

WHAT'S ON

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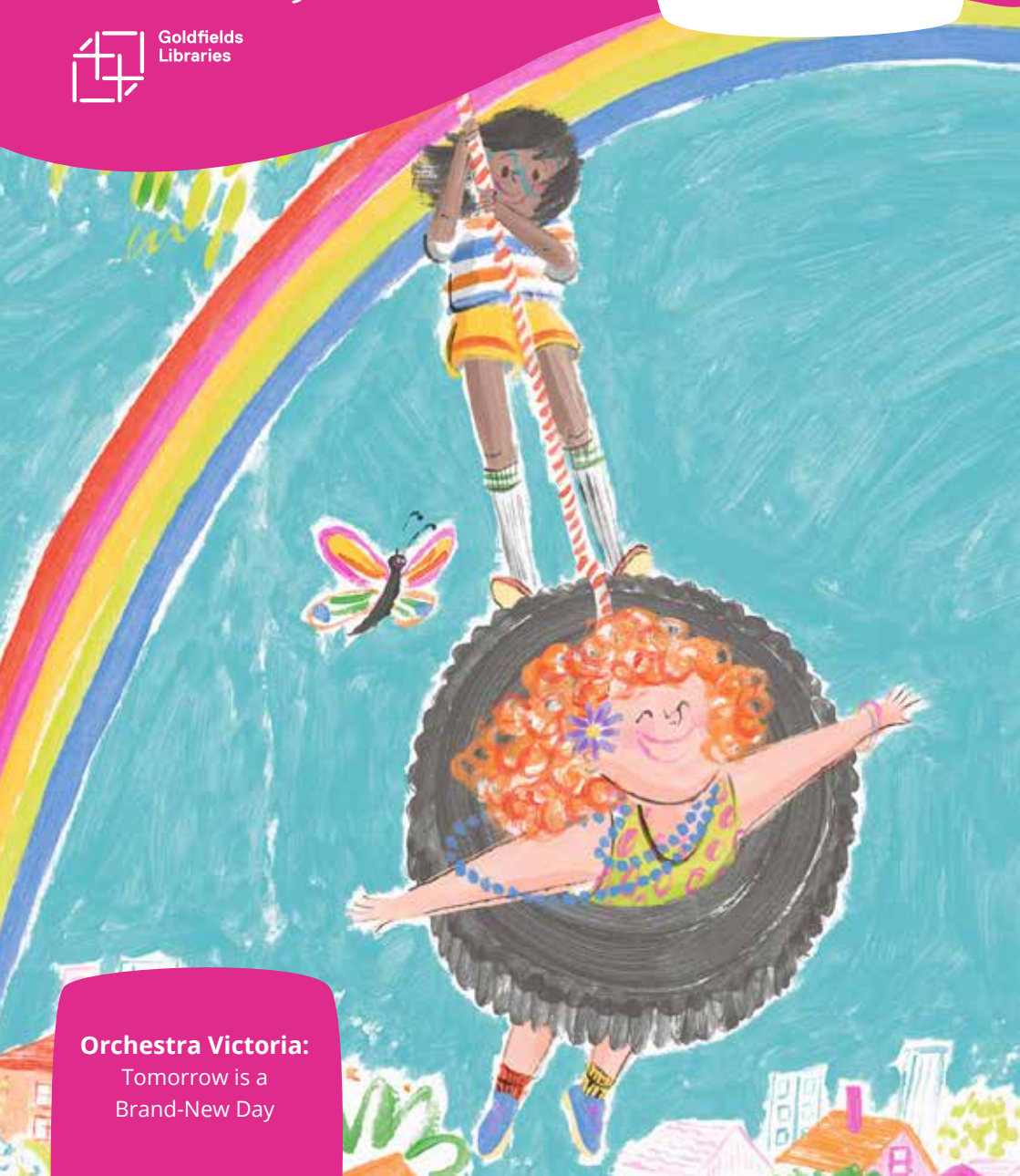


Goldfields
Libraries

Robyn Davidson:
Unfinished Woman

Sydney Writers' Festival:
Live and Local

Permaculture for kids



Orchestra Victoria:

Tomorrow is a
Brand-New Day

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 links available upon booking.

ONLINE

www.goldfieldslibraries.com

IN PERSON

Visit your local library.
Information on back cover.

BY PHONE

Information on back cover.

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

eLibrary

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

Find us on social media



When booking an event, you'll need to provide your name, phone number, and email for communication purposes and booking confirmation. Your information will be kept confidential. For more details, please visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/yourprivacy.

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On the cover

Orchestra Victoria

Tomorrow is a Brand-New Day.

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

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SPECIAL EVENTS



International Women's Day

Women of the World

Help us honour women of the world by placing a few pieces in our community jigsaw puzzle.

Mon 3-Sat 8 Mar

Romsey Library

Robyn Davidson: Unfinished Woman

Join legendary writer and adventurer Robyn Davidson for an intimate conversation about her extraordinary life and work. Best known for her iconic memoir *Tracks*, which chronicles her solo journey across the Australian desert, and her latest book *Unfinished Woman*, a deeply personal reflection on love, loss and independence, Robyn will share insights into her remarkable experiences. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear from one of Australia's most fearless and thought-provoking storytellers.

Book sales and signings.

Thu 6 Mar, 5.30-6.30pm

Castlemaine Library

Fri 7 Mar, 5.30-6.30pm

Bendigo Library

Film: Tracks (M)

Robyn Davidson's epic trek across the WA desert with four camels and a dog.

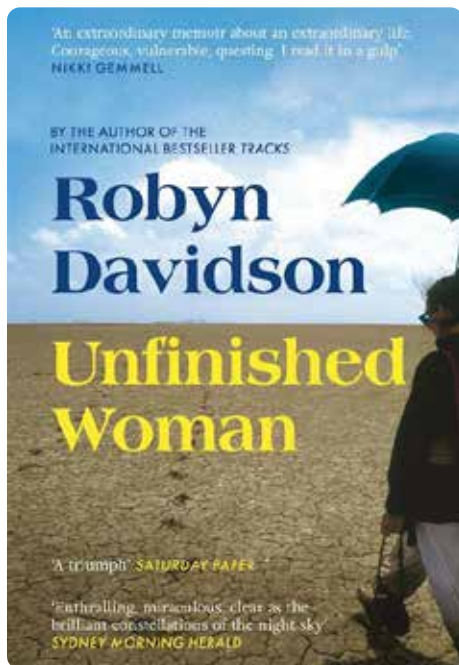
Fri 7 Mar, 3-5pm

Bendigo Library

Thu 13 Mar, 5-7pm

Castlemaine Library

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Cultural Diversity Week

Bendigo Interfaith Forum

Speakers of different faith traditions come together to share what their faith means to them.

Refreshments provided.

Thu 13 Mar, 5.30-7pm

Bendigo Library

Zoe Cottew: Pip and Zoe's Amazing Adventures

See page 20 for details.

BOOK NOW

Sat 15 Mar, 10.30-11.30am

Woodend Library

Orchestra Victoria: Tomorrow is a Brand-New Day

Introduce your children to the magic of live music with Orchestra Victoria. *Tomorrow is a Brand-New Day* is an uplifting tribute to learning and growing – to making mistakes and making amends. Hard days come and go, but love is with us always. Set to the sounds of wind and percussion instruments, this relaxed, interactive performance brings Davina Bell and Allison Colpoy's charming picture book to life.

Ages 3-8 years (and the young at heart).

BOOK NOW

Wed 21 May, 11-11.45am

Bendigo Library

Thu 22 May, 11-11.45am

Eaglehawk Library

National Simultaneous Storytime: The Truck Cat

Join Australia's biggest story reading event. See page 22 for details.

Wed 21 May, 12-12.45pm

Participating libraries and library agencies

Bilingual Storytimes

Portuguese: Mon 17 Mar, 10.30-11.15am

Mandarin: Wed 19 Mar, 10.30-11.15am

Bendigo Library

Chinese calligraphy workshop

Learn the ancient art of Chinese brush calligraphy with Jing Wang. Materials provided.

Date and time to come.

See goldfieldslibraries.com

BOOK NOW

Gisborne Library

Changemakers Macedon Ranges

Bringing together experts, innovators, and community members to explore sustainable living solutions.

Full program of events and bookings at mrc.vic.gov.au/community-climate-action

Sat 15-Sun 23 Mar

Sydney Writers' Festival: Live and Local

Wonderful authors, writers and speakers live streamed to your library in a boutique atmosphere!

More information at ncgrl.vic.gov.au/swf

Thu 22-Sun 25 May

Bendigo, Castlemaine & Woodend libraries

National Reconciliation Week

Central Victorian Indigenous Film Festival launch

Featuring short films by young Aboriginal people aged 25 and under living in Central Victoria. Includes the 2025 winner's announcement and a retrospective screening of previous winners. Includes Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony.

Tue 27 May, from 4.30pm
Bendigo Library

Film: Winhanganha (Remember, know, think)

Winhanganha is a lyrical journey of archival footage and sound, poetry, and original composition by Wiradjuri artist Jazz Money, examining how archives and the legacies of collection affect First Nations people and wider Australia. Through film, television, audio and music recordings, the film is a poem in five acts that attempts to acknowledge the horrors, joys, and beauties held within the archive.

Winhanganha was commissioned by the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia.

Wed 28 May, 2-3pm
Woodend Library

BOOK NOW

Thu 29 May, 5-6pm
Kyneton Library

Thu 29 May, 5.30-6.30pm
Bendigo Library

Mon 2 Jun, 4-5pm
Castlemaine Library

Prof. Barry Golding: Six Peaks Speak

If the ancient peaks of southern Dja Dja Wurrung country could speak, they'd no doubt tell remarkable stories like those in this significant new book by Professor Barry Golding, created in collaboration with Castlemaine-based geologist Clive William. The book bears witness to 'unsettling' changes over the past 200 years, as viewed from the perspective of the peaks (including Dharrang Gauwa – Mount Tarrengower and Liyanganyuk banyul – Mount Alexander) that stand sentinel over an ancient volcanic landscape and its immense natural and cultural significance.

Thu 29 May, 5.30-6.30pm
Castlemaine Library

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Culture, Privilege and Racism

John Bonnice invites you to explore beliefs and understandings around the interrelationship between mainstream culture, white privilege and racism.

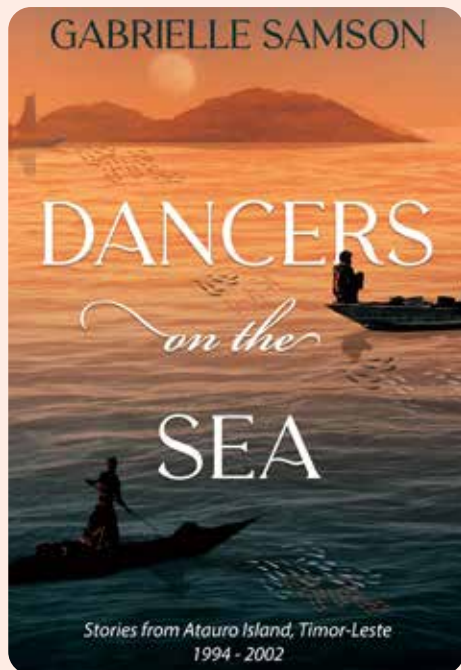
Mon 2 Jun, 2-3.30pm
Castlemaine Library

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AUTHORS, READING & WRITING

Author Talks



Gabrielle Samson: *Dancers on the Sea*

Gabrielle Samson shares stories from her captivating memoir, which chronicles her years living on the remote island of Atauro, East Timor, during a time of significant political and social change.

Presented by the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee.

Fri 14 Mar, 5.30-6.30pm
Bendigo Library

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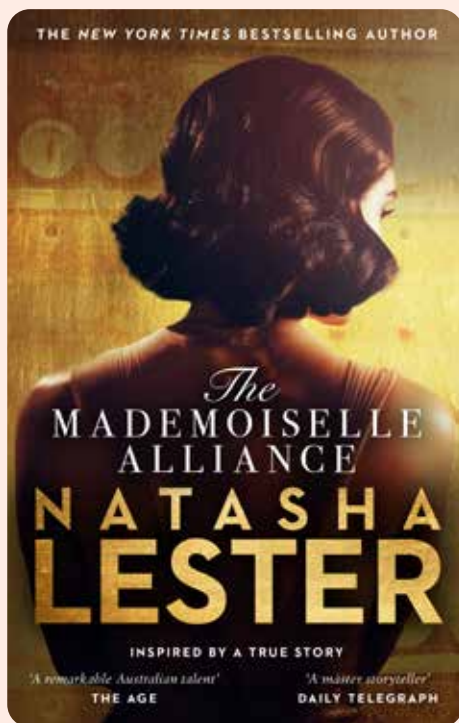
Robyn Davidson: *Unfinished Woman*

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Thu 6 Mar, 5.30-6.30pm
Castlemaine Library

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Fri 7 Mar, 5.30-6.30pm
Bendigo Library



Natasha Lester: *The Mademoiselle Alliance*

How did a young Parisian mother, celebrated for her beauty and glamour, come to lead the largest spy network in France?

Join Natasha as she brings to life the true story of one of history's unsung heroes, Marie-Madeleine Fourcade, the only woman to lead a resistance network in WWII France.

Book sales and signings.

Wed 30 Apr, 11am-12pm
Gisborne Library

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Wed 30 Apr, 3-4pm
Castlemaine Library

Michael Lawrence and Dr Fabio D'Agostin: *Creating Schools*

Meet the authors of this in-depth look at Australia's education system, and how it is failing both teachers and students. With increasing burnout and teachers fleeing the profession, we're on the brink of a teaching crisis. Looking to other countries as examples, *Creating Schools* offers possible pathways to turn teaching back into a job teachers love, and students can learn their best from.

Book sales and signings.

Thu 1 May, 5.30-6.30pm
Castlemaine Library

BOOK
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Anne Gleeson: *Disability, ability, family and poetry*

In this special Mother's Day event, Anne presents poems from her newly released collection, *The Deepest Thing*, in which she honours the work of mothering. Anne's poems highlight the highs and lows of her sister Denise's life, born with cerebral palsy in 1958. As well as enjoying the poems and chat, learn how disability affects a family, how poetry can serve as a memoir, and how to create poetry from the life you're given.

Thu 8 May, 2-3pm
Kyneton Library

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Children's Authors

Zoe Cottew: *Pip and Zoe's Amazing Adventures*

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Sat 15 Mar, 10.30-11.30am
Woodend Library

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Sydney Writers Festival: *Live and Local*

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Thu 22-Sun 25 May
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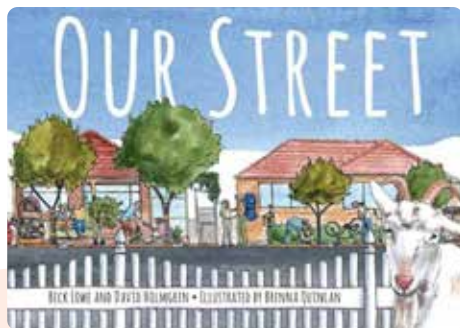
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Prof. Barry Golding: *Six Peaks Speak*

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Thu 29 May, 5.30-6.30pm
Castlemaine Library

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Beck Lowe: *Our Street (permaculture for kids)*

Meet permaculture writer Beck Lowe, co-author of a kid's version of *Our Street* (featured in *Retrosurbia* by David Holmgren). Join kids living in a suburban street over seven decades to see how they live, what they eat, and how their households work. You'll be inspired to make your home and street a happening place with positive solutions for sustainable and resilient living. Includes Q&A, kids activity, book sales and signings.

A family event best suited to primary school-aged children.

Sat 29 Mar, 10.30-11.30am
Heathcote Library

BOOK
NOW

Reading

Book Club Connections

Interested in joining a book club or looking for new members? Keen to learn more about Goldfields Libraries' fabulous book club sets? Come along and connect with fellow book lovers at this relaxed literary-flavoured gathering.

All welcome and refreshments provided.

Thu 20 Mar, 11am-12pm

Castlemaine Library

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Thu 20 Mar, 11am-12pm & 5.30-6.30pm

Bendigo Library

Tue 25 Mar, 9.30-10.30am

Dingee Library Agency

Thu 27 Mar, 5-6pm

Kyneton Library

Thu 3 Apr, 2-3pm

Axedale Library Agency

Tue 29 Apr, 2.30-3.30pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Ross Gillett:

Poets I'd like to dine with

Ross Gillett lets us in on why, as a poet and a reader of poetry, he chose (amongst so many possibilities) seven poets to present as the ones he has been most inspired by. A special celebration for World Poetry Day. What poets would you invite to dinner? Enjoy a coffee on us as you contemplate the delicious possibilities.

Fri 21 Mar, 11am-12pm

Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW

Pop-up book group:

My Efficient Electric Home

See page 12 for details.

Thu 27 Mar & 3 Apr, 5.30-6.30pm

Woodend Library

BOOK
NOW

Thu 8 & 15 May, 5.30-6.30pm

Kyneton Library

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 11 Mar, 10.30am-12.30pm

Castlemaine Library



LIFELONG LEARNING

Talks & Presentations

Saturday Philosophy

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

New topic each month.

More info at practicalphilosophyvic.org.au.

Sat 1 Mar, 5 Apr & 3 May, 10-11.30am
Castlemaine Library



My Aged Care & Home Care Package education

Gain an understanding of how to access My Aged Care and Home Care Packages at this informal session. Includes time for Q&A.

Presented by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Tue 4 Mar, 10-11am
Kyneton Library

BOOK NOW

Tue 6 May, 10-11am
Romsey Library



Take the First Step

Take the first step towards healthy eating and active living with fun and informative presentations from Bendigo Community Health Services (BCHS) at Kangaroo Flat Library.

Free fruit stand

Mar & Apr

Fuel their day: Healthy lunches made simple!

Fuel their day! Come along for tips on making nutritious lunchbox meals, learn about healthy food swaps, reading food labels, healthy eating guides and more.

BOOK NOW

Thu 13 Mar, 10-11am

Plan for healthy habits

Discover simple and practical ways to improve your healthy eating and physical activity habits. Hosted by the BCHS Health Promotion team to support people aged 65+ in making healthier choices.

Finger food included. Please wear comfortable clothes for light exercise.

Thu 22 May, 12.15-1.15pm

BOOK NOW

Parenting Talks & Workshops

CatholicCare Victoria
Regional Parenting Program

Building resilience in kids

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

BOOK
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Tue 4 Mar, 1.30-3pm

Bendigo Library

Understanding Toddlers

A discussion around the joys and challenges of the toddler years. Introduces brain development, normalises difficult days, and shares strategies to connect with toddlers.

BOOK
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Wed 2 Apr, 1.30-3pm

Bendigo Library

Connecting with kids

Learn how to use emotional intelligence to understand and guide children's behaviour. Includes information on beliefs around parenting as well as children's brain and emotional development.

BOOK
NOW

Mon 5 May, 1.30-3pm

Bendigo Library

Get Ready...Get Techy: Vic Emergency app

Digital devices are a fantastic way to prepare for emergencies and will help you stay informed and connected if disaster strikes. Get assistance to download and set up apps on your smartphone or tablet that allow you to be notified in case of a bushfire or flood, call for help, report hazards, plan for emergencies, and connect with others. Facilitated by MRSC.

Please bring your smartphone or tablet.

Bookings phone 5422 0333.

BOOK
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Thu 13 Mar, 10-11.30am

Woodend Library

Thu 27 Mar, 10-11.30am

Romsey Library



Mount Alexander Shire Council
& Dhelkeya Health

Friendships, relationships and big emotions

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

BOOK
NOW

Thu 27 Mar, 5.30-6.30pm

Castlemaine Library

Embrace Kids documentary

Parents and their children are invited to enjoy this uplifting film, which brings together a vibrant collection of stories from young people and famous friends, sharing experiences about body image, bullying, gender identity, and more. Filled with fun and joy, the film helps children decode the ways culture advertising, social media and celebrity culture influence how we feel about our bodies.

BOOK
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Sat 15 Mar, 10.30am-12pm

Castlemaine Library

Fri 11 Apr, 2-3.30pm

Bendigo Library



Justice of the Peace Service

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

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

Pop-up book group: My Efficient Electric Home Handbook

Sign up for our mini book group to discuss how to transform your home - old, new or rented - for a cleaner, safer, comfortable, cheaper electric future. Discussions based around tips and strategies from Tim Forcey's *My Efficient Electric Home Handbook*, with topics including heating and cooling, hot water heat pumps, induction cooktops, insulation, solar energy and more.

Collect a copy of the book from the library when you sign up.

Facilitated by MRSRG Sustainable Homes Action Group.

Thu 27 Mar & 3 Apr, 5.30-6.30pm
Woodend Library

Sign up and collect books: 1-21 March.
Return books by 3 April.

Thu 8 & 15 May, 5.30-6.30pm
Kyneton Library

Sign up and collect books: 4 April-2 May.
Return books by 15 May.

Beck Lowe: Our Street (permaculture for kids)

See page 8 for details.

Sat 29 Mar, 10.30-11.30am
Heathcote Library

BOOK NOW

Free community legal education

Join ARC Justice to discuss the importance of having wills, powers of attorney, and advance care directives in place to ensure that your voice is heard if things take a turn for the worse. A fantastic opportunity to ask questions and gain clarity.

Everyone is welcome.

Tue 20 May, 11am-12.30pm
Bendigo Library

Wed 21 May, 10.30am-12pm
Wedderburn Library Agency

Wed 21 May, 1-2.30pm
Inglewood Library Agency

BOOK NOW

Foster care information session

Join MacKillop Family Services for information about becoming a foster carer, whether it be care and support on weekends, school holidays, short-term or long-term.

Morning tea provided.

Wed 28 May, 10-11am
Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

Digital Literacy

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.

Mar-May

All library branches and agencies

Mon 24 Mar, 28 Apr & 26 May, 2.30-4pm
Kyneton Library

Creating a website using WordPress

Whether you want to create a personal blog, a website for your business, or a page for a community group, this workshop will guide you through the basics of using WordPress to easily create and maintain your own great looking website. Basic computer knowledge required.

BYO laptop or use one of ours.

BOOK NOW

Wed 12 Mar, 1.30-3pm
Inglewood Library Agency

Thu 10 Apr, 11am-12.30pm
Boort Library Agency

Fri 9 May, 2-3.30pm
Heathcote Library

Watching and listening online

Learn how to stream films, audiobooks and more, including what's available for free with your library card.

BOOK NOW

Mon 17 Mar, 10.30-11.30am
Kangaroo Flat Library



Prepare your digital legacy plan

Learn how to create a digital legacy plan to help your family manage your online accounts and other digital assets when you die (or are no longer able to).

BOOK NOW

Fri 21 Mar, 11am-12pm
Castlemaine Library

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 25 Mar, 11am-12pm
Romsey Library

Thu 1 May, 11am-12pm
Gisborne Library

Tue 27 May, 1-2pm
Eaglehawk Library

Identifying and avoiding scams

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

BOOK NOW

Tue 25 Mar, 2-3pm
Eaglehawk Library

Understanding web tracking and data breaches

Learn how companies track your web browsing to target you with ads, how data breaches can affect you, and some things you can do to protect yourself.

Thu 27 Mar, 2-3pm

Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

Digital declutter

Overwhelmed by your inbox? Can't find your files? Learn to organise, delete, and streamline your apps, photos, and files for a more efficient digital life.

Mon 31 Mar, 2.30-3.30pm

Kyneton Library

BOOK NOW

Cybersecurity Resilience Clinic

A free workshop from IDCare to help you learn how to protect yourself from scams and stay safe online.

More information available on booking or collect a flyer from Kangaroo Flat Library.

Tue 1 Apr, 1.30-3pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK NOW

Tracing your ancestors in Australia

Discover how and where to find the online resources and records you need to build your family's Australian story.

Fri 4 Apr, 2.30-3.30pm

Castlemaine Library

BOOK NOW

Australian War Memorial records

Take a guided tour of the Australian War Memorial's digital collections. Explore records, photographs, films and art from Australia's military history.

Wed 30 Apr, 2-3pm

Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

Fri 2 May, 2-3pm

Castlemaine Library



Reading apps

Looking for a way to keep track of your reading? Need somewhere to store your next reads? How about an app on your phone? Come along to explore different reading tracking apps.

Wed 7 May, 10-11am

Woodend Library

BOOK NOW

Digitise your photos and negatives

Would you like to know how to digitise your old negatives and photos? Come along to this demonstration to find out how.

Friday 30 May, 12.30-1.30pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK NOW

Family & Local History

Genealogy workshops at Bendigo Library

Presented by Bendigo Family History Group.
For bookings visit bendigofamilyhistory.org

Michael Trounson: Webb building

Sat 15 Mar, 2-3pm

Understanding Ancestry.com

Wed 19 Mar, 11am-12pm

Starting your family research

Wed 16 April, 11am-12pm

Dr Buddhi Jayatilleke: AI and genealogy

Sat 17 April, 2-3pm

Family tree maker

Wed 21 May, 11am-12pm



Presented by Bendigo Regional Genealogical Society.

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Mon 3 Mar, 10-11am

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Using public records

Mon 7 Apr, 10-11am

BOOK
NOW

Researching addresses

Mon 5 May, 10-11am

BOOK
NOW

Genealogy Research Help

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

Bendigo Family History Group

Wed and Sat, 10am-2pm
Bendigo Library

Bendigo Regional Genealogical Society

Mon, 11am-3pm
Bendigo Library

Gisborne Genealogy Group

Tue, 10am-1pm & Thu, 2-5pm
Gisborne 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.

Tue 25 Mar & 8 Apr, 2-3pm
Bendigo Library

BOOK
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Discovering History: Lola Montez

Lola Montez's legacy on the goldfields of Victoria is deeply embedded in legend, popular culture, and folklore. Whilst renowned for her provocative performances and flamboyant persona, the woman behind the myth remains elusive. From her infamous feud with Henry Seekamp (editor of the Ballarat Times) to her notorious spider dance she embodies the defiance of social norms and the willingness to challenge powerful men. The historian's challenge is to separate fact from fiction in a life that blurred the lines between reality and spectacle.

Dr David Waldron is a senior lecturer at Federation University, specialising in folklore and community heritage, and the author of several books.



Thu 27 Mar, 5.30-6.30pm

Bendigo Library or online via Zoom

Sandhurst House Hunting

Bendigo Regional Archives Centre (BRAC) will guide you through steps and resources for tracing properties in the old City of Bendigo district through time. Discover who lived in your house or where your great-great grandparents' house was actually sited (street numbers changed across Bendigo in the 1850-70's).

Extra information will be included on resources available at BRAC for the Borough of Eaglehawk.



Tue 29 Apr, 2-3pm

Eaglehawk Library

Wed 14 May, 3-4pm

Bendigo Library

Australian Heritage Festival

A Matter of Judgement

Bendigo district court records are a window to Victoria's laws and a community's sense of justice. BRAC has created a new, free guide to accessing, using and interpreting these records. Join us to launch the guide, learn about our collection and hear about the human stories uncovered along the way.



Thu 1 May, 5.30-6.30pm

Bendigo Library

Researching at the library

The library has a plethora of research resources available including ancestry.com, newspapers on microfilm, a photo scanner and many reference materials. Come on in for an introduction to these resources and how to use them.



Fri 2 May, 2.30-3.30pm

Bendigo Library

CONNECTION & CREATIVITY



Special Activities

Mindfulness Made Easy: a short course

Join Guy Robbins, Gisborne resident and psychologist, to learn and practice mindfulness for wellbeing. Instruction, discussion and guided practice in a small group setting. We suggest you attend all three sessions for maximum benefit.

Suitable for people of all ages and walks of life.

Tue 4, 11 & 18 Mar
1-1.45pm or 6-6.45pm
Gisborne Library

BOOK
NOW

Art workshop: Contemporary pen drawing

Artist Marilyn Andrews will guide you in the art of contemporary drawing with coloured pens.

Resources and refreshments provided. For adults 18+ years (new attendees only).

\$25 materials cost. Please pay cash on the day.

Thu 3 Apr, 10am-3pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK
NOW

Get Moving!

Strong Seniors: Strength training for older adults

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

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

Note: No session on Monday 9 June.

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GROUP A:
Mon 28 Apr-Thu 19 Jun, 10-10.45am

GROUP B:
Mon 28 Apr-Thu 19 Jun, 11.15am-12pm

Kangaroo Flat Library
Bookings: phone 5447 8344

Pet portrait workshops

Calling all pet lovers! Join one of our workshops to paint your pet, facilitated by local Bendigo artist, Kim Lowe. Kim will guide you in capturing your pet's unique personality using acrylic paint on canvas.

For adults.

Please email a photo of your pet in advance to programs@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

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

Fri 16 May, 10am-12pm & 1-3pm
Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW

Regular Programs

Crafting Connections

Enjoy conversation and craft. Everyone's welcome!

Crochet: Mon 3 Mar, 7 Apr & 5 May, 2-4pm
Gisborne Library

Colour Me Happy: Tue 4 Mar, 1 April & 6 May, 1-4.30pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

Wed 5 Mar & 7 May, 1-4.30pm
Woodend Library

Fri 7 Mar, 4 Apr & 2 May, 2.30-4pm
Kyneton Library

A Curious Circle: Tue 11 Mar, 8 Apr & 13 May, 5.30-7.30pm
Romsey Library

Thu 13 Mar, 10 Apr, 8 & 29 May, 1-2.30pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

Games and Chat

Enjoy conversation and refreshments.

Jigsaw: Wed 5 Mar, 2 Apr & 7 May, 1-4.30pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

Scrabble: Fri 14 Mar, 11 Apr & 9 May 1-4.30pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

The Memory Place: Kitchens and cooking

Join us for memories, conversation and fun as we share our kitchen themed memory kit and reflect on the stories objects can tell.

Thu 15 May, 1.30-2.30pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK NOW

Jigsaw puzzle swap

Puzzles must be at least 500 pieces, in good condition, in original box, with no missing pieces. No children's puzzles, please.

Sat 24 May 10-11.30am
Kangaroo Flat Library

Library Film Club

Tracks (M)

Fri 7 Mar, 3-5pm
Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

Thu 13 Mar, 5-7pm
Castlemaine Library

It Ends With Us (M)

Wed 12 Mar, 10.30am-12.45pm
Romsey Library

BOOK NOW

Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice (M)

Wed 12 Mar, 1-2.45pm
Gisborne Library

BOOK NOW

The Drover's Wife (M15+)

Wed 9 Apr, 10.30am-12.30pm
Romsey Library

BOOK NOW

A Man Called Otto (M)

Wed 14 May, 10.30am-12.45pm
Romsey Library

BOOK NOW

Wicked: Part 1 (M)

Wed 14 May, 1-3.40pm
Gisborne Library

BOOK NOW

Golden Age of Cinema at Bendigo Library

Charulata (no rating - 1964)
Fri 28 Mar, 5.30-7.30pm

BOOK NOW

The Battle of Algiers (M - 1966)
Thu 24 Apr, 5.30-7.30pm

12 Angry Men (G - 1957)
Fri 30 May, 5.30-7.10pm

TEENS & YOUNG PEOPLE



Junk journal workshop

Create your own customised journal using recycled materials and quirky embellishments – a fun and creative way to preserve your story. Snack break included.

Ages 12-18 years.

BOOK NOW

Tue 8 Apr, 10.30am-2.30pm

Romsey Library

Tue 15 Apr, 10.30am-2.30pm

Woodend Library

Made with Pride: Crochet hearts

Create beautiful crocheted pocket hearts in rainbow colours to celebrate love, pride, and inclusion. Some experience helpful – but not necessary.

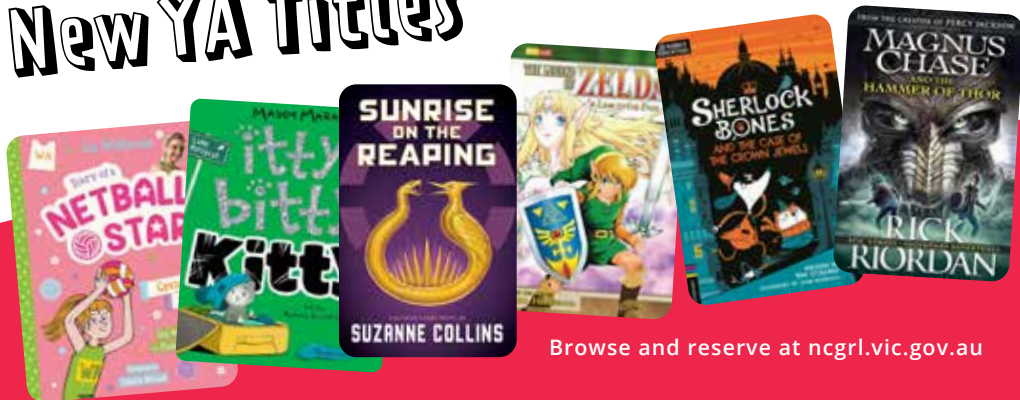
Ages 12+ years.

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Thu 15 May, 4-5pm

Castlemaine Library

New YA Titles



Browse and reserve at ncgrl.vic.gov.au

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

School Holiday Program

Pick up a program from 24 March, or visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

Primary School Years

Amazing colouring challenge

Collect an entry form from the library for your chance to win a copy of *Pip and Zoe's Amazing Adventures*. The more colourful and creative, the better!

March

Woodend Library

Zoe Cottew: Pip and Zoe's Amazing Adventures

Join author Zoe Cottew as she shares heartfelt stories of her childhood in Indonesia and the fabulous menagerie of animals she grew up with. Zoe's idyllic adventures are brought to life by the stunningly evocative illustrations of Cassia Whitton.

A family event especially suited to primary school age children.

Book sales and signings.

Sat 15 Mar, 10.30-11.30am

Woodend Library

BOOK NOW

STEM Club

Join us for an exciting series of STEM activities designed to spark curiosity and inspire young minds. Perfect for enthusiastic tinkerers.

Ages 7+ years.

**Sat 15, 22, 29 Mar & 5 Apr
10.30-11.30am**

Gisborne Library

BOOK NOW

Dahlia & Arts Fiesta! Mexican paper flowers

Create a vibrant Mexican paper flower in preparation for the Dahlia and Arts parade.

Sat 15 Mar, 10.30am-12.30pm

Eaglehawk Library

Minecraft Lab

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

Ages 8-12 years.

Tue 25 Mar, 4-5pm

Romsey Library

BOOK NOW

Thu 24 Apr, 4-5pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Thu 1 May, 4.30-5.30pm

Kyneton Library

Tue 27 May, 3.45-4.45pm

Eaglehawk Library

Beck Lowe: Our Street (Permaculture for Kids)

See page 8 for details.

Sat 29 Mar, 10.30-11.30am

Heathcote Library

BOOK NOW

Beyond Curious: Expanding STEM Horizons

Coming soon! STEM Maker Programs presented with the Discovery Science & Technology Centre, Bendigo. Includes Curious Kids at Storytime, and school holiday program activities.

All libraries and selected library agencies

Early Years

Storytime Specials

Wonderful Water Storytime with Coliban Water

Mon 17 Mar, 10-10.30am

Kyneton Library

Tue 18 Mar, 10.30-11.15am

Eaglehawk Library

Wed 19 Mar, 10.30-11.15am

Castlemaine Library

Fri 21 Mar, 9.30-10am

Heathcote Library

Mon 24 Mar, 11.30am-12pm

Elmore Library Agency

Fri 28 Mar, 10.30-11.15am

Kangaroo Flat Library

Bilingual Storytimes

Portuguese: Mon 17 Mar, 10.30-11.15am

Mandarin: Wed 19 Mar, 10.30-11.15am

Bendigo Library

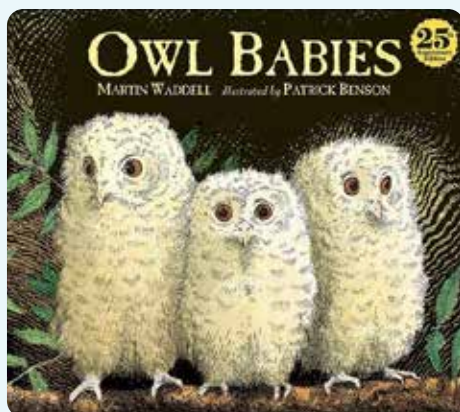
Auslan Storytime

Celebrate Auslan as a vibrant and expressive language, enabling deaf children and their families to connect with storytelling in their first language, and hearing audiences to experience this rich culture. Delivered by a deaf storyteller and an Auslan interpreter.

Funded by a Multicultural Storytime grant from the Department of Health to Expression Australia.

Details to come. Ask in branch or visit goldfieldslibraries.com

Bendigo Library



Owl Babies Storytime

Come along to this special event for young families featuring the beautiful story of *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell, music from Blurbs performers Sean & Min, and a fun owl craft. It will be a hoot, we promise!

Ages 0-6 years.

1000 Books Before School sign-up table available for those who would like to join.

Sat 22 Mar, 10.30-11.30am

Bendigo Library

Bonjour Storytime

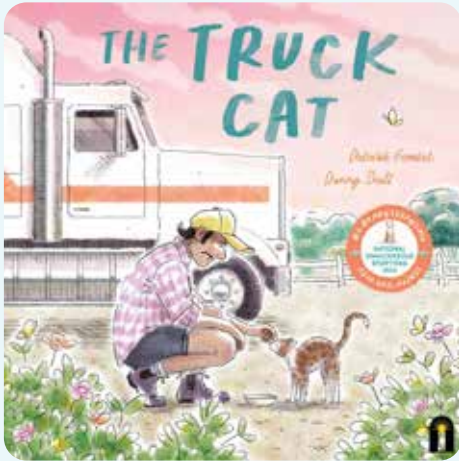
Sat 22 Mar, 10.30-11.30am

Woodend Library

Fabulous Food Storytime

Sat 29 Mar, 10.30-11.15am

Kangaroo Flat Library



National Simultaneous Storytime: The Truck Cat

Young families are invited to join in the fun of National Simultaneous Storytime – Australia’s biggest story reading event. While some libraries will be reading the book at different times, we’ll still be enjoying all the fun together!

Ages 3-5 years.

Enjoy a reading of *The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell, and make your own little cat mask.

More details at ncgrl.vic.gov.au/nss

Wed 21 May, 12-12.45pm

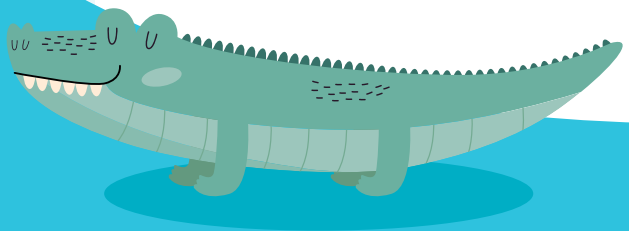
Participating libraries and selected library agencies



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



Play in the Garden Day

Visit the library space at this great event for little kids!

Tue 18 Mar, 10am-1pm

Garden for the Future
Bendigo Botanic Gardens



Little Bang Discovery Club

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

Ages 4-6 years.

Please attend with your child. Attendance required at all four sessions.

Sat 3, 10, 24 & 31 May, 10.30-11.30am

Romsey Library

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Orchestra Victoria: Tomorrow is a Brand-New Day

See page 5 for details.

Wed 21 May, 11-11.45am

Bendigo Library

Thu 22 May, 11-11.45am

Eaglehawk Library

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Itty Bitty Playdate

Meet with other young families for a coffee, a chat and a little bit of play.

Ages 0-5 years.

Wed 2-3pm (during school term)

Gisborne Library

StoryWalks

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

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Can You Teach a Fish to Climb a Tree

Gingell Street, Castlemaine

Grace and Mr Milligan

Kyneton, path by Primary School and Kinder

Little Bird's Day

Heathcote Playspace, 126 High Street

Family Tree

Nardoo Walking Track, Chapel Street
Wedderburn

The Pear in the Pear Tree

Rotary Gateway Park, Kangaroo Flat



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
ncgrl.vic.gov.au