

# Saturday 19th August

8.30am - 9.30am

## A Joyful Life

Augustine, \$50

Join Australian of the Year (local hero) Rosemary Kariuki over coffee and breakfast, as she discusses the story beyond her powerful memoir. Long before advocating for refugee and migrant women like herself, Rosemary was a survivor like no other. With host Summer Land.

10am - 11am

## Mudgee Zine Makers

The Book Nest, Free\*

The Mudgee Zine Makers are back and proud to launch a new zine sharing a story of Aboriginal culture. Proudly presented with the Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council.

## The Writer Laid Bare

Mudgee Library, \$15

Join Lee Kofman: Russian-born Israeli-Australian author, writing teacher and poet, as she discusses her varied life in words. With host Jen Davies.

## Grey Nomad

Town Hall Theatre, \$15

A coming-of-age story flipped on its head: what happens when a seventy year old knitter is launched into space? Join Alison Ferguson as she talks with host Sharelle Fellows about her debut novel. Bring your knitting!

11am - 12pm

## Four Dogs Missing

Mudgee Library, Free\*

Art theft, revenge and murder play out against the Mudgee vineyards in Rhys Gard's 'edge of your seat' thriller. With host Portia Lindsay.

12.30pm - 1.30pm

## BAD Sydney Crime Panel

Town Hall Theatre, \$15

'Oz Bush Noir' is increasingly popular, but what about Australian crime fiction set outside of the outback? Join Candice Fox, Anna Downes, Dinuka McKenzie & Rhys Gard in conversation with host Michael Duffy.

2pm - 3pm

## Poetry Reading

Kildallon Lawns, Free\*

Join award-winning poet and novelist Omar Sakr on the grounds of Kildallon Education Centre to talk about what influences his poetry and writing. With host Amy Lovat.

## A Life in Words

Town Hall Theatre, \$15

Join Anita Jacoby, Charlotte Ree & Lee Kofman as they talk with host Sharelle Fellows about their varied lives and stories, and how they pin them to the page.

3pm - 4pm

## The Bibliotherapist

Mudgee Library, Free\*

Looking for a book to soothe or to stimulate? Stuck on what to read at this particular time in your life? See our expert Jenn Martin for a dose of bibliotherapy and come away with reading suggestions tailored to your needs.

3pm - 4pm

## Skin Deep

The Book Nest, Free\*

Portia Lindsay speaks with Phillipa McGuinness about her book *Skin Deep*, exploring beauty, ageing, imperfection, health, illness, race and more.

4.30pm - 5.30pm

## Secrets Beyond the Screen

Town Hall Theatre, \$15

Join celebrated journalist and producer Anita Jacoby as she shares the story of her quest to establish the truth beneath her father's secret life. In conversation with ABC's Jess McGuire.

5.30pm - 6.30pm

## Red and Write Wine

Roth's Wine Bar, \$20

How does one make writing about wine fun and exciting? And is it harder when English isn't your first language? Join wine journalist Kasia Sobiesiak as she talks with Rhys Gard about putting wine into words.

7pm - 9pm

## Who Reads Wins!

Town Hall Theatre, \$45

Jenn Martin and Sam Paine host a literary quiz extravaganza with special guests. Prizes from Logan Wines & The Book Nest. Ticket includes meal.

## Fire With Fire

Roth's Wine Bar, \$45

New York Times' Bestselling author Candice Fox talks with Anna Downes about her new novel *Fire With Fire*, a heart-pounding thriller where desperate parents will do whatever it takes to find their missing daughter. Ticket includes meal.

# Mudgee readers' festival

19th & 20th August

Sunday  
20th August

9.30am - 10.30am

## Painting the Light

Mudgee Library, Free\*

Join writer, actor and educator Ned Manning as he talks about his first novel *Painting the Light* with host Michael Bourke.

10am - 11am

## Homegrown Stories

The Book Nest, Free\*

Discover stories created in our own region as local writers Eila Jameson-Avey, Jill Baggett and Connie Eales discuss their work with local writers.

## Taken

Town Hall Theatre, \$15

A pregnant detective. An abducted child. Join award-winning crime writer Dinuka McKenzie as she talks with Rebecca Saunders about her Detective Kathryn Miles crime series.

11.30am - 12.30pm

## Heartbake

Logan Wines, \$45

In her heartfelt memoir of food, love and self-discovery, Charlotte Ree takes us along her journey of learning to cook in the wake of a divorce. Linger afterwards for high tea with a view. Hosted by Jenn Martin.

## The Library that Made Me

Town Hall Theatre, Free\*

Join Lee Kofman, Ned Manning & Omar Sakr, in conversation with host Phillipa McGuinness on how the library has influenced their reading and writing. In partnership with Openbook / State Library of NSW.

1pm - 4pm

## Lazy Long Lunch

Blue Wren Farm, \$150

Join New York Times' Bestselling author Nagi Maehashi & Dozer from RecipeTin Eats, as Nagi shares the story behind her wildly successful RecipeTin Eats: *Dinner* over a lazy lunch.

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**Morning Yoga** with Hannah from Good Culture Club Yoga Studio. Saturday & Sunday at 7.30am. Follow QR to book.



**Mudgee Heritage Walking Tours**  
Take a tour around Mudgee's CBD and experience the heritage charm. Available Saturday & Sunday. Follow QR to book. Please check date before booking.



## Mudgee Young Readers' Events

Further information on our website.

Saturday 19th August

10am - 11am  
Music & Books

Kildallon, ages 4-12, free\*

Join Graeme Compton & Elizabeth Cummings for a musical storytime!

11am - 12pm  
Arts & Crafts

Mudgee Library, ages 5-12, \$5

Join Rosie May Blue (Prudence Woods) for storytime, arts & crafts.

2pm - 3pm  
Make Your Own Book

Mudgee Library, ages 8-12, \$5

with Chris Roy Taylor & James Crabtree

Sunday 20th August

10am - 11am  
Sunday Storytime

Mudgee Library, ages 4-8, free\*

Stories with Chris Roy Taylor, James Crabtree & Elizabeth Cummings.

11am - 12pm  
Young Zinemakers

Kildallon, ages 12-17, free\*

Join artist & illustrator Graeme Compton, as he guides those interested in making their own Zine to be on display at the Book Nest.

\*Bookings are essential for free events and can be made online at [mudgeereaders.com](http://mudgeereaders.com)