

WHAT'S ON

SUMMER 2024-25



Goldfields
Libraries

BIG SUMMER READ

PETER FITZSIMONS

EX LIBRIS DETRITUS



KATHY MEXTED

TAKE FLIGHT: INCREDIBLE STORIES OF AUSTRALIAN WOMEN WHO REACH FOR THE SKY

HOW TO BOOK

All Goldfields Libraries events are free unless specified. You don't need to be a library member to attend.

BOOK NOW

BOOKINGS

are essential wherever you see this symbol



ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Session link emailed 1 hour prior to event

ONLINE

www.goldfieldslibraries.com

IN PERSON

Visit your local library.
Information on back cover

BY PHONE

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For the latest details and information on library events visit goldfieldslibraries.com

Large print copies of this program are available. Please contact us on 5449 2790 or email programs@ncgrl.vic.gov.au



Explore our comprehensive range of eLibrary resources available free to Goldfields Libraries members!



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[ncgrl.vic.gov.au/social](https://www.facebook.com/ncgrl.vic.gov.au/social)

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ON THE COVER

World record holder Heather Swan base jumped in a wing suit from Meru Peak in the Indian Himalayas. From 21,660 feet, she flew down a 2000-metre cliff face and landed one kilometre out from that cliff onto a glacier. Heather's story is in Kathy Mexted's new book *Take Flight*. Details on page 9.

Heather Swan photographed by Graeme Murray, near Uluru for her book *No Ceiling* published by Five Mile Press.

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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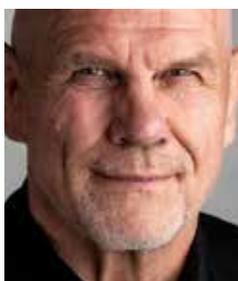
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SPECIAL EVENTS



Celebrating Christmas

DECEMBER CARD PROJECT

Bendigo Health invites you to write a Christmas message of hope and kindness for inpatients in mental health units. Your understanding and support can help ease the stigma, loneliness, and isolation of those affected by mental illness. Use your own card or one from the library, and place it unsealed in the library letterboxes provided.

More information at bendigohealth.org.au

UNTIL FRI 20 DEC

Bendigo, Eaglehawk & Kangaroo Flat libraries

WATERCOLOUR RESIST WORKSHOP

Experiment with this simple but lovely technique to create a unique artwork, card or gift tag for Christmas.

For adults.

THU 5 DEC, 2-3PM

Gisborne Library



TWINKLE TOES THE CHRISTMAS BALLERINA

Sparkle all the way with special storytime guest Twinkle Toes.

Ages 2-5 years.

FRI 6 DEC, 10.30-11.15AM

Kangaroo Flat Library

SAT 21 DEC, 10.30-11.15AM

Bendigo Library

BURRA BLOCK PARTY

Join us for Christmas fun at the Burra Block Party! Create awesome scratch art reindeer antlers and help us make Eaglehawk's longest paper chain.

All ages.

SAT 7 DEC, 11.30AM-1.30PM

Eaglehawk Library

MACAPPELLA SINGERS

Joyous songs from Bendigo's a cappella singing group for women. Fun and inclusive for all – including little kids. You'll love it!

THU 12 DEC, 11.15AM

Bendigo Library

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

Dive into some festive Christmas crafts and activities for all ages!

TUE 17, THU 19 & FRI 20 DEC

LIBRARY HOURS

Heathcote Library

BIG SUMMER READ

JOIN. BORROW. READ. WIN!



The BIG Summer Read is back!

Read 10 books over summer and be in the running to win great prizes, including book and gift vouchers from EB Games and Smiggle.

To get started, register at your local library or visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/bigsummerread

Return your reading record by 31 Jan for your chance to win a prize (Online participants will have automatic entry).

Prize winners announced early February.

For children and young people up to 18 years.

DEC-JAN

All libraries and selected library agencies

LAUNCH PARTIES

It's launch day – sign up early and join in all the fun! Giveaways, performance by Min and Sean from the Blurbs, paper gelatery and fruity snacks!

All ages.

SAT 30 NOV, 10AM-12PM

Castlemaine Library

SAT 7 DEC, 10AM-12PM

Bendigo Library

BSR ACTIVITIES

CREATIVE CONNIE CHALLENGE

Get creative and invent an amazing Connie the Ice Cream flavour. Prizes awarded for originality and all round deliciousness! Entry form included in your BSR reading record.

Ages 3-12 years.

FRUIT SALAD MIX-UP

Search for the hidden fruit in the library and figure out what's missing from our fruit salad.

All ages.

PAPER GELATERY

Buon appetito! Drop in to our paper gelatery to get crafty and create your perfect gelato and watermelon!

Ages 7+ years.

International Day of People with Disability

RAGING GRACE: AUSTRALIAN WRITERS SPEAK OUT ON DISABILITY

Raging Grace is a recently published anthology of poems and essays from writers with disability across the country. Join co-editor Andy Jackson, along with other contributors, for a discussion on writing as a disabled person, exploring experiences of heartache, humour, insight, and the journey of finding community.

Book sales.

BOOK
NOW

TUE 3 DEC, 1.30-2.30PM

Castlemaine Library

Lunar New Year of the Snake

OUTDOOR TAI CHI

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a Tai Chi Qigong session led by Welby Holistic Healing. Open to all ages and abilities, this gentle practice promotes wellbeing and harmony. Join us in welcoming the new year with peaceful movement and community connection.

WED 29 JAN, 10-11AM

Kangaroo Flat Library Gardens

SAT 1 FEB, 9.30-10.30AM

Bendigo Library Gardens

DROP IN SSSSNAKE ACTIVITIES

It's the Year of the Snake, so time to get snakey! Enjoy special snake crafts and activities during the first week of the Lunar New Year (or until supplies run out).

Ages 4-10 years.

WED 29 JAN-SAT 8 FEB, AFTER SCHOOL

Participating libraries and library agencies

BENDIGO CHOICE VOICES CHOIR

Join us for an uplifting performance from Choice Voices, an inclusive community choir that celebrates connection, joy, diversity, and inclusion through song. Supported by Golden City Support Services.

THU 5 DEC, 5-6PM

Bendigo Library



TRADITIONAL WELCOME

The Central Victorian Southern Lion, Dragon and Fu Wa Teams will bring the library to life with a noisy and spectacular welcome to the Lunar New Year of the Snake.

All welcome. *Gong Hei Fat Choy!*

SAT 1 FEB, 11AM-12PM

Bendigo Library

Displays



EX LIBRIS DETRITUS: THINGS THAT FALL OUT OF BOOKS

An exhibition of accumulated objects that fall out of books returned to the library. Be amazed by this glimpse into the secret life of libraries.

FROM MON 20 JAN
Woodend Library

Library Lovers' Day

LIBRARY LOVE STORIES

A day, week, and month to celebrate the love of your special person... or your special library! Try a blind date with a book, write a love note to your library, or indulge in an activity celebrating your love of the written word.

MON 10-SAT 15 FEB
All libraries

FEBRUARY
Library agencies



BOOKISH BADGES

Drop in for a fun badge-making session celebrating books and libraries. Choose from classic book-themed phrases like "So many books, so little time" and "I read past my bedtime," or create your own message.

All ages.

SAT 15 FEB, 10AM-12PM
Gisborne Library

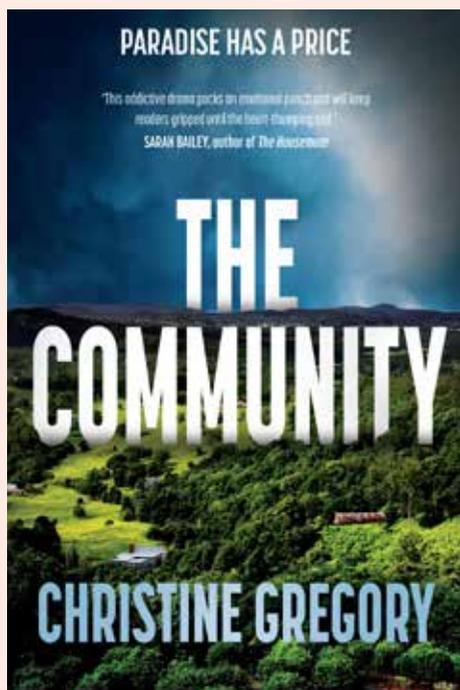
FREE magazines



Visit our eLibrary for FREE digital magazines, eBooks, eAudiobooks, and newspapers.

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AUTHOR TALKS

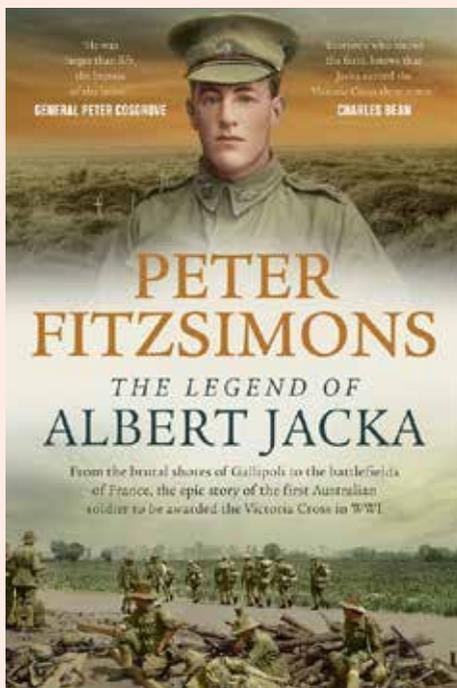


CHRISTINE GREGORY: THE COMMUNITY

Meet Christine Gregory, author of this intricate, compelling crime drama set against a distinctive Australian backdrop. Fast-paced and thrilling, it explores fatherhood, family ties and redemption, told through the eyes of a man struggling to make peace with his past.

Book sales and signings.

TUE 3 DEC, 6-7PM
Gisborne Library



PETER FITZSIMONS: THE LEGEND OF ALBERT JACKA

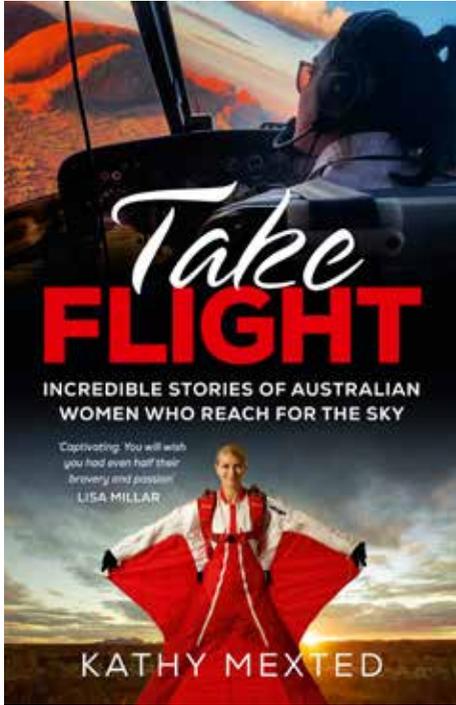
Join charismatic author Peter FitzSimons to hear about the epic exploits of young Wedderburn man Albert Jacka. Joining the Australian Imperial Force at just 21, Jacka was the first Australian soldier to be awarded the Victoria Cross in WWI following outstanding bravery at Gallipoli and, later, the Military Cross on the battlefields of France.

Book sales and signings.

WED 4 DEC, 10.30-11.30AM
Wedderburn Library Agency

WED 4 DEC, 2-3PM
Bendigo Library





KATHY MEXTED: TAKE FLIGHT

Author and pilot Kathy Mexted celebrates the determination, skill, and expertise of ten Australian women who have beaten the odds to find success and joy in our skies. Beautifully written and captivating stories about amazing female pilots, from flying with swans in the freezing skies over Europe to piloting choppers in the outback - you will be inspired!

Book sales and signings.

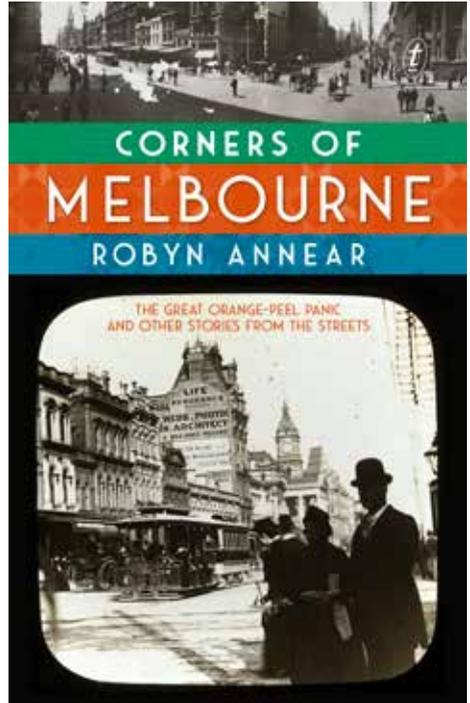


WED 4 DEC, 10.30-11.30AM

Romsey Library

WED 11 DEC, 2-3PM

Woodend Library



ROBYN ANNEAR: CORNERS OF MELBOURNE

Join Robyn Annear as she lifts the corner on Melbourne's history, ushering you around the city to reveal bizarre, baroque and mostly forgotten stories.

Book sales and signings.



THU 5 DEC, 5.30-6.30PM

Castlemaine Library

DEE WHITE: THE HULLABALOO ABOUT ELEPHANT POO

See page 23 for details.

BOOK NOW

SAT 7 DEC, 10.30-11.30AM

Woodend Library

KEN ARNOLD: SANDHURST

Local Bendigonian Ken Arnold is justly proud of his latest book, a culmination and celebration of 50 years of researching, writing and self-publishing works of local history. *Sandhurst: a Peep into the Past* is a compilation of photographs, lithographs, history, advertisements and writings from 1851-1891, showing a cross-section of life and views of Bendigo in days gone by. Please join us in launching this impressive labour of love with Mayor Andrea Metcalfe and Ken's great friend, Reverend Len Cutting.

Book sales and signings.

BOOK NOW

SAT 7 DEC, 11AM-12PM

Bendigo Library

KAREN MARTIN: THE LITTLE BOOK OF RED FLAGS

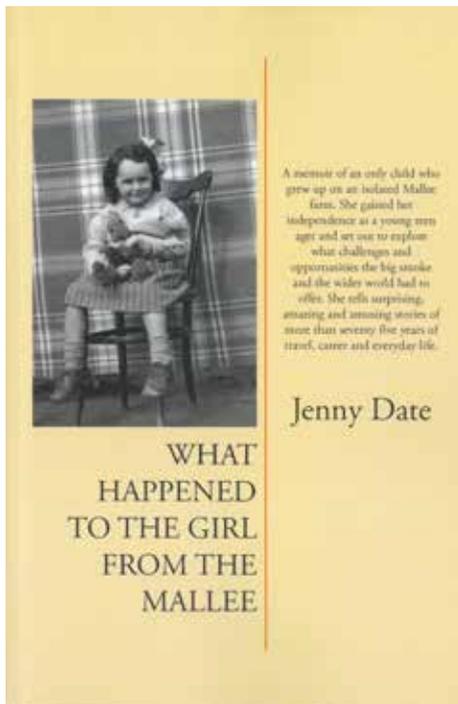
Amid the spiralling crisis of a failing marriage, Karen saved screenshots from Instagram. Poems, quotes and musings spoke to her experience, which she later realised to be red flags. Meet the locally-based creator of this delightful little book, beautifully illustrated by talented Braemar College student Thomas Corboy.

Book sales and signings.

BOOK NOW

SAT 14 DEC, 11AM-12PM

Woodend Library



JENNY DATE: WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GIRL FROM THE MALLEE?

As an only child, Jenny grew up on an isolated farm in the Mallee, leaving as a teenager to take on the world. Her Australian-flavoured memoir was inspired by the discovery of letters written to her parents from her full and well-travelled life. Jenny offers a glimpse of life in Australia from the 1950s to the present with positivity and heart.

Book sales and signings.

BOOK NOW

FRI 14 FEB, 11AM-12PM

Bort Library Agency

SAT 15 FEB, 11AM-12PM

Eaglehawk Library

READING



RECONCILIATION READING GROUP

Join us and the Macedon Ranges Truth & Reconciliation Group for readings and discussions to enhance awareness of First Nations culture, experience, and country. Everyone is welcome – all that is required is to read the provided text and be ready to discuss!

Texts may be a journal or newspaper article or brief blog.

Kyneton Library
More information: 5422 1365

WRITING

WRITEABILITY GOES LOCAL

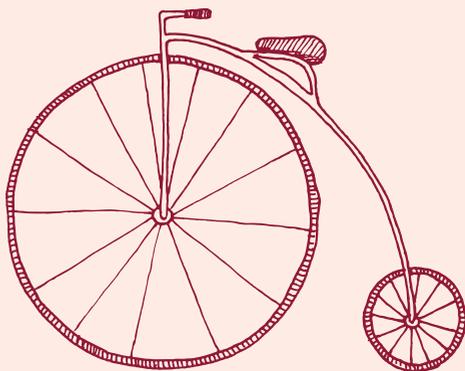
Free mentored writing workshops for writers and aspiring writers with disability. Presented by Writers Victoria in partnership with Goldfields Libraries.

For more information, please contact Writers Victoria on (03) 9917 8462 or writeability@writersvictoria.org.au

TUE 10 DEC & 11 FEB, 10.30AM-12.30PM
Castlemaine Library

Mulga Bill

WRITING AWARD



Aspiring poets and writers are warmly invited to enter the Mulga Bill Writing Award, part of the Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival.

Theme: Fiesta!

Short story: Max. 2000 words.

Poetry: Max. 25 lines.

Prizes awarded in each category. \$5 entry fee. More information and entry forms at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/mulgabillwritingaward

Entries open: Saturday 4 January 2025

Entries close: Monday 24 February 2025

Winners announced at the Dahlia and Arts Festival Opening in March.

Sponsored by Eaglehawk Festivals Inc.



TALKS, PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Parenting in the Modern World

CatholicCare Victoria
Regional Parenting Program

UNDERSTANDING TODDLERS

This workshop encourages conversations around both the joys and challenges of the toddler years. It introduces brain development, normalises the difficult days and shares strategies with parents and carers to help build connection with their toddlers.

THU 12 DEC, 1-2.30PM
Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW

KIDS AND WORRY

This workshop discusses strategies that may help children worry less, providing information and practical tools to assist children in managing their emotions.

MON 17 FEB, 11.30AM-1PM
Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW

BEATING THE SUMMER HEAT

Learn about adapting your home for greater summer comfort, with a focus on shade, insulation and ventilation. Sue Barker from Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group's Sustainable Homes Action Group will provide some cool tips and help you start on your heat-busting journey.

THU 6 FEB, 5.30-6.30PM
Kyneton Library

BOOK
NOW

SAT 8 FEB, 10.30-11.30AM
Romsey Library

5 WAYS TO WELLBEING

Learn five simple ways to improve your physical and mental health, take part in some fun wellbeing activities and enjoy a healthy afternoon tea.

Presented by Bendigo Community Health Services.

TUE 11 FEB, 2-3PM
Eaglehawk Library

BOOK
NOW

DIGITAL LITERACY

DESIGN A DIGITAL CHRISTMAS CARD IN CANVA

We'll show you how to customise Canva templates, images and text, and upload photos. You'll need access to your email account (and password) to create an account, or login details if you're already a Canva user.

BYO iPad or laptop, or use one of ours.

BOOK NOW

THU 5 DEC, 2-3PM

Bendigo Library

FRI 6 DEC, 2.30-3.30PM

Heathcote Library

SAT 7 DEC, 10-11AM

Heathcote Library

MON 9 DEC, 2.30-4PM

Kyneton Library

THU 12 DEC, 2.30-4PM

Gisborne Library

SCANNING PHOTOS, NEGATIVES AND SLIDES

Come along and find out how to digitise your old negatives, photos and slides.

BOOK NOW

FRI 6 DEC, 11AM-12PM

Castlemaine Library

THU 30 JAN, 2-3PM

Bendigo Library



TECH HELP FOR SENIORS

Register for free one-on-one digital training at your local library. Drop in or give us a call, tell us what you would like to know about, and we'll make an appointment for you.

Contact information on the back cover.

BOOK NOW

THU 2-FRI 31 JAN

All libraries and selected library agencies

WED 8, 15, 22 & 29 JAN, 10.30AM-12.30PM

Kyneton Library (BYO device)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR SENIORS

Curious about what AI actually is? Come along to this easy-going workshop for beginners. Enjoy our show-and-tell with some popular AI apps, and learn all about this new technology.

Laptops supplied. No special skills required.

BOOK NOW

TUE 7 JAN, 2-3PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

TUE 14 JAN, 2-3PM

Bendigo Library

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.

CRASH COURSE IN MINECRAFT FOR ADULTS

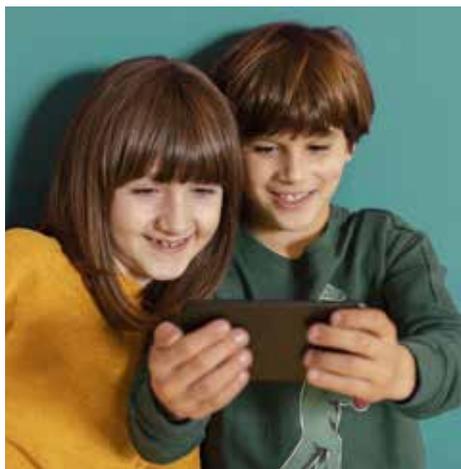
Join our beginner's crash course in Minecraft for parents and guardians. Explore the basics of navigation and building through fun, hands-on activities. Laptops supplied.

Children welcome too. One child per adult, please.

WED 15 JAN, 1.30-2.30PM
Bendigo Library

FRI 24 JAN, 10.30-11.30AM
Gisborne Library

BOOK NOW



DIGITAL BALANCE: MINDFUL TECH USE FOR FAMILIES

Discover practical strategies to disconnect and reduce unproductive scrolling, set effective screen time limits, access sleep mode features, and monitor your tweens' and teens' screen time.

THU 6 FEB, 2-3PM
Heathcote Library

WED 12 FEB, 11AM-12PM
Woodend Library

BOOK NOW

INTRO TO GOOGLE MAPS

Learn about using Google Maps and how it can do more than just give you directions.

TUE 11 FEB, 11.30AM-12.30PM
Gisborne Library

BOOK NOW

INTRO TO PHOTO EDITING

Discover a range of simple photo editing tools to help you edit like a pro.

FRI 14 FEB, 2-3PM
Castlemaine Library

BOOK NOW

CREATING DESIGNS WITH CANVA

Learn how to create eye-catching posters, flyers and social media ads using Canva, a free online graphic design tool.

BYO tablet or laptop, or use one of ours

TUE 18 FEB, 2-3PM
Eaglehawk Library

BOOK NOW

SCAM SAFETY

Learn how to protect yourself and your finances from scams and fraud. Recognise common scams and how to avoid them, and understand what to do if you fall victim to one.

Presented by staff from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, developed in partnership with National Seniors Australia.

THU 20 FEB, 10.30-11.30AM
Kyneton Library

BOOK NOW

MANAGING AND STORING PHOTOS

Learn all about storing and managing photos on your computer, mobile devices, and in the cloud.

FRI 21 FEB, 1.30-2.30PM
Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK NOW

WHAT'S NEW IN THE eLIBRARY?

Learn how to stream films, audiobooks and more for FREE with your library card.

THU 27 FEB, 2-3PM
Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

FAMILY HISTORY: GETTING STARTED

Learn how to start your family history research and record your findings. This session covers a basic search of birth, death and marriage certificates, wills and probate, immigration, monument, cemetery, school and hospital records.

Presented by Joy from BRGS.

BOOK NOW

MON 10 FEB, 11AM-12PM

Bendigo Library



SUCH SWEET SORROW

Join Desiree Pettit-Keating (Bendigo Regional Archives Centre) to explore both the bitter and the sweet in the world of chocolate and confectionery across the centuries in north-west Victoria. Hear surprisingly tragic tales of lost loves, suspicious deaths, and intrigue, followed by a chocolate exploration and tastings from renowned chocolatier Christina of Sisko Chocolates.

This presentation contains sensitive content and is recommended for mature audiences only.

BOOK NOW

FRI 14 FEB, 4-5PM

Woodend Library

READING AND USING HISTORICAL MAPS AND PLANS

A vital tool in local and family history research is finding, using and interpreting historical maps and plans. Ever wanted to know what all the names and numbers mean and how they link to historical land records? Join Susan Walter, coordinator of the Bendigo Regional Archives Centre, for a hands-on workshop on navigating these vital records.

BYO laptop and mouse.

BOOK NOW

TUE 25 FEB, 2-3 PM

Bendigo Library

THU 27 FEB, 5.30-6.30PM

Kyneton Library

GENEALOGY RESEARCH HELP

Support and guidance from skilled volunteers for researchers of local and family history.

BENDIGO FAMILY HISTORY GROUP (BFHG)

WED AND SAT, 10AM-2PM

(Closed Wed 18 Dec-Wed 29 Jan)

Bendigo Library

BENDIGO REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (BRGS)

MON, 11AM-3PM (except Mon 23 Dec)

Bendigo Library

GISBORNE GENEALOGY GROUP (GGG)

TUE, 10AM-1PM & THU, 2-5PM

(Closed Thu 19 Dec-Tue 4 Feb)

Gisborne Library



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Aussie Open - Kangaroo Flat Style

Lob into the Kangaroo Flat Library for some smashing fun!

TABLE TENNIS IN THE ATRIUM

Enjoy some table tennis with new friends and old.

All Ages.

MON 6-SAT 25 JAN

NINTENDO SWITCH TENNIS

A great way to play some brilliant tennis. Why not have a crack?

WED 8, 15 & 22 JAN
6-8 YEARS: 10AM-12PM
8-12 YEARS: 2-4PM

BOUNCY CRAFT

Families are invited to enjoy some tennis-themed craft activities.

THU 9, MON 13 & FRI 24 JAN, 1-3PM

TENNIS TRIVIA

Test out your tennis knowledge to win a quirky tennis prize.

All ages.

MON 13-SAT 25 JAN

BALLOON HAND TENNIS

Test out your skills with this lighter version of tennis.

MON 13-SAT 25 JAN, 9.30AM-12PM

TENNIS VIEWING

Drop in and watch the tennis in air-conditioned comfort on our big screen. Cool drinks and coffee available.

MON 13-SAT 25 JAN, FROM 11AM
(not on Wednesdays)

MOCKTAIL MOCK-UPS

Learn the art of mocktail making and then sip on one while watching some tennis.

Book in person or phone 5447 8344.

MON 20 JAN
1-1.45PM & 2.30-3.15PM

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TINY ART SHOW

Create a masterpiece for our Tiny Art Show. Collect a mini canvas from the library and unleash your inner artist! To be followed by a Tiny Art Exhibition.

All ages.

Collect a canvas from 3 January.
Return canvas by 31 January.
Tiny Art Exhibition 1-28 February.

Heathcote Library

ALL DAY ART WORKSHOP: BEGINNERS DRAWING

Artist Marilyn Andrews will guide beginners in the art of drawing with graphite and coloured pencils. Resources and refreshments provided.

For adults 18+ years (new attendees only).

\$20 materials cost. Please pay cash on the day.

TUE 18 FEB, 10AM-3PM
Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK
NOW

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Craft and Sewing Groups

CROCHET AND CONVERSATION

New to crochet or just want to connect over your current project? Join us for a fun and friendly crochet meet-up. Bring your supplies and let's stitch together!

MON 2 DEC & 3 FEB, 2-4PM
Gisborne Library

CRAFT AND CHAT

Got a craft project on the go? Bring it along and let's swap ideas and tips in a relaxed, friendly setting. We'll also have Premie Hearts materials available. Everyone's welcome!

WED 4 DEC & 5 FEB, 2-4PM
Woodend Library



CRAFTING CONNECTIONS

Enjoy coffee, conversation, and craft! Learn crochet or share your skills with our friendly makers. All crafts welcome.

Members of Crochet Hookers Australia will be present.

THU 5 DEC, 30 JAN & 13 FEB, 1-2.30PM
Kangaroo Flat Library

PUZZLE AND CHAT

Enjoy great conversations and connect with fellow puzzle lovers while working on a 500-piece jigsaw together. Refreshments provided.

WED 4 DEC & 5 FEB, 1-4.30PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

A CURIOUS CIRCLE

Gather together in our inclusive and friendly craft circle for creativity and conversation. Refreshments provided.

**TUE 10 DEC, 5-7PM
& 11 FEB, 5.30-7.30PM**

Romsey Library

BOOK
NOW

SOCIAL SCRABBLE

Drop in for some fun and friendly Scrabble! Test your vocabulary, keep your brain active, and enjoy some refreshments.

TUE 17 DEC, 28 JAN & 25 FEB, 1-4.30PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

Library Film Club

THE LAST DAUGHTER (PG)

Based on the novel by Brenda Matthews.

WED 11 DEC, 10.30AM-12PM

Romsey Library

BOOK
NOW

IT ENDS WITH US (M)

Based on the novel by Colleen Hoover.

(Family violence and references to sexual violence)

WED 11 DEC, 1-3.10PM

Gisborne Library

BOOK
NOW

DEATH ON THE NILE (M)

Based on the novel by Agatha Christie.

WED 12 FEB, 10.30AM-12.45PM

Romsey Library

BOOK
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THE MEMORY PLACE: FAMILY FUN

We'll share some laughs as we remember growing up in years gone by with an assortment of items collected from those days.

THU 20 FEB, 1.30-2.30PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

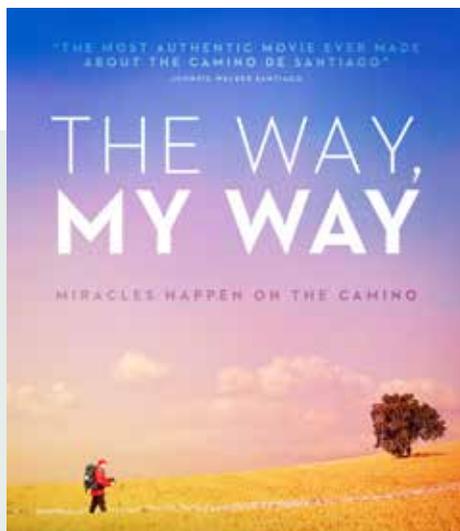
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JIGSAW PUZZLE SWAP

Tired of completing the same jigsaw puzzle over and over again? Bring it along and trade for one that's new to you! Puzzles must be at least 500 pieces, in good condition, in the original box, with no missing pieces. No children's puzzles, please.

SAT 22 FEB, 10-11.30AM

Kangaroo Flat Library



THE WAY, MY WAY (PG)

Based on the memoir by Bill Bennett.

WED 12 FEB, 1-2.45PM

Gisborne Library

THU 13 FEB, 5-6.45PM

Castlemaine Library

BOOK
NOW

TEENS & YOUNG PEOPLE

MAKE A POMPOM

Create a bush flower pompom using yarn, thread, and felt, inspired by Sophie Honess and the natural beauty of Gomeroi country.

Age 12+ years.

MON 23 DEC-TUE 28 JAN

Kyneton Library



ICE CREAM CONE BAG BLING

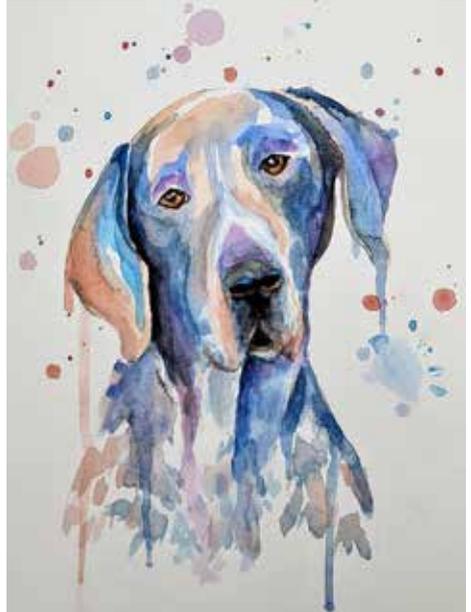
Have fun creating colourful felt ball ice cream cone bag bling.

Ages 10-15 years.

TUE 21 JAN, 2-3PM

Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW



PET PORTRAITS

A portrait painting workshop for pet lovers! Capture your furry friend's personality while learning fun painting techniques. All supplies provided. Please email a photo of your pet in advance to programs@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Ages 12+ years.

THU 23 JAN, 1-2.30PM

Bendigo Library

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Summer Read!

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

PRIMARY SCHOOL YEARS

BURRA BLOCK PARTY

See page 4 for details.

SAT 7 DEC, 11.30AM-1.30PM

Eaglehawk Library

BEAUTIFUL BOOKMARKS

Create a beautiful bookmark or two, to save your place in your favourite book.

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MON 6 JAN

6-8 YEARS: 10-11AM

8-12 YEARS: 11.30AM-12.30PM

Bendigo Library



PAPER COLLAGE BIRDS

Join author and illustrator Sarah Allen for a fun workshop to create wonderful paper collages of native birds.

Ages 7-12 years.

BOOK
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THU 9 JAN, 9.30-10.30AM

Gisborne Library

THU 9 JAN, 12.30-1.30PM

Castlemaine Library

THU 9 JAN, 3-4PM

Bendigo Library

MINECRAFT LAB

Come along to Minecraft Lab and enter our Minecraft world with other kids. Laptops supplied.

Ages 7+ years.

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WED 15 JAN

10-11AM & 11.30AM-12.30PM

Bendigo Library

SUMMERTIME FUN!

- Science Lab
- Marble Mania
- Pop up Craft Table
- Summertime Splash
- Nintendo Switch Tennis
- Tiny Art Show
- Bouncy Craft
- Switch It Up with Nintendo!



Pick up a school holiday program from mid December, or visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

NGV Kids on Tour

Make and create when NGV (National Gallery of Victoria) Kids on Tour comes to you these school holidays. From cat and dog ears you can wear to paper moths, there's art to make for every age.

NGV Kids on Tour Partner. Supported by Officeworks.

LOTS OF DOTS WITH YAYOI KUSAMA

MON 23 DEC-TUE 28 JAN

Kyneton Library

MON 13-FRI 17 JAN

Castlemaine Library

FURRY FRIENDS HEADBAND

MON 6 JAN, 10.30-11.30AM

Castlemaine Library

BOOK NOW

FASHION, CULTURE & CREATIVITY WITH COLLECTIVE CLOSETS

MON 6 & WED 22 JAN, 3-4PM

Kyneton Library

TUE 14 JAN, 10.30-11.30AM

Castlemaine Library

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BOGONG MOTHS

MON 20-SAT 25 JAN

Kyneton Library

WED 22 JAN, 10.30-11.30AM

Castlemaine Library

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CRASH COURSE IN MINECRAFT FOR ADULTS

See page 13 for details.

WED 15 JAN, 1.30-2.30PM

Bendigo Library

FRI 24 JAN, 10.30-11.30AM

Gisborne Library

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Mr Snotbottom

Join Mr Snotbottom for a hilarious live show full of gross-tastic gags, tasteless tunes and just-wrong routines. Perfect for weird kids and their even weirder parents.

Ages 4-12 years.

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MON 20 JAN, 10.30-11.30AM
Woodend Library

MON 20 JAN, 2.30-3.30PM
Bendigo Library

Movies for Kids

DESPICABLE ME 4 (PG 8+)

WED 8 JAN, 10.30AM-12PM
Bendigo Library

WED 8 JAN, 10.30AM-12PM
Castlemaine Library

MON 20 JAN, 11AM-12.30PM
Gisborne Library

THE WILD ROBOT (PG 8+)

MON 13 JAN, 11AM-12.45PM
Gisborne Library

WED 15 JAN, 10.30AM-12.15PM
Castlemaine Library

WED 22 JAN, 10.30AM-12.15PM
Bendigo Library

WED 22 JAN, 10.30AM-12.15PM
Romsey Library



WALLACE AND GROMIT MOVIE MARATHON (G 7+)

WED 17 JAN, 3PM
Bendigo Library

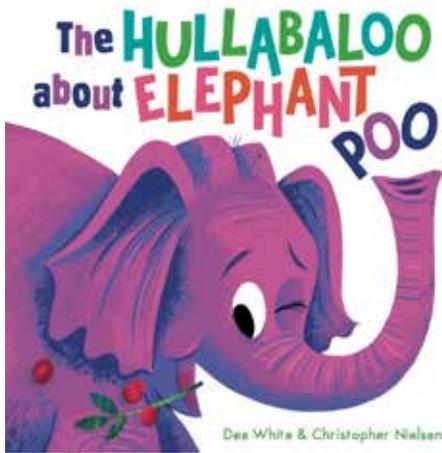
EARLY YEARS

TWINKLE TOES THE CHRISTMAS BALLERINA

See page 4 for details.

FRI 6 DEC, 10.30-11.15AM
Kangaroo Flat Library

SAT 21 DEC, 10.30-11.15AM
Bendigo Library



DEE WHITE: THE HULLABALOO ABOUT ELEPHANT POO

Learn all about elephants and how surprisingly sustainable their poo can be. Great fun for young families.

Book sales and signings, and elephant cookies!

SAT 7 DEC, 10.30-11.30AM
Woodend Library

BOOK NOW



Summer StoryWalks

Full details at ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storywalk
Supported by Healthy Loddon Campaspe. Created by Anne Ferguson and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

THE BLACK COCKATOO WITH ONE FEATHER BLUE

Gingell Street, Castlemaine

HOW TO BE A LION

Kyneton, path by Primary School and Kinder

LITTLE KOALA LOST

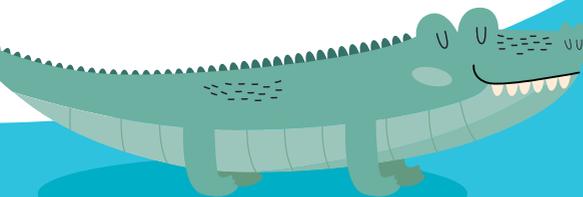
Heathcote Playspace, 126 High Street

ALL DOGS BARK

Nardoo Walking Track, Chapel Street
Wedderburn

GOAL!!!

Rotary Gateway Park, Kangaroo Flat



Storytime

Share storytime with your little ones each week of school term.

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

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 McIvor Road

BOORT

Boort Resource and
Information Centre
119-121 Godfrey Street

DINGEE

Dingee Railway Station
Bendigo-Pyramid Road

ELMORE

Elmore Athenaeum 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
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