 6280

Food & Drink

Available all day at Shelter Brewing Co..

Accessibility

Wheelchair accessible.

Parking

Parking strictly limited. Please walk, cycle, ride-share or scooter.

Accommodation

See **mrrwfestival.com/ accommodationpartners** for fabulous festival accommodation options.

SATELLITE VENUES

- Augusta Centennial Hall, 62 Allnutt Tce, Augusta WA 6290
- Busselton Library, Stanley Pl, Busselton WA 6280
- Dunsborough Library, Dunsborough Lakes Dr, Dunsborough WA 6281
- ECU Learning Centre, 38 Peel Tce, Busselton WA 6280
- Little Otto's Big Choc Shop, 25 Marine Terrace, Busselton WA 6280
- Rotary Park, 53/69 Bussell Hwy, Margaret River WA 6285
- Rivermouth Carpark, Wallcliffe Rd, Margaret River WA 6285
- Youth and Community Activity Building, 21 Foreshore Parade, Busselton WA 6280

SUPPORT THE ARTS

Arts Margaret River members receive an exclusive discount on Festival ticket prices.

Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival is created and presented by Arts Margaret River, a not-for-profit community organisation. If you are passionate about the arts, storytelling and the sharing of culture and ideas, become an Arts Margaret River member to enjoy discounts on tickets throughout the year.

Get the feel-good factor with a full-year membership (January to December) – $50 Full, $32 Concession (Pensioners and Health Care Card Holders).

Visit artsmargaretriver.com or call 08 9780 5294 to find out more.

* Terms & Conditions apply.

** Day Passes exclude the Opening Night Event, Special Events, Busselton Book Festival

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This program is current at time of printing. Please note that all events are subject to change.

Welcome

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Kaya Nalamaat Mooditj Djinnunga Noonda Gulyara Nitja-il Wadandi Boodjara.

Our family welcomes you and it's awesome to see you all together here on Saltwater Country. Here we are in "Wirungaa Wooditjbilya" – beautiful Margaret River in Djeran Season. One of the six seasons in our Wadandi Calendar. It's also time to enjoy the great events at our Readers & Writers Festival. Nala moort nala yungunjarli. Djerapin. Noonda yerunga booja. Ngarlak wongi noonda jenna goonya. Koorling Mia Kaartalonga Kidji Boola Koorda. Boordwah! See you all on Wadandi Boodja.

Dr Wayne Webb, Wadandi/Pibulmun
Cultural Custodian Undalup Association

Image: Margaret River Wine Association and Ovis Creative

WELCOME FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Cook Labor Government is a proud sponsor of the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival through Tourism Western Australia's Regional Events Scheme (RES), funded by Royalties for Regions.

RES was established to support event holders across the State with the development of events to drive tourism to regional Western Australia. The scheme plays an important role in creating a timely reason for visitors to travel to the State's five tourism regions, activating pockets of Western Australia and creating vibrancy, while showcasing the host region's unique and diverse attractions.

A total of 63 regional events across Western Australia have been awarded funding through the 2025-26 RES, and includes a $150,000 funding pool for the Regional Aboriginal Events Scheme, which exclusively allocates funding to events delivering Aboriginal activities and experiences.

The Western Australian Government is proud to sponsor all these regional events, which help bring vibrancy to local communities and drive visitor spend, injecting millions into regional economies.

Tourism is a key part of our plan to diversify the economy, create jobs and develop business opportunities, especially in regional Western Australia. Events play an important role in this plan and also contribute to the Government's vision for Perth and Western Australia to be the fastest growing events destination in the South East Asia region.

The Western Australian Government sponsors a range of sporting, cultural, arts and culinary events across the state, to attract visitors and encourage them to stay longer, disperse further and spend more while they are here.

We hope everyone enjoys the Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival and takes the time to explore the South West region.

Hon Reece Whitby MLA
Minister for Tourism

Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
Minister for Regional Development

WELCOME TO THE MARGARET RIVER READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL 2026

Each May, our region makes space for ideas. People gather to listen, to question and to engage with the issues shaping our lives. The 2026 Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival continues that tradition with a program that is thoughtful, courageous and deeply attuned to the world around us.

This year we confront the state of our democracies, the urgency of the climate crisis and the social pressures redefining how we live together. We explore identity, resilience and moral courage, and consider what it means to speak up — and to listen well. We turn to philosophy and to First Nations knowledge, and we reflect on our responsibility to the natural world that sustains us.

This remarkable program has been carefully curated by our outgoing Creative Director, Sian Baker. Over the past five years, Sian has guided the Festival with intelligence, integrity and warmth, strengthening its reputation while keeping community at its heart. We are enormously grateful for her dedication and vision. While we are sorry to see her move on, we wish her every success in the next chapter of her creative life.

I invite you to join us — to participate generously, to think deeply, and to value the power of words to shape a better future.

Janet Holmes à Court AC
Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival Patron

Book Launch: Salt City Runaway

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Celebrate the launch of *Salt City Runaway*, a stunning collection of flash fiction by acclaimed WA writer and festival favourite **Gillian O'Shaughnessy**. Drawing on her deep love for Western Australia, from the wild landscapes of the South West to the gritty charm of Fremantle, Gillian's stories blend memory and imagination. They capture powerful moments with razor-sharp precision and offer evocative, character-driven tales that reveal the beauty and complexity of place and people.

Hosted by Rosi Moore-Fiander
FREE, registration required
Donations appreciated

90 Seconds to Midnight!

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Join senior students from local Margaret River schools alongside guest authors **Professor A.C. Grayling** (*For the People, How to Manage the Future*), **Sarah Wilson** (*I Eat the Stars*) and **Brigid Delaney** (*The Seeker and the Sage*) for a frank discussion on the state of the world and the actions we can take to help save it and our futures.

Hosted by psychotherapist **Andrew Sloan**, author of *Why Things Feel F*cked*, this engaging panel tackles today's biggest challenges with honesty, insight and hope, exploring practical ideas for creating a better future.

Hosted by Andrew Sloan
FREE, registration required
Donations appreciated

The Names of a Hare

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Step into seventeenth-century Cornwall with author **Bernice Barry** as she discusses her spellbinding new novel *The Names of a Hare*. A girl who is already shunned for being different to others, guards a dangerous secret: she can leave her body and fly. Steeped in herbal lore and forbidden magic, her story unfolds over sixty years, against a backdrop of witchcraft, plague and persecution. Join Bernice to explore history, myth and the enduring power of storytelling.

Hosted by Donna Mazza
FREE, registration required
Donations appreciated

When Words Change Us

7.00pm – 8.30pm (drinks reception from 6.00pm)

Join us as we welcome five of our guest authors — 2025 Booker Prize winner **David Szalay**, philosopher and bestselling author **Professor A.C. Grayling**, New York Times bestselling author and social philosopher **Sarah Wilson**, award-winning journalist, podcaster, and human rights advocate **Antoinette Lattouf**, and trailblazing environmentalist **Bob Brown**, each sharing ten-minute readings from their own work or pieces by writers that have touched them, resonated, and lingered deep in their cells well beyond the end of the page. From intimate reflections to bold narratives, each reading will celebrate the transformative power of words — to challenge, console, spark hope, and ignite action. In uncertain times, we invite you to join us and be reminded why words still matter — now more than ever.

Begin the evening with a drinks reception featuring wines from festival partner Clairault Streicker, followed by a traditional Welcome to Country from the **Undalup Association**.

Hosted by Jo Trilling (ABC Radio Perth Afternoons)
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30

Writers Workshops

Join our inspiring creative writing workshops at the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival, where imagination ignites. This year, enjoy four immersive sessions for the price of three!

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A Writing Q & A

10.00am – 11.30am

Join **Heather Rose** for an intimate 90-minute workshop tailored to your writing questions. Whether you're crafting historical fiction, memoir, or struggling with plot and characters, Heather will guide you through balancing fact and story, managing trauma, overcoming lost momentum, and seeking constructive feedback. Explore how to maintain discipline amid life's demands and navigate rejection or acceptance. Bring your journal, pens, sticky notes, and courage—no recordings, just a supportive space for writers to grow and connect.

Hosted by Heather Rose
Adult $35

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How to Build a Story World

12noon – 2.00pm

Join novelist and writing teacher **Kate Mildenhall** in this writing workshop designed for writers at all stages who are creating worlds – real or imagined – for their fiction. How does place impact character? What forces shape the communities and societies within your story? Through prompts, questioning and writing exercises Kate will guide writers through a jam-packed two hours of creation.

Hosted by Kate Mildenhall
Adult $35

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Image: Luke Stamboulah

Harnessing Wonder: Bring Your Writing to Life

2.30pm – 4.30pm

Join acclaimed novelist **Kathryn Heyman** (*Circle of Wonders*) for an inspiring workshop exploring how wonder brings writing alive. Through practical exercises, writers will discover how to create vivid characters, convincing settings and scenes rich with life and energy. Suitable for fiction and non-fiction writers at all stages, this session invites you to rekindle curiosity, break old habits and reconnect with joy in the writing process. Whether you're working on stories, a novel or a memoir, you'll leave with fresh tools and renewed creative momentum.

Hosted by Kathryn Heyman
Adult $35

Flesh

9.00am – 10.00am

Join Booker Prize 2025 winner **David Szalay** in conversation about his novel *Flesh*. Discover his raw and unflinching exploration of masculinity, focusing on men's complex relationships with their bodies, desires and identities. Through vivid and intimate storytelling, David challenges traditional ideas of strength, vulnerability, aging and intimacy. Take a deep dive into the emotional and physical realities of modern manhood and hear firsthand how he redefines what it means to be a man today.

Hosted by Claire Nichols (ABC Radio National's The Book Show). Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30. This session is being recorded live for ABC Book Show
Included in Saturday Day Pass

Image: Jessica Hromas

I Eat the Stars

10.30am – 11.30am

Join multi-New York Times and Amazon bestselling author, social philosopher and international keynote speaker **Sarah Wilson** as she explores her powerful new book *I Eat the Stars*. In a world unravelling from climate crisis and political upheaval, Sarah offers a bold, thoughtful vision on how to live fully, beautifully and meaningfully. Drawing from her minimalist philosophy and philanthropic insights, she inspires us to embrace collapse as a chance to reconnect with what truly matters.

Hosted by Andrew Sloan
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30
Included in Saturday Day Pass

Image: Ruby Boland

Death Takes a Holiday

12noon – 1.00pm

Get ready for a wildly inventive and hilarious session with beloved writer and comedian **Shaun Micallef** as he brings his new book *Death Takes a Holiday* to life. Follow the immortal vampyre Comte De'Ath as he grows weary of eternity and embarks on an absurd holiday across history, encountering royals, revolutionaries, famous figures and even love along the way. Expect sharp wit, Gothic humour and unforgettable storytelling in this Victorian tale for modern times.

Hosted by Gillian O'Shaughnessy
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30
Included in Saturday Day Pass

1.00pm – 2.00pm **Lunch with What's Your Flavour or head into Margaret River**

Image: Dan Szpara

Eight Million Ways to Happiness

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Step into the enchanting world of Japan's ancient traditions with cultural historian **Hiroko Yoda** as she brings to life her new book *Eight Million Ways to Happiness*. Through captivating stories of Shinto rituals, Buddhist wisdom and mountain mysticism, Hiroko reveals how these timeless practices inspire joy, meaning and connection today. Join this lively session to discover surprising paths to happiness and embrace the rich cultural tapestry that continues to shape modern life.

Hosted by Antoinette Lattouf
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30
Included in Saturday Day Pass

Image: Paul Myers

Flashlight

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Join Booker Prize 2025 shortlisted author **Susan Choi** in conversation about her sweeping novel *Flashlight*. Through vivid storytelling that spans continents and decades, Choi unravels the mystery of a father's disappearance and the reverberations it has on his family's life across Japan, Korea and the United States. This richly layered story explores memory, identity, loss and the unseen forces of history that shape who we are and how we remember.

Hosted by Claire Nichols (ABC Radio National's The Book Show). Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30. This session is being recorded live for ABC Book Show
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Defiance: Stories from Nature and Its Defenders

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Join legendary environmentalist **Bob Brown** for a compelling conversation on *Defiance*, his powerful new collection of stories from the frontline of nature's battles. Drawing on over fifty years of activism, Brown reflects on the people, places and fierce moral choices that have shaped his life and work. With humour, warmth and unshakeable conviction, he celebrates courage, community and resistance in the face of corporate power and environmental destruction and inspires us all to keep fighting for the planet.

Hosted by David Ritter (Greenpeace)
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30
Included in Saturday Day Pass

Flash Fiction Masterclass

9.00am – 11.00am

Dive into the electrifying world of flash fiction with acclaimed writer **Gillian O'Shaughnessy** to celebrate her debut collection, *Salt City Runaway.* Learn how to pack powerful emotion, unforgettable characters and vivid moments into lightning-fast, razor-sharp stories. Drawing on her award-winning craft and storytelling mastery, Gillian will inspire you to push boundaries and master the art of saying more with less. Perfect for writers ready to ignite their creativity and storytelling skills!

Hosted by Gillian O'Shaughnessy
Adult $35

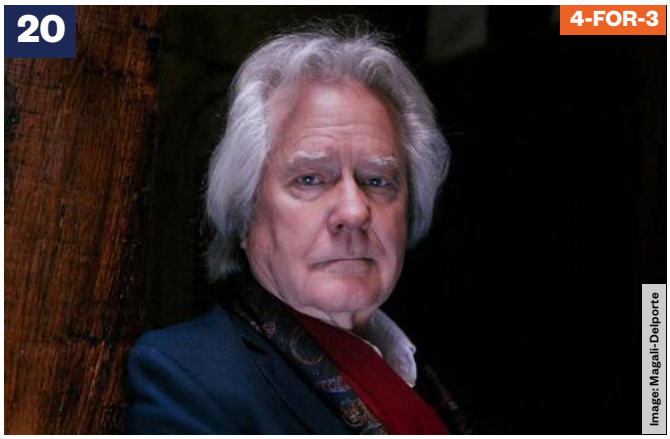
Creating Compelling Characters

11.30am – 1.00pm

Join award-winning writer **Sofie Laguna** (*The Eye of the Sheep, The Choke, Infinite Splendours, The Underworld*) for an in-depth workshop on crafting compelling characters that drive storytelling. Drawing from her acclaimed novels, Sofie will guide writers through lively brainstorming and practical exercises to create memorable characters and uncover the stories within them. Her philosophy shows how strong characters can solve challenges in plot, structure and tone. Open to writers of all genres and experience levels, this workshop offers fresh techniques to deepen characterisation and inspire new creative directions.

Hosted by Sofie Laguna
Adult $35

1.00pm – 2.00pm **Lunch with What's Your Flavour or head into Margaret River**



For the People!

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Join philosopher **Professor A.C. Grayling** for an immersive seminar and somatic circle exploring his urgent new book *For the People: Fighting Authoritarianism, Saving Democracy.* Through guided discussion and embodied reflection, delve into the forces eroding democratic freedom worldwide from gerrymandering to corporate influence and discover practical, philosophical responses. This interactive session invites you to connect mind and body, deepen your understanding of democratic values and explore how we can stand for a fairer, vibrant civic future.

Hosted by Professor A. C. Grayling
Adult $35

Why Things Feel F*cked

4.00pm – 5.30pm

You're not broken — the world is! Join psychotherapist **Andrew Sloan** for a provocative seminar inspired by his new book, *Why Things Feel F*cked.* Dive into a sharp, unflinching exploration of today's cultural chaos and why so many feel overwhelmed and out of sync. Challenge your thinking about modern life's messiness and discover fresh perspectives on why everything feels off — and what that reveals about our world, ourselves and where we might be headed next.

Hosted by Andrew Sloan
Adult $35

Satellite Events

Walk The Woodijup Bilya

Margaret River Rivermouth

9.00am–10.00am

Join **Wadandi Cultural Custodians** for a walk along The Woodijup Bilya (Rivermouth, Margaret River), as they describe Wadandi knowledge and culture of the river, known as The Woodijup Bilya. The area is steeped in history and cultural stories which make our Margaret River region so unique. Explore the water, fauna and flora and hear first-hand some of the beautiful cultural stories from our region.

Meet at Rivermouth car park at 8.30am, walk departs promptly at 9.00am and concludes at 9.45am followed by 15 minutes for questions.

Proudly presented by Undalup Association
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30

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Eucalypts: Giants, Culture & Fire

Augusta Centennial Hall

11.00am – 12.30pm

Join botanist **Stephen Hopper** for a captivating exploration of eucalypts, the iconic trees that shape Western Australia's forests, coastlines, and communities. Drawing on Aboriginal knowledge and Western science, Hopper reveals their biology, cultural significance, and roles in fire, industry, and conservation. Featuring insights from fifty years of fieldwork and stunning photography, this talk offers Augusta audiences a chance to discover the remarkable diversity of eucalypts, their place in local landscapes, and sustainable ways to coexist with these extraordinary trees.

Hosted by Ann Ward
Adult $25 / ArtsMR Member $20

Highlight Event

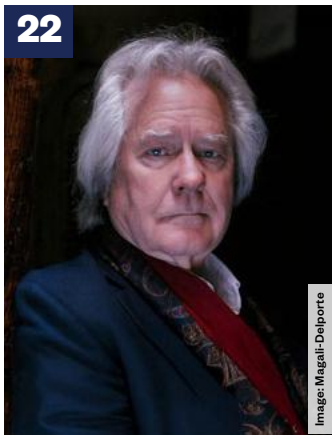

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Image: Jessica Hromas

Table for Two at Café Les Deux Magots

Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART

6.30pm – 7.45pm

Imagine sitting in a cozy Paris bistro, overhearing philosopher **Professor A.C. Grayling** and author **Sarah Wilson** in passionate conversation. They dive into big ideas — philosophy, male-female dynamics, the state of the world, and how we might set it right. You know you shouldn't listen, but you can't help yourself — and now we invite you to do just that. Eavesdrop as the two Paris-based friends unravel life's mysteries, confront global crises, and debate bold solutions (as they do most Sunday nights at Les Deux Magots). Love, life, the universe — and the ultimate questions.

Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30
Includes a glass of wine or soft drink

Image: Tim Bauer

Dinner with Bryan Brown

Voyager Estate

6.30pm – 10.00pm

Join legendary raconteur and master storyteller **Bryan Brown** for an enchanting evening at Voyager Estate Winery. With over 50 years in Australian and international film and TV, Bryan will share captivating stories from his remarkable career on screen and share the inspiration behind his acclaimed books, *Sweet Jimmy, The Drowning* and his latest, *The Hidden*, in which he weaves humour, adventure and insight into unforgettable tales. Enjoy fine wine, delicious food and riveting conversation in this intimate setting, celebrating one of Australia's most beloved storytellers.

Hosted by Jo Trilling (ABC Radio Perth Afternoons)
Adult $160. Includes a three-course dinner and Voyager Estate welcome drink. Book sales and signings before dinner from 6.00pm – 6.30pm

The Discovery Tent – Margaret River Festival Hub

Located at the dynamic Margaret River Festival hub, the Discovery Tent features a curated programme of free and low-cost, community-friendly events, including interactive storytelling sessions, writers' workshops, and engaging talks.

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Image: Carly Earl

The Seeker and the Sage

9.30am – 10.30am

Join writer and thinker **Brigid Delaney** in conversation about her philosophical novel *The Seeker and the Sage*. Following a traumatised journalist's journey to a mysterious town where Stoic principles shape everyday life, Brigid explores how ancient wisdom can guide us in a divided, unstable world and help us imagine better ways of living together. Discover the stories, ideas and real world questions behind the book and rethink what it means to live well in challenging times.

Hosted by Kate Mildenhall
Pay What You Can (PWYC)

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FREE

Image: Daniela Tommasi

Wild Words & Wonder – Children's Nature Writing Workshop

11.00am – 1.00pm

A fun, hands-on 2-hour workshop where young minds will connect with nature through science and storytelling. Using their senses, clay and natural materials, children will be guided in creating an imaginative story inspired by the world around them. The workshop will encourage young people to care for the environment and express their hopes for a better world through the power of imaginative play.

Created and hosted by Ellie Ward and Kathi Meister. Open to children from 6-12 years living in the Margaret River region. FREE, registration required
Donations appreciated

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Book Launch: Every Wild Soul

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Join Tasmanian author and science writer **Katherine Johnson** (*Paris Savages*) for an intimate discussion about her breathtaking new novel, *Every Wild Soul*, winner of the inaugural Australian Fiction Prize 2025. Set on a wild island off Tasmania, this nature-rich story explores rewilding, grief, and resilience through a gripping tale of love and loss, exploring humanity's connection to the natural world and asking, can wildness be a saviour rather than a burden?

Hosted by Pam Townshend
Pay What You Can (PWYC)

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FREE

Wadandi Words – Family-Friendly Workshop

3.00pm – 4.30pm

Join **Ingrid Cumming** from the Undalup Association for a fun-filled, 1.5 hour family workshop! Discover Noongar and Wadandi words for animals, family members and more through craft and interactive play. This hands-on session is perfect for kids and families, bringing Noongar language to life and connecting you to Wadandi Country through stories, curiosity and creativity. Embark on a joyful journey into Indigenous language and traditions!

Hosted by Ingrid Cumming
FREE, registration required
Donations appreciated

Image: Magali-Delporte

How to Manage the Future

9.00am – 10.00am

In an era of rapid technological change, from AI to transhumanism and escalating global crises, **Professor A.C. Grayling** challenges us to rethink the future. Drawing from his new book, *How to Manage the Future*, he asks what we should keep from yesterday to build a fairer, more sustainable world. Join this urgent and inspiring keynote exploring how to navigate uncertainty, avoid destructive stagnation and shape a future worthy of humanity.

Hosted by Professor A.C. Grayling
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30
Included in Sunday Day Pass

Image: Tim Bauer

The Hidden

10.30am – 11.30am

Step into the shadows with legendary actor and bestselling author **Bryan Brown** as he unleashes his electrifying new crime thriller, *The Hidden*. Set in a haunting coastal town, Bryan takes you on a pulse-pounding journey of secrets, danger and unexpected twists. Dive deep into the dark heart of crime fiction, uncover the mysteries lurking beneath the surface and hear firsthand from a master storyteller.

Hosted by Claire Nichols (ABC Radio National's The Book Show). Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30. This session is being recorded live for ABC Book Show
Included in Sunday Day Pass

Image: Penguin Random House

The Underworld

12noon – 1.00pm

Dive into the vivid imagination of acclaimed author **Sofie Laguna** as she brings her evocative new novel, *The Underworld*, to life. Follow Martha Mullins, a shy, classics obsessed teenager navigating friendship, desire, identity and escape through the lens of Roman mythology. With heart, wit and emotional depth, Sofie explores the mysteries of growing up and finding your place in the world. Join her for a compelling conversation on storytelling, myth and the power of coming of age fiction.

Hosted by Sarah McNeill
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30
Included in Sunday Day Pass

1.00pm – 2.00pm **Lunch with What's Your Flavour or head into Margaret River**

Women Who Win

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Join award-winning journalist and human rights advocate **Antoinette Lattouf** for a conversation about her bold new book *Women Who Win* and her landmark experience with the ABC. Drawing on history and her own story of standing up to powerful institutions, Antoinette celebrates women who defied expectations and rewrote the rules. With insight, humour and fierce conviction, she explores courage, change and the price of speaking truth to power in media and society.

Hosted by Jo Trilling (ABC Radio Perth Afternoons)
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30
Included in Sunday Day Pass

A Great Act of Love

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Join award-winning Tasmanian author **Heather Rose** for a moving closing session on her stunning novel *A Great Act of Love*. Spanning the French Revolution, London, New York and colonial Van Diemen's Land, this richly layered story follows Caroline's epic quest to rewrite her family's legacy and confront past secrets through love, reinvention and resilience. Rose reflects on history, identity, storytelling and the enduring power of love across generations. Be inspired by her vivid imagination and masterful craft in this unforgettable closing session.

Hosted by Gillian O'Shaughnessy
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30
Included in Sunday Day Pass

Plotting Conflict

9.00am – 11.00am

Conflict is the heartbeat of every good story, whether a genre mystery or a literary novel, but it is often defined too narrowly by writers. And when writers can't discern the sources of conflict in their own stories, they struggle with that most crucial ingredient, the story's plot. In this lively workshop, 2019 National Book Award–winning and 2025 Booker Prize–shortlisted author **Susan Choi** (*Flashlight*, *Trust Exercise*) will help budding and seasoned writers tune in to how conflict powers literary writing and memoir no less than genre fiction, and how it can give us the key to structuring the plots of our stories, whatever their genre. Through discussion of short in-class readings and generative exercises, participants will explore the sources of conflict in story situations and how to start turning those formless situations into compelling and meaningful plots. Open to writers of all genres and experience levels.

Hosted by Susan Choi
Adult $35

Curiosity to Craft: Writing Beyond What You Know

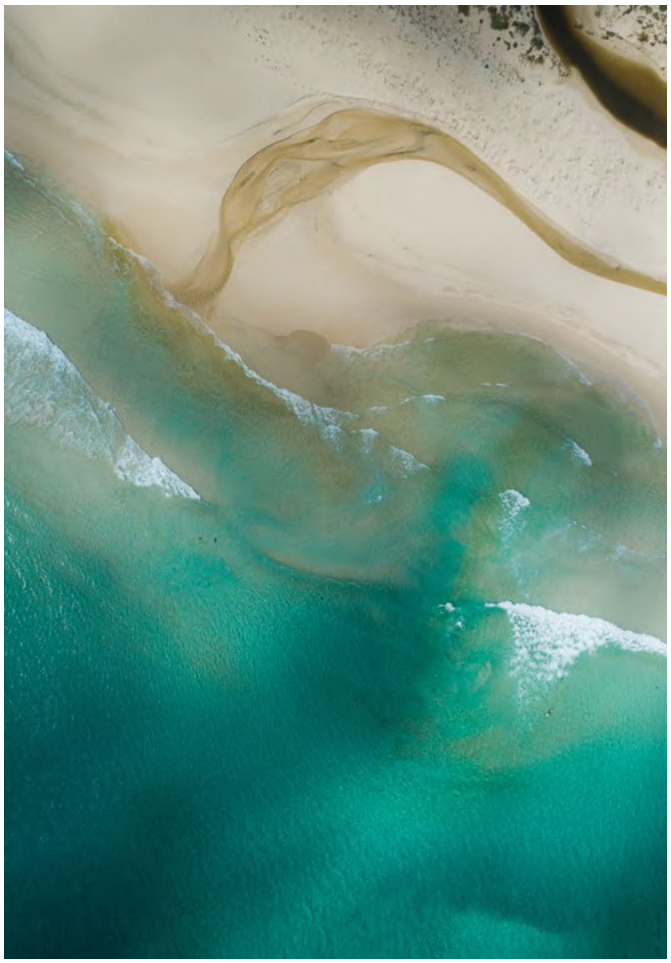
11.30am – 1.30pm

Join authors **Hiroko Yoda** (*Eight Million Ways to Happiness*) and her husband **Matt Alt** (*Pure Invention*) for a writers' workshop on moving beyond "write what you know" toward a deeper, more curious practice.

Drawing from their books on Japan and Japanese culture, Hiroko and Matt will examine how familiarity can become a starting point—not a limitation—by asking what you don't yet understand about what you know well. Through examples, discussion, and guided exercises, participants will learn how to follow curiosity, avoid getting lost in the weeds, and keep readers firmly in mind.

Hosted by Hiroko Yoda and Matt Alt
Adult $35

1.00pm – 2.00pm **Lunch with What's Your Flavour or head into Margaret River**



Character Sketching

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Great writers can capture a character's essence in just a few lines. In this practical workshop, acclaimed WA crime author **David Whish-Wilson** (*O'Keefe, Cutler, True West*) explores the art of character sketching through visual cues and sensory detail. Drawing on techniques honed in crime writing and adaptable across all genres, participants will practice creating vivid, immediate characters and learn how to place them effectively within plot and setting. The session offers hands-on exercises to sharpen observation and bring characters to life quickly and convincingly.

Hosted by David Whish-Wilson
Adult $35

Left: Smiths Beach, Yallingup.
Courtesy of Tourism Western Australia

Walk the Wooditjup Bilya (Margaret River)

Meet at Rotary Park

9.00am – 10.00am

Join **Cath Wood** an experienced local guide with Cape to Cape Explorer Tours and a dedicated Nature Conservation Margaret River Region volunteer for a guided walk along Wooditjup Bilya (Margaret River) from the Old Settlement towards Barrett St Weir. Discover the catchment's remarkable flora, wildflowers, fauna, birdlife and river creatures, while exploring the karri forest's rich geology, Indigenous cultural connections and fascinating European history. Packed with fun facts and local insight, this walk will deepen your appreciation for this extraordinary corner of WA, part of one of just 36 Global Biodiversity Hotspots on the planet.

Meet at Rotary Park carpark in front of Old Kate (train) at 8.30am. Walk departs promptly at 9.00am and concludes at 9.45am followed by 15 minutes for questions.

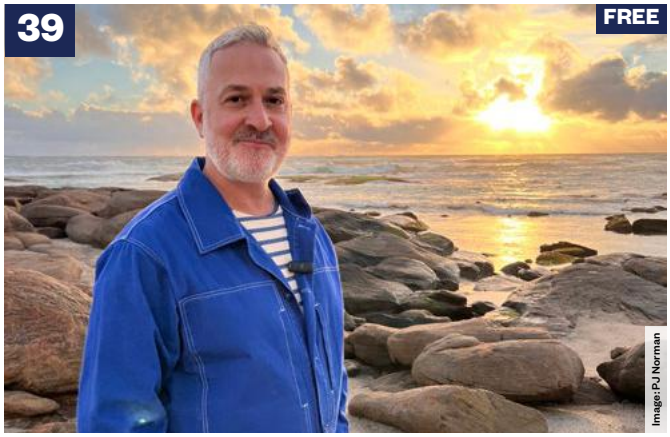
Proudly presented by Cape to Cape Explorer Tours
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30

Guardians of the Deep

9.30am – 10.30am

Join writer and deep-sea researcher **Prema Arasu** for a thought-provoking talk on poetry, oceans, and the more-than-human world. Drawing on Prema's new poetry collection *Vampire Squid*, as well as their work in speculative writing, deep-sea research, and environmental humanities, exploring how poetry and storytelling illuminate oceanic mysteries, ecological crises, and unseen life forms and help us reimagine our relationship with the living seas.

Hosted by Donna Mazza, Associate Professor, School of Arts and Humanities, ECU
$10. $5 Donated to Greenpeace/Deep Sea Research



Pirate Academy – New Kid on Deck!

11.00am – 12.30pm

Join **Pirate Captain Justin Somper,** creator of *Pirate Academy,* as he invites you aboard to dive into his exciting new books, *New Kid on Deck* and *Missing at Sea*. This fun-filled session will inspire budding pirates with creative storytelling, pirate-themed activities and interactive fun. Perfect for kids and families, it's your chance to set sail on an unforgettable adventure full of friendship, bravery and high-seas excitement. Come aboard and join the crew!

Hosted by Pirate Captain Justin Somper
Including pirate crafting with Selkie Sharktooth
FREE, registration required
Donations appreciated

Book Launch: Circle of Wonders

1.00pm – 2.00pm

To celebrate the launch of *Circle of Wonders*, join acclaimed writer **Kathryn Heyman** for an intimate in-conversation about her breathtaking, ruthless and healing new novel.

This luminous novel unfolds over one heightened lunar month, following four women bound by love, loss, and transformation. Both a story of death and a joyful song to life, it is a work of awe and wonder that honours human resilience, imperfection, humour, and grace.

Hosted by Rosi Moore-Fiander
Pay What You Can (PWYC)

Hope and Action

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Join environmental leader **Bob Brown** (*Defiance*) and authors **Sarah Wilson** (*I Eat the Stars*) and **Katherine Johnson** (*Every Wild Soul*) and poet and deep-sea researcher **Prema Arasu** (*Vampire Squid*) for a dynamic panel discussion. These passionate climate advocates will share insights and experiences from their work confronting the climate crisis. Through thoughtful conversation, they will explore the challenges we face, the power of storytelling and activism, and practical steps to protect our planet. This session invites audiences to engage with fresh ideas and to find hope for a sustainable future.

Hosted by David Ritter (Greenpeace)
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DISCOVERY TENT AT NALA BARDIP MIA Margaret River	**38. Guardians of the Deep** Prema Arasu $10		**39. Pirate Academy – New Kid on Deck!** Pirate Captain Justin Somper FREE, registration required		**40. Book Launch: Circle of Wonders** Kathryn Heyman Pay What You Can (PWYC)	
SATELLITE EVENTS Various Locations	**37. Walk the Wooditjup Bilya (the Margaret River)** Meet at Rotary Park Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30					
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		53. Wild Words & Wonder – Children's Nature Writing Workshop Youth and Community Activities Building (YCAB) Ellie Ward and Kathi Meister FREE, registration required				

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08. The Names of a Hare
Bernice Barry
FREE, registration required

01. When Words Change Us
Opening Event
Adult $35 / ArtsMR Member $30

11. Harnessing Wonder: Bring Your Writing to Life
Kathryn Heyman
Adult $35

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16. Flashlight
Susan Choi
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17. Defiance: Stories from Nature and Its Defenders
Bob Brown
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21. Why Things Feel F*cked
Andrew Sloan
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Professor A.C. Grayling & Sarah Wilson
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Busselton Book Festival

How to Write Naturally About Nature in Fiction

Shelter Brewing Co.

Fri 15 May, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Join author and science writer **Katherine Johnson** to learn how to incorporate nature into fiction in ways that deepen characters and stories while captivating readers. With a background in science, journalism, and creative writing, Katherine will share strategies for naturally weaving fascinating ideas and facts about nature into your work without overwhelming it. Drawing on examples from her award-winning novel *Every Wild Soul*, which explores biology and rewilding, she will cover essential novel elements and provide practical writing exercises to help you bring nature to life in your own stories.

Hosted by Katherine Johnson
Adult $35

Three Reasons for Revenge

Shelter Brewing Co.

Sat 16 May, 9.00am – 10.00am

Join internationally bestselling author **Dervla McTiernan** in conversation about her gripping new crime thriller *Three Reasons for Revenge*. Explore the twisted mystery behind Alexis Turner's disappearance and the chilling packages that threaten multiple lives. McTiernan discusses her intricate plotting, complex characters and the themes of justice and revenge that drive the story. This session offers fascinating insights into her craft and the dark depths of suspense fiction.

Hosted by David Whish-Wilson
Adult $25 / ArtsMR Member $20

From Research to Story: Writing Historical Fiction

Busselton Library

Sat 16 May, 9.30am – 11.30am

Explore the art of historical fiction with acclaimed author **Bernice Barry**, whose novels *The Names of a Hare* and *Sarah Evans* bring richly detailed past worlds to life. Drawing on her deep research and storytelling skills, Bernice guides writers in weaving authentic historical settings, compelling characters and intricate narratives. She also shares insights from her nonfiction work *A Lady's Pen* illuminating how to blend history, science and narrative. This workshop offers practical tools and inspiration for writers eager to craft vivid, immersive historical fiction.

Hosted by Bernice Barry. FREE, registration required. Donations appreciated

Nothing Bad Ever Happens Here

Shelter Brewing Co.

Sat 16 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Join award-winning author **Heather Rose** as she discusses her deeply personal memoir *Nothing Bad Ever Happens Here*, a luminous exploration of love, loss, creativity and healing. Shortlisted for the Tasmanian Literary Awards Premier's Prize for Non-fiction, the book traces her journey from a wild Tasmanian childhood through grief, spirituality, motherhood and writing. Funny, devastating and profoundly moving, this conversation offers insight into a remarkable life and the stories that bring meaning, courage and joy against all odds.

Hosted by Sarah McNeill
Adult $25 / ArtsMR Member $20

Writing Beyond the Human: Stories from the Weather

ECU Learning Centre Busselton

Sat 16 May, 11.00am – 1.00pm

What does rain feel as it falls? Does a storm cloud sense each drop? What is it like to sink into the earth? Writers often use weather for poetic mood, but in a climate crisis we need perspectives beyond the human. Join **Donna Mazza** and **Aksel Dadswell** to explore the voices of natural wonders, capture their subtlest and fiercest moments, and deepen your connection to the world around you.

Hosted by Donna Mazza and Aksel Dadswell
In Partnership with Edith Cowan University School of Arts & Humanities
Adult $35

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In conversation with David Whish-Wilson

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Sat 16 May, 12noon – 1.00pm

Join acclaimed WA crime writer **David Whish-Wilson** for a gripping session on his stunning new novels *Cutler* and *O'Keefe*. Follow undercover operative Paul Cutler as he navigates brutal mysteries on the high seas and assumes a new identity to infiltrate Fremantle's dangerous drug underworld. With taut plotting and vivid characters, Whish-Wilson explores crime, justice and the hidden forces shaping Western Australia's shadowy corners in these unforgettable crime adventures.

Hosted by Sarah McNeill
Adult $25 / ArtsMR Member $20

48 WORKSHOP

Speculative and Experimental Fiction

Dunsborough Library

Sat 16 May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

How might one write from the perspective of an immortal jellyfish or a planet-devouring god? Dive into the depths of writing beyond realism with author and researcher **Prema Arasu** (*Vampire Squid*) in this imaginative speculative fiction workshop. Drawing on science, technology, mythology, nature and the possibility of beyond, explore other worlds through experimental short forms of writing including flash, microfiction, prose poetry, and paratext.

Hosted by Prema Arasu
FREE, registration required
Donations appreciated

49 WORKSHOP

Writing Beyond the Human: New Voices from the Universe

ECU Learning Centre Busselton

Sat 16 May, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Aliens, spacecraft, meteorites, solar storms – characters in Young Adult fiction can venture far beyond the human form. Join writers **Tiffany Hastie** and **Brendan Ritchie** as they explore the weird world of non-human voices that exist within Young Adult writing. This workshop will offer guidance for young and not-so-young writers of YA fiction, on exploring non-human voices in your own writing, opening the door to all kinds of character possibilities.

Hosted by Tiffany Hastie and Brendan Ritchie
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Adult $35
Open to all budding writers aged 12+

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Pirate Academy – New Kid on Deck!

Little Otto's Big Choc Shop

Sat 16 May, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Join **Pirate Captain Justin Somper**, creator of Pirate Academy, as he invites you aboard to dive into his exciting new books, *New Kid on Deck* and *Missing at Sea*. This fun-filled session will inspire budding pirates with engaging pirate-themed activities, creative storytelling and interactive fun. Includes pirate crafting with Selkie Sharktooth.

Hosted by Pirate Captain Justin Somper
Little Otto's Big Choc Shop proudly supporting little swashbucklers with an Otto's Pirate Swag Bag.
$15

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In conversation with Brigid Delaney

Shelter Brewing Co.

Sat 16 May, 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Join writer and thinker **Brigid Delaney** for a vibrant conversation exploring her acclaimed books and her role as co-creator and writer of the hit Netflix series *Wellmania*, starring Celeste Barber. From the humorous, candid journey through wellness culture in *Wellmania*, to the ancient wisdom of Stoicism in *The Seeker and the Sage* and *Reasons Not to Worry*, Brigid blends storytelling, philosophy and sharp cultural critique to challenge how we navigate mental health, authenticity and thriving in today's world.

Hosted by Cate Worsley
Adult $25 / ArtsMR Member $20

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The Hiding Place

Shelter Brewing Co.

Sat 16 May, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Join acclaimed author **Kate Mildenhall** in conversation about her riveting new book, *The Hiding Place*. When four families buy an abandoned mining town for a weekend escape, idyllic intentions quickly unravel into secrets, conflict and a shocking death in the bush. With razor-sharp wit and keen insight into deception and self-deception, Mildenhall explores how buried truths surface in unexpected ways. This lively session delves into suspense, satire and the pressures that test our values.

Hosted by Sarah McNeill
Adult $25 / ArtsMR Member $20

Busselton Book Festival

Dinner with Shaun Micallef

Shelter Brewing Co.
Sat 16 May, 7.00pm – 10.00pm

Settle in for an unforgettable evening with one of Australia's most distinctive and beloved voices. Over dinner, join writer, comedian and screen icon **Shaun Micallef** for a lively and wide-ranging conversation that journeys through his new novel *Death Takes a Holiday*, his acclaimed *Slivers, Shards and Skerricks*, and a remarkable career spanning television, books and satire. With trademark wit and warmth, Shaun reflects on the art of storytelling across page and screen, the joy of absurdity, his creative process, and the fine craft of making audiences laugh, think and see the world a little differently. Expect sharp humour, surprising insights and stories you won't hear anywhere else.

Hosted by Victoria Midwinter Pitt. $120 includes 3-course dinner and welcome drink. Book sales and signings from 6.30pm.

Breakfast with Bob Brown

Shelter Brewing Co.
Sun 17 May, 9.00am – 10.30am

Enjoy an unforgettable morning with legendary environmentalist and former Greens leader **Bob Brown**. Over a relaxed breakfast, Bob will share captivating stories from his decades of activism, from groundbreaking conservation battles to global climate efforts. Drawing on his acclaimed books, *Optimism, Planet Earth, Green Nomads* and his new book, *Defiance*, he offers personal insights, inspiring reflections and heartfelt conversation about hope, courage and the future of our planet.

Hosted by Jo Trilling (ABC Radio Perth Afternoons) $60 includes light breakfast, tea & coffee, welcome drink on arrival

In conversation with Sarah Wilson

Shelter Brewing Co.
Sun 17 May, 11.30am – 12.45pm

Join bestselling author and social philosopher **Sarah Wilson** for an intimate brunch conversation on her books *First, We Make the Beast Beautiful* and *This One Wild and Precious Life*. She shares candid insights on anxiety and offers a hopeful vision for restoring connection in a fractured world.

Hosted by Kate Mildenhall
$30 includes light brunch, tea & coffee

Wild Words & Wonder – Children's Nature Writing Workshop

Youth and Community Activities Building (YCAB)
Sun 17 May, 10.00am – 12noon

A fun, hands-on 2-hour workshop where young minds will connect with nature through science and storytelling. Using their senses, clay and natural materials, children will be guided in creating an imaginative story inspired by the world around them. The workshop will encourage young people to care for the environment and express their hopes for a better world through the power of imaginative play.

Created and hosted by Ellie Ward and Kathi Meister. Open to children from 6-12 years living in the City of Busselton. FREE, registration required. Donations appreciated

Wadandi Words – Family-Friendly Workshop

Youth and Community Activities Building (YCAB)
Sun 17 May, 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Join **Ingrid Cumming** from the Undalup Association for a fun-filled, 1.5 hour family workshop! Discover Noongar and Wadandi words for animals, family members and more through craft and interactive play. This hands-on session is perfect for kids and families, bringing Noongar language to life and connecting you to Wadandi Country through stories, curiosity and creativity. Embark on a joyful journey into Indigenous language and traditions!

Hosted by Ingrid Cumming
FREE, registration required
Donations appreciated

Busselton Book Festival Youth Mural Project

Cnr of Fairway Drive and Bussell Highway Bypass

Our Busselton Book Festival Youth Mural Project brings young people together to share storytelling through community art – transforming a concrete space into a vibrant mural. You'll find the work taking shape on the corner of Fairway Drive and Bussell Highway Bypass.

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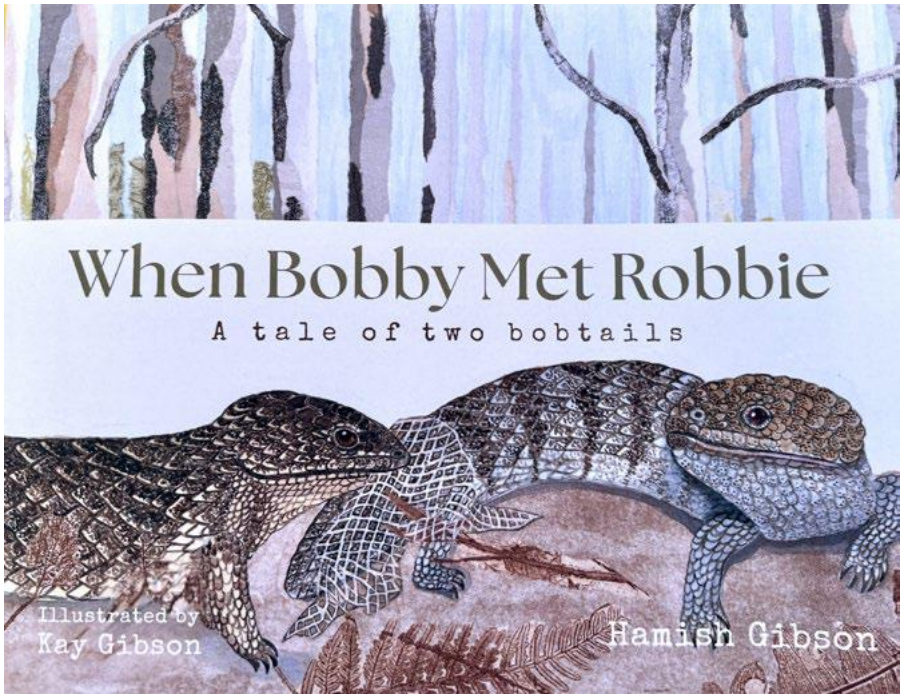

When Bobby Met Robbie – A Tale of Two Bobtails

Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART
Sat 16 May, 11.00am–12noon
Sun 17 May, 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Hamish Gibson's *When Bobby Met Robbie* is a story about love and friendship that follows the courtship ritual of the bob-tailed lizard on their adventure through the Capes Region during spring.

Come for a walk with Bobby as she discovers the simple pleasure of connecting with nature and learns that when we get stuck from time to time, we can move forward with a little help from our friends.

Hosted by Fairy Amy
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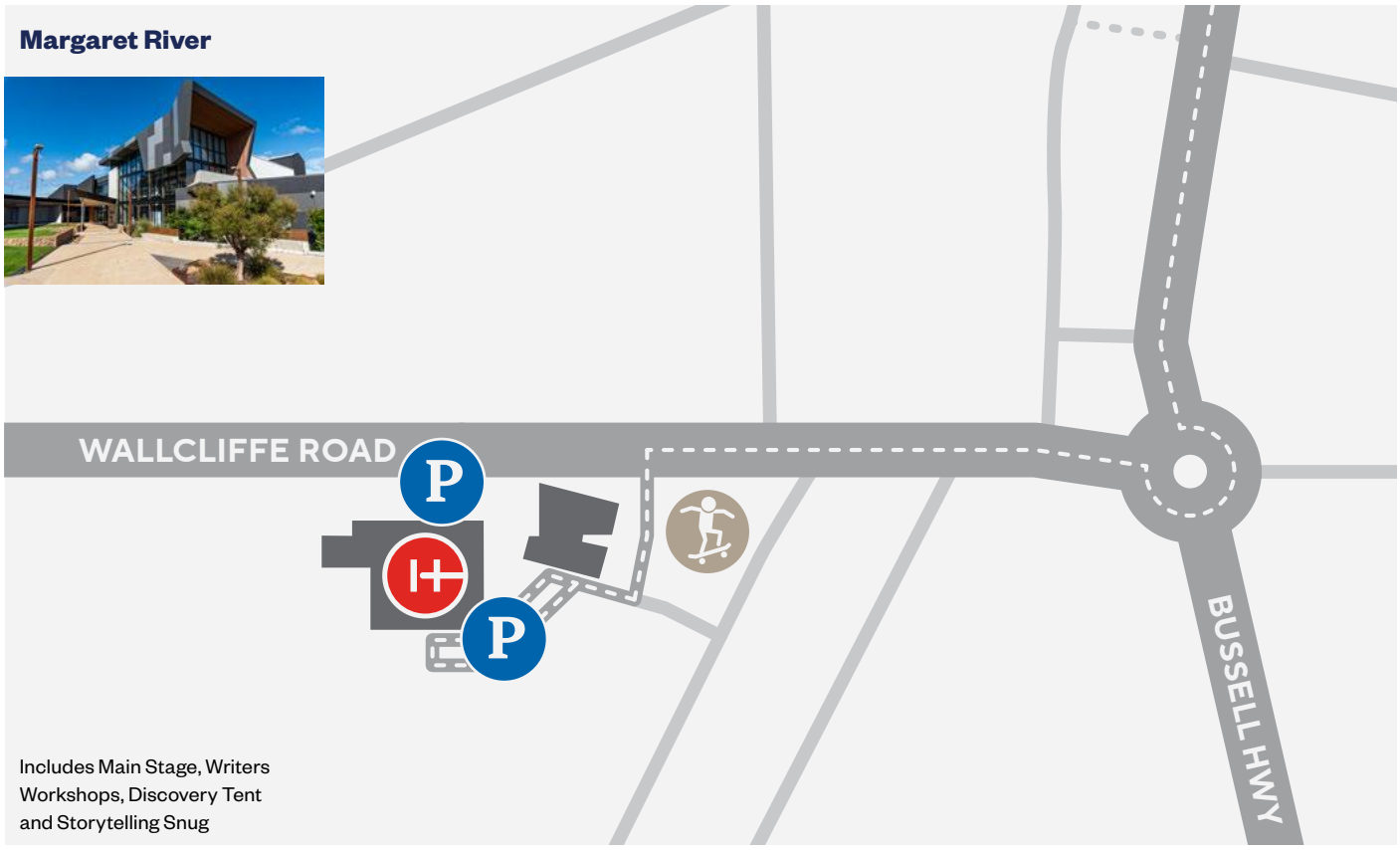
Margaret River



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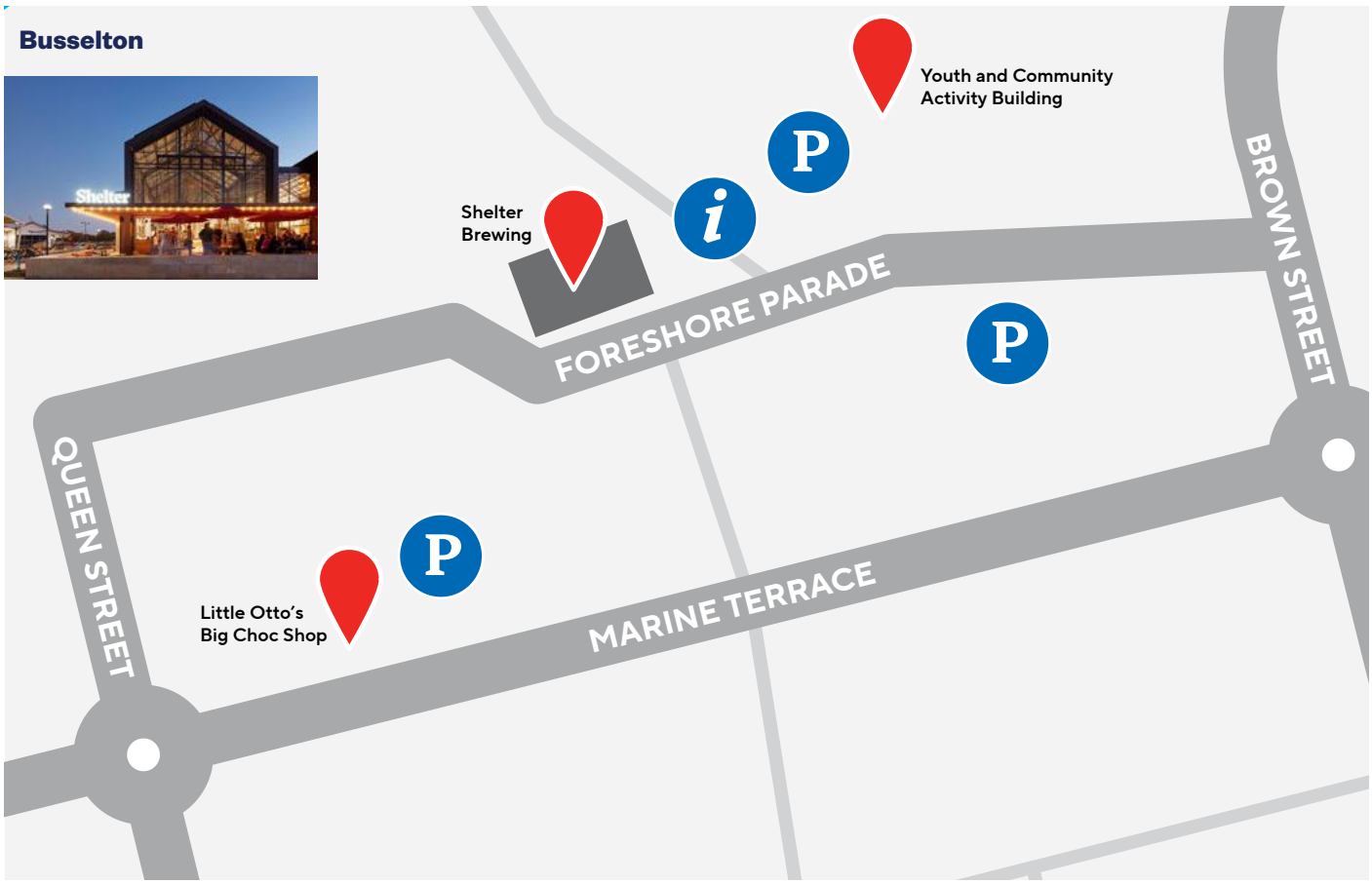

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