

WHAT'S ON

Winter 2025

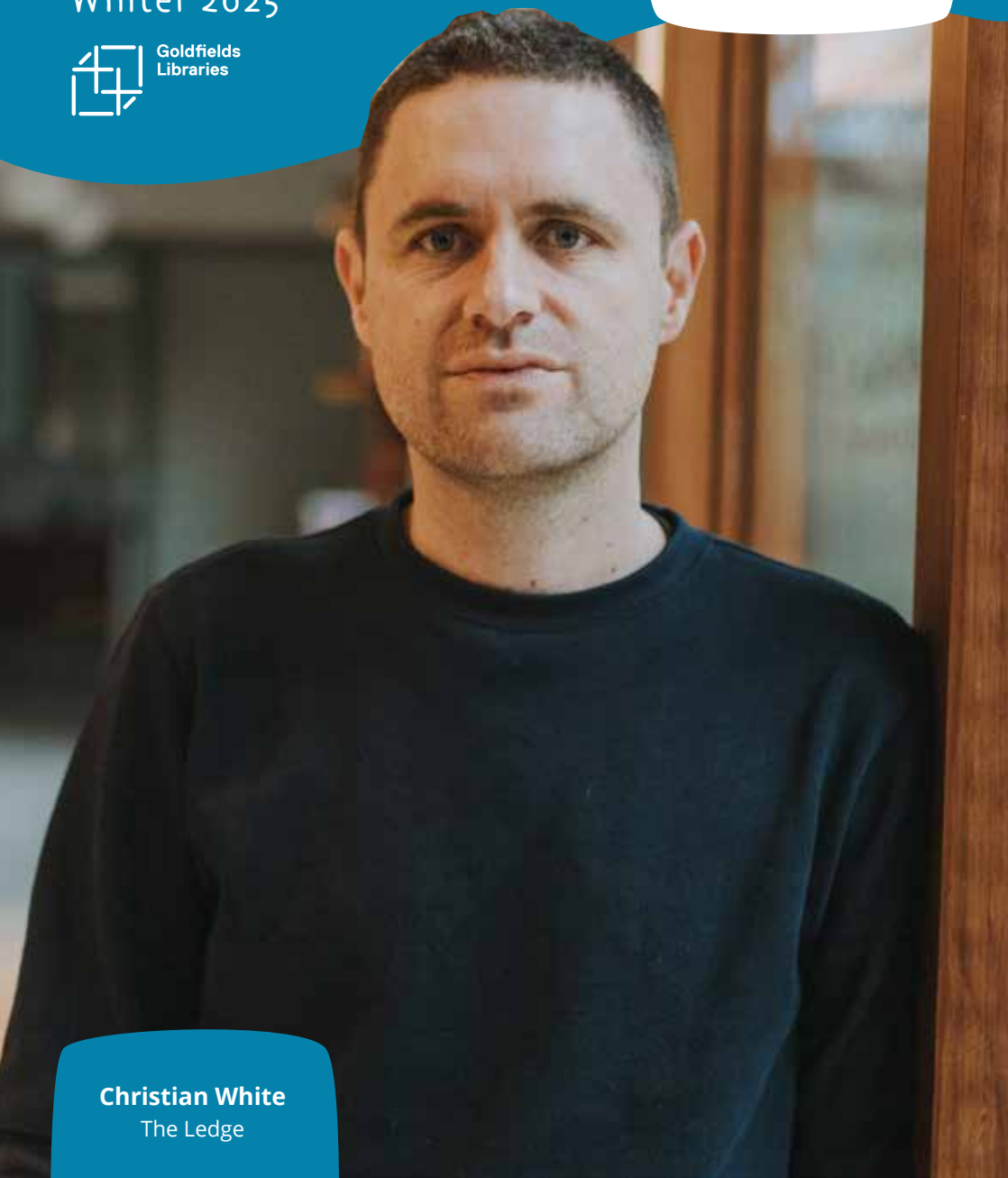


Goldfields
Libraries

Warm Winter Read

Demystifying Dementia

Nature Journalling



Christian White
The Ledge

How to Book

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



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 phone 5449 2790 or email programs@ncgrl.vic.gov.au



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

Find us on social media  

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SPECIAL EVENTS



Cosy up with a good book this winter and fall in love with reading! The Warm Winter Read encourages readers aged 16+ across Victoria to cultivate healthy reading habits and to find more time to enjoy books over the cooler months.

For more information, see ncgrl.vic.gov.au/warmwinterread

For linked activities, see pages 8-9.

Winter

All libraries and library agencies

Refugee Week

Finding Freedom: Diversity in community

The journey towards freedom is a challenging path that many refugees take, escaping oppression and uncertainty for safety in a new place. What does it mean to be free? To live without the fear of war, to have your basic human rights upheld, to live in equality and without the fear of persecution are some examples of what freedom can entail. Join us to hear about the experiences of those seeking asylum, and celebrate the inclusive communities across Australia that welcome those seeking refuge.

Hosted by Rural Australians for Refugees, Castlemaine.

Thu 19 Jun, 5-6pm
Castlemaine Library

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NAIDOC Week

Fibre Fun with Aunty Marilyn Nicholls

A special opportunity for grandies and their grandchildren to learn traditional crafting techniques from Dja Dja Wurrung elder and First Nations artist, Aunty Marilyn Nicholls. Create beautiful woven fibre rainbow sticks, snakes and lizards from straw and wool to take home.

For children aged 5-12 years, and their grandparent. Please book for all attending.

An intergenerational activity supported by the City of Greater Bendigo.

Fri 11 Jul, 10.30-11.30am & 1-2pm
Bendigo Library

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Homelessness Week

Documentary: Under Cover (PG)

The Hidden Faces of Homelessness

Narrated by Margot Robbie and sharing the often secret lives of an eclectic group of women across Australia, *Under Cover* highlights the devastating reality that women over 50 are the fastest growing cohort experiencing homelessness in the country. Their moving but optimistic portraits reveal the struggles these women face, and lay bare the flaws in our society, as well as our economic fragility in the modern world.

Mon 4 Aug, 11am-12.30pm
Woodend Library

Thu 7 Aug, 5-6.30pm
Castlemaine Library

Thu 7 Aug, 5-6.30pm
Kyneton Library

Thu 7 Aug, 5.30-7pm
Bendigo Library

Sat 9 Aug, 10.30am-12pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

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Fireside Funeral Chat

Celebrant Beverly Risstrom sits with many families who suddenly find they have to plan and organise a funeral. Often grief-stricken and exhausted, the bereaved find they have to make many unfamiliar decisions fast. Join Beverly for a relaxed and informal discussion about planning a funeral and how to make things easier for your family.

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Wed 6 Aug, 2-3pm

Inglewood Library Agency

Thu 7 Aug, 2-3pm

Kangaroo Flat Library



Reimagining Death with Hayley West

How can we approach death with creativity, care, and a lighter footprint? Explore meaningful alternatives, from living wakes to natural burials and end-of-life rituals, in this thought-provoking talk. Discover how we, as a community, can reshape our relationship with death.

Hayley West is an independent death worker, end-of-life consultant and host of DEAD AIR on 94.9 MainFM. She runs The Departure funerals, advocating for ethical, personal and ecological deathcare.

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Thu 14 Aug, 2-3pm

Kyneton Library

Thu 14 Aug, 5.30-6.30pm

Castlemaine Library



Little homes on our patch

Meet local author Joy Stone for a journey into her book, *The Little Homes on Honey Patch*, and discover ways to enhance habitat in your own patch—including how to create nestboxes for local birds and animals.

Suitable for families and interested individuals.

Book sales and signings.

Sat 9 Aug, 10.30-11.30am

Bendigo Library

BOOK
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Cloud stories at Storytime

Explore the sky through stories, songs and science, and create your very own cloud identifier to take home.

Ages 3-5 years.

Mon 11 Aug, 10-10.30am

Kyneton Library

Mon 11 Aug, 11.30am-12pm

Elmore Library Agency

Tue 12 & Fri 15 Aug, 10-10.30am

Woodend Library

Tue 12 Aug, 10.30-11am

Eaglehawk Library

Fri 15 Aug, 9.30-10am

Heathcote Library

Citizen science apps

Discover easy-to-use apps that let you contribute to real scientific research – from tracking wildlife to monitoring water. A great way to stay curious, connected, and make a difference from your own backyard.

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Tue 12 Aug, 2-3pm

Eaglehawk Library

Fri 15 Aug 1-2pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Bendigo Writers Festival

Bendigo Writers Festival satellite sessions

Guest authors to be announced soon.
Visit goldfieldslibraries.com for details.

Thu 14 Aug, 12-1pm

Heathcote Library

Thu 14 Aug, 4-5pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Fri 15 Aug, 12-1pm

Elmore Library Agency

BOOK
NOW

AUTHORS, READING & WRITING

Author Talks

Alyce Elmore: Speculative Fiction

What is speculative fiction, and what delineates it from science fiction and fantasy? Join local author Alyce Elmore, who has written in all three genres, for a deep dive into the world of the speculative.

Book sales and signings.

Thu 26 Jun, 2-2.30pm

Kyneton Library

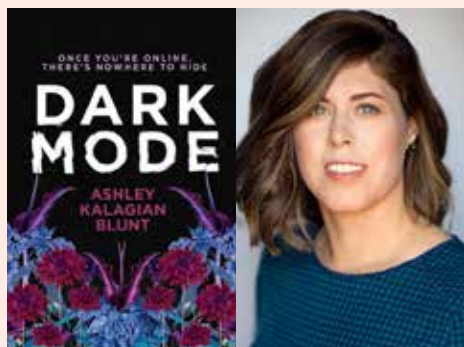


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Ashley Kalagian Blunt: Australia's queen of tech noir

Meet Ashley Kalagian Blunt, Sydney-based author of crime thrillers *Dark Mode* and *Cold Truth*. Ashley will talk about the dark web, cybercrime, and the true crime inspirations that flavour her novels.

Book sales and signings

Supported by Bookish.

Mon 30 Jun, 1-2pm

Bendigo Library

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Jane Gazzo: I Hear Motion

Bands that Soundtracked our Lives 1980-89

The '80s – the era of Hawke, a booming economy, big hair, genderbenders and the new-wave synth-pop explosion. Tuning into Countdown each Sunday night to watch the latest and local bands in one of the most colourful and creative decades in Australian music. Join writer Jane Gazzo as she explores the Aussie bands we loved with interviews, photos and archives of the time, plus stories about the songs, bands, excesses and break-ups – a fabulous event for Australian music fans.

Hosted by Trash Cult Eaglehawk (Bendigo) and Suzanne Donisthorpe MainFM (Castlemaine).

Book sales and signings.

Jane Gazzo is passionate about music and has spent her life surrounded by it as a music journalist, radio broadcaster, self-confessed music hoarder and author of *Sound as Ever* and *I Hear Motion*.

Fri 27 Jun, 5.30-6.30pm

Bendigo Library

Sat 28 Jun, 10.30-11.30am

Castlemaine Library

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Demystifying Dementia with Rose Capp and Sean Wilson

A fascinating conversation about how we can demystify people's experience of caring for someone with dementia, as well as better manage our own journey (or possible journey). Sean Wilson has written a work of fiction based on his grandmother's experience of living with dementia, and Rose Capp is an aged-care specialist and dementia educator, so this will be a lively, intelligent and informative conversation on a topic we tend to either fear or steer away from. Not this time...join us!

Book sales and signings.

Tue 15 Jul, 11am-12pm
Woodend Library

Wed 16 Jul, 11am-12pm
Bendigo Library

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Holly Brunnbauer: What Did I Miss?

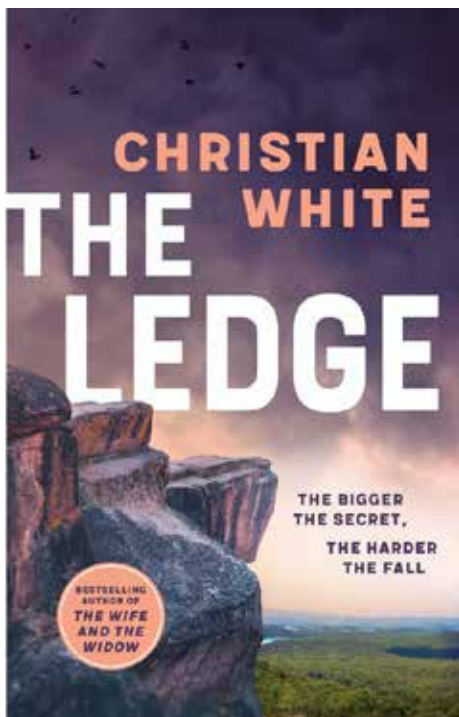
Join the lively Holly Brunnbauer to hear about her debut novel, a fresh and feisty romantic comedy about what happens when you meet someone special before truly knowing yourself. Married young. Finally divorced. Turning thirty...you'll love it!

Book sales and signings.

Fri 25 Jul, 10.30-11.30am
Romsey Library

Fri 25 Jul, 2-3pm
Kyneton Library

BOOK
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Christian White: The Ledge

Meet Warm Winter Read ambassador, current hot author and screenwriter, Christian White. Christian will talk about his latest book, *The Ledge*, a propulsive thriller and coming-of-age story that explores toxic masculinity, the moral shades of friendship and loyalty, and just how far you would-and should-go for a friend. The story unfolds at breakneck pace, racing towards an earth-shattering twist and a climax where nothing is as it seems.

Book sales and signings.

Christian White's credits include feature film *Relic*, Netflix series *Clickbait* and four best selling novels including *The Nowhere Child* winner of the Victorian Premier's Literary Award for an Unpublished Manuscript.

Tue 29 Jul, 11am-12pm
Gisborne Library

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Warm Winter Read



Warm Winter Read at Duneira Estate

Authors Cate Kennedy and Angela Stewart share what they're reading this winter – and they'd love to hear your recommendations too. Join us at Duneira Estate for an intimate fireside session, complete with a glass of wine, followed by a tour of the historic house and Stuart Stoneman's Art Collection.

Cost: \$20. Please pay cash on the day.

A Warm Winter Read partnership event from Goldfields Libraries and Duneira Estate.

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Sun 3 Aug, 2-4pm

Duneira Estate – Historic Home & Gardens
Officer Lane, Mount Macedon

Writing Workshop

Krysteen Dvoracek: Creating compelling characters

A hands-on writing workshop to discover how to create and build fictional characters that jump off the page. Last year, Krysteen had five short stories published in *Lies, Lies and More Lies*, a collection of fictional character portraits, and a guide to creating characters by international writing teacher Jules Swales. Krysteen will share stories from Jules' book, as well as the Jack Grapes Method Writing process taught by Jules – a method that cracked her open as a writer and gave her the confidence to write fiction.

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Sat 16 Aug, 10.30am -12pm

Kyneton Library



LIFELONG LEARNING



Home Energy Empowerment Program

Learn how to improve the comfort and energy efficiency of your home, plan for the long term and save on energy bills!

Review your energy bills – 1:1 help

Bring in your bill and have it reviewed to check you are on the cheapest energy plan and gain some energy saving tips.

Bookings in person or by phone at your library.

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Mon 2 Jun, 2-4pm

Wed 23 Jul & Thu 14 Aug, 10am-1pm

Bendigo Library

Thu 3 Jul, 1-4pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Thu 10 Jul, 1-4pm

Heathcote Library

Tue 26 Aug, 1-4pm

Eaglehawk Library

Energy bills presentation

Come and learn how to make sure you are on the cheapest energy plan for you and what concessions and supports are available.

BOOK NOW

Thu 12 Jun, 2-3pm

Axedale Library Agency

Mon 23 Jun, 10-10.30am

Bendigo Library

Mon 30 Jun, 10-10.30am

Kangaroo Flat Library

Tue 5 Aug, 2-2.30pm

Eaglehawk Library

Fri 29 Aug, 11am-12pm

Elmore Library Agency

Online lunch and learn at Bendigo Library

Bring along your lunch (or not) and hear from the experts at these informative and relaxed online talks coming to you on our large screen.

A masterclass on draught proofing

Presented by Maurice Beinat, EcoMaster.

Mon 2 Jun, 12.30-1.15pm

Efficient heating and cooling

Presented by Lucinda Flynn, Going Green Solutions.

Tue 17 Jun, 12.30-1.15pm

Insulate for a truly comfortable home

Presented by Maurice Beinat, EcoMaster.

Mon 7 Jul, 12.30-1.15pm

Intro to hot water heat pumps

Presented by Frank Forster, Newstead Enviroshop.

Tue 22 Jul, 12.30-1.15pm

Maximising solar savings

Presented by Frank Forster, Newstead Enviroshop.

Mon 4 Aug, 12.30-1.15pm

Windows and blinds for comfort and efficiency

Presented by Lucinda Flynn, Going Green Solutions.

Tue 19 Aug, 12.30-1.15pm



Talks & Presentations

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.

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Tue 3 Jun, 10-11am
Gisborne Library

Wed 18 Jun, 10-11am
Woodend Library

Plan for Healthy Habits

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

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

BOOK NOW

Thu 5 Jun, 12.15-1.15pm
Kangaroo Flat 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

Saturday Philosophy at Castlemaine Library

Gather with like-minded people to enjoy a session of thought-provoking ideas run by the Central Goldfields School of Philosophy – focussing on the topic of *love* this winter.

More info at practicalphilosophyvic.org.au

When we say we love someone, what is it we love?

BOOK NOW

Sat 7 Jun, 10-11.30am

Causes of conflict/hostility

BOOK NOW

Sat 5 Jul, 10-11.30am

Love and gratitude

BOOK NOW

Sat 2 Aug, 10-11.30am

Diabetes Education

Join Sunbury Cobaw Community Health's Diabetes Educator to learn:

- The differences between Type 1, Type 2, and Pre-diabetes
- Possible complications associated with diabetes
- Risk factors and steps to reduce your risk

Bookings: 5422 0333 or
hshort@mrsc.vic.gov.au

BOOK NOW

Fri 13 Jun, 10.30-11.30am
Romsey Library

Cooking demos & tastings with Anna Deacon

Anna Deacon is a skilled local cook, regular contributor to ABC Radio and author of *Scrumptious: Soft Food Worth Sharing*.



Warm the cockles with winter soups

Nothing warms the soul like a bowl of homemade soup. Local food author Anna Deacon will demonstrate three of her favourite winter soups and toppers, with tastings, of course! Anna will also demystify induction cooktops and show how easy they are to use.

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Fri 20 Jun, 1-2pm

Bendigo Library

Sat 21 Jun, 10.30-11.30am

Kangaroo Flat Library

Tue 24 Jun 1-2pm

Eaglehawk Library

Fri 27 Jun, 11am-12pm

Elmore Library Agency

Winter tipples

Join us for drinks and nibbles as local food author Anna Deacon shows you how to whip up some fresh and delicious non-alcoholic tipples for your next winter get-together.

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Fri 20 Jun, 5.30-6.30pm

Bendigo Library

Fri 1 Aug, 1-2pm

Castlemaine Library

Climate health

Climate health is both an environmental and health issue. Higher temperatures, floods and extreme weather events are becoming more common and causing a range of health effects. Join us to learn how we can help the environment, protect our health and save money on our daily cost of living.

BOOK
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Tue 1 Jul, 11am-12pm

Bendigo Library

Tue 22 Jul, 2-3pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Sustainable House Kit – Show & tell

Come and learn how and where to use the different equipment in the Sustainable House Kit, freely available for loan from the library. Find out what the information you collect means for your home.

Supported by the City of Greater Bendigo.

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Sat 2 Aug, 11am-12pm

Bendigo Library

Parenting Talks & Workshops

Mount Alexander Shire Council
& Dhelkaya Health

Before the hormones hit

Learn how understanding and parenting pre-pubescent children can positively impact the next stage of tweens and teens. Information and discussion on puberty, sex, emotions, social media and supporting young people through their friendships and relationships.

For parents and carers of primary school-aged children.

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Thu 12 Jun, 5.15-6.45pm

Castlemaine Library

Beyond the diagnosis: Supporting your child with ADHD

A valuable and informative session for parents and caregivers of children diagnosed with ADHD, as well as those wondering if ADHD could be a factor for their child.

Presented by Sally Melville, Orange Jug ADHD Coaching & Consultancy.

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Thu 26 Jun, 5.30-7pm

Castlemaine Library

All things tweens and teens

Information on topics that most parents can relate to, including tips on communicating, negotiating the world of porn, media and technology, and talking about sex with teens.

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Thu 31 Jul, 5.15-6.45pm

Castlemaine Library

Teens and technology

Learn how to understand teen tech use and foster positive digital experiences. Gain practical tips for guiding young people in making informed decisions while using technology responsibly and creatively.

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Thu 21 Aug, 5.15-6.45pm

Castlemaine Library



CatholicCare Victoria
Regional Parenting Program

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.

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Thu 24 Jul, 12.30-2pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Knowing your teen

This workshop covers the reasons why children get angry, understanding your own responses to your children's anger and ways to help children express their anger appropriately.

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Mon 18 Aug, 9.30-11am

Bendigo Library

Family & Local History

Genealogy Presentations & Workshops

Presented by Bendigo Regional Genealogical Society.

Researching with Find My Past

Mon 16 Jun, 10-11am

BOOK
NOW

Researching family history in South Africa

Mon 28 Jul, 11am-12pm

BOOK
NOW

Presented by Gisborne Genealogical Group

Intro to Ancestry

Tue 12 Aug, 1-3pm

BOOK
NOW

Intro to Find My Past

Fri 15 Aug, 1-3pm

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

World Chocolate Day 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 Indulge Fine Chocolates of Bendigo.

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

Mon 7 Jul, 11am-12pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

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Discovering History: The Sandhurst Mechanics' Institute and the Lives of the Poets

Presented by Associate Professor Claire Knowles and Dr Alexis Harley, La Trobe University.

Opened in 1854, the Sandhurst Mechanics' Institute held the largest book collection in Bendigo for over half a century. In this lively conversation, discover what the Mechanics' Institute reveals about the history of reading and writing in the Goldfields. Taking us from handwritten marginalia to the suspiciously pristine pages of a 150-year-old book of verse, from complex and ambitious literature to 1860s advertising jingles, we'll examine the archival clues and newspaper records to find out what readers and writers were up to in this formative stage of Bendigo's history.

Claire Knowles has published three books on romantic-era poetry and is the former president of the Romantic Studies Association of Australasia.

Alexis Harley lectures at La Trobe University, where she researches the cross-pollinations of 19th-century literature and the history of science in colonial contexts.



Thu 31 Jul, 5.30-6.30pm
Bendigo 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 8 & 22 Jul, 2-3pm
Bendigo Library



Thu 28 Aug, 5.30-6.30pm
Kyneton Library

Rates, Ratbags & Rebels: Finding forbears in the archive

Discover what the Bendigo Regional Archives Centre (BRAC) collection can tell you about your ancestors. Find out what is kept at BRAC, and delve into records from public agencies like courts, councils, and schools for a deeper story about your Bendigo ancestors, from where they lived and worked, to what they achieved and cared about.



Sat 2 Aug, 10-11am
Eaglehawk Library

Fri 8 Aug, 11.30am-12.30pm
Elmore Library Agency



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 30 Jun, 28 Jul, 25 Aug, 2.30-4pm

Kyneton Library

Managing and storing your digital photos

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

Fri 20 Jun, 11am-12pm

Castlemaine Library

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Staying safer online

A presentation from CommBank.

Mon 23 Jun, 10.30-11.30am

Kyneton Library

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Create photo books

Learn how to use your digital photos to create photo books ready for printing.

Mon 23 Jun, 11am-12pm

Castlemaine Library

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Wed 23 Jul, 11am-12pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Identifying & 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.

Thu 26 Jun, 10-11am

Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK
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AI for beginners

Curious about what AI (artificial intelligence) actually is, or wanting to be aware of evolving developments? Come along to this easy-going workshop for beginners with a show-and-tell of popular AI apps and information about the capabilities and limitations of the underlying technology.

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Thu 26 Jun, 1.30-2.30pm

Kyneton Library

Thu 24 Jul, 2-3pm

Axedale Library Agency

Wed 30 Jul, 2-3pm

Bendigo Library

Wed 27 Aug, 10.30-11.30am

Wedderburn Library Agency

Wed 27 Aug, 1.45-2.45pm

Inglewood Library Agency

Digital declutter

Inbox overflowing? Can't find your files? We'll show you how to organise, delete and streamline your digital life.

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Thu 26 Jun, 2-3pm

Bendigo Library

Mon 14 Jul, 2.30-4pm

Kyneton Library

Stop motion for grandparents and grandchildren

Grandparents, bring along a grandchild or two (6+) for a fun, hands-on stop-motion session. You'll learn the basics and create your own simple animation – no experience needed. Book one ticket per grandparent/grandchild team.

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Tue 8 Jul, 2-3pm

Eaglehawk Library



All about podcasts

Find out how and where to listen to podcasts, share your recommendations, and discover what others love listening to.

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Thu 24 Jul, 2-3pm

Bendigo Library

Online games

Explore a range of card and board games to play on your device.

BOOK
NOW

Mon 28 Jul, 11am-12pm

Woodend Library

Staying safer online

Learn the essentials of safe passwords, how to pay safely online and tips to avoid scams and tricks.

BOOK
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Mon 11 Aug, 2.30-4pm

Kyneton Library

Citizen science apps

See page 6 for details.

BOOK
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Tue 12 Aug, 2-3pm

Eaglehawk Library

Fri 15 Aug 1-2pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Introduction to Family Search

Explore your family history using a range of free online resources and tools.

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Fri 15 Aug, 11am-12pm

Castlemaine Library

CONNECTION & CREATIVITY



Special Activities

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 with awards for those that best embrace the theme of 'Brighten up your winter'.

Age groups: 5-12 years, 13-17 years, 18+ years.

Collect a canvas from 1 June.

Return canvas by 21 July.

Tiny Art Exhibition on 1-31 August.

Woodend Library

Nature journalling with Trace Balla for ages 55+

The practice of nature journalling has been around for centuries, encouraging us to slow down and observe the natural world with curiosity and wonder. As well as building memories, this peaceful and relaxing pastime has many health benefits. Join author and artist Trace Balla at an enjoyable workshop to get you started. All materials provided.

For ages 55+ years.

Supported by the City of Greater Bendigo.

Trace Balla creates graphic novels and children's books, finding inspiration in nature and incorporating local plant and animal species into her detailed drawings.

Sat 14 Jun, 10am-12pm

Bendigo Library

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Art workshop: Drawing florals

Artist Marilyn Andrews will guide you in drawing realistic and contemporary floral compositions using graphite pens and pencils, with a touch of coloured pencil.

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

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

Wed 9 Jul, 10am-3pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Bookings: phone 5447 8344

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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.

GROUP A:

Mon 14 Jul-Thu 4 Sep, 10-10.45am

GROUP B:

Mon 14 Jul-Thu 4 Sep, 11.15am-12pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Bookings: phone 5447 8344

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Discover mindfulness with meditation

Learn simple ways to relax and find calm through meditation and mindfulness. Psychologist Guy Robbins will teach techniques to help manage stress, improve focus, and bring more balance into your daily life.

People are encouraged to attend all three sessions for maximum benefit.

Tue 22, 29 Jul, & 5 Aug, 2-2.45pm

Sat 26 Jul, 2 & 9 Aug, 10.30-11.15am

Gisborne Library

BOOK
NOW



Chinese calligraphy workshop

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

Supported by Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre.

Fri 25 Jul, 2-4pm

Gisborne Library

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Regular Programs

Craft and Sewing Groups

For the Love of Crochet

Whether beginner or expert, bring along your current project to share tips, ideas, and the love of crochet.

First Monday of the month:

Mon 2 Jun, 7 Jul & 4 Aug, 2-4pm

Gisborne Library

Crafting Connections

Join our friendly gatherings and connect over craft. Bring your current crochet, knitting or craft project, share tips and learn new skills

Preemie Heart supplies available at some locations.

Crochet Hookers Australia members present at Kangaroo Flat.

First Wednesday of the month:

Wed 4 Jun, 2 Jul, 6 Aug, 2-4pm

Woodend Library

First and fifth Thursday of the month:

Thu 12 Jun, 10 & 31 Jul, 14 Aug, 1-2.30pm

Kangaroo Flat Library



Embroidery & Textiles Skillshare

Bring along any projects to share the love and share the skills!

First Wednesday of the month:

Wed 4 Jun, 2 Jul, 6 Aug, 12-2pm

Kyneton Library

A Curious Circle

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

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First Tuesday of the month:

Tue 10 Jun, 8 Jul & 12 Aug, 5.30-7.30pm

Romsey Library



The Memory Place: Backyard sheds & early working life

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

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Thu 21 Aug, 1.30-2.30pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Fun and Games

Colour Me Happy

Take time out and join with others for some intricate, mindful and relaxing colouring. Resources and refreshments provided.

First Tuesday of the month:

Tue 3 Jun, 1 Jul & 5 Aug, 1-4.30pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Puzzle and Chat

A good puzzler can complete a 500-piece jigsaw in three hours, but how quickly can a group of keen puzzlers do it? Join others to complete a lovely new jigsaw while chatting

Refreshments provided.

First Wednesday of the month:

Wed 4 Jun, 2 Jul, 6 Aug, 1-4.30pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Social Scrabble

Drop in and test your vocabulary against others in light-hearted social scrabble – a great way to keep your brain active!

Refreshments provided.

Second Friday of the month:

Fri 13 Jun, 11 Jul & 8 Aug, 1.30-4.30pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

No Tech Games

Put down the technology for a spell and immerse yourself in the cosy tabletop games of Mahjong or an Italian card game. For people of all ages wanting to learn something new, without technology!

Thu 24 Jul & 28 Aug, 3.30-4.30pm

Castlemaine Library



The team from the 2025 Active Living Census will be popping up at selected events across June. Help shape a healthier tomorrow, one answer at a time! Complete the census at QR Code

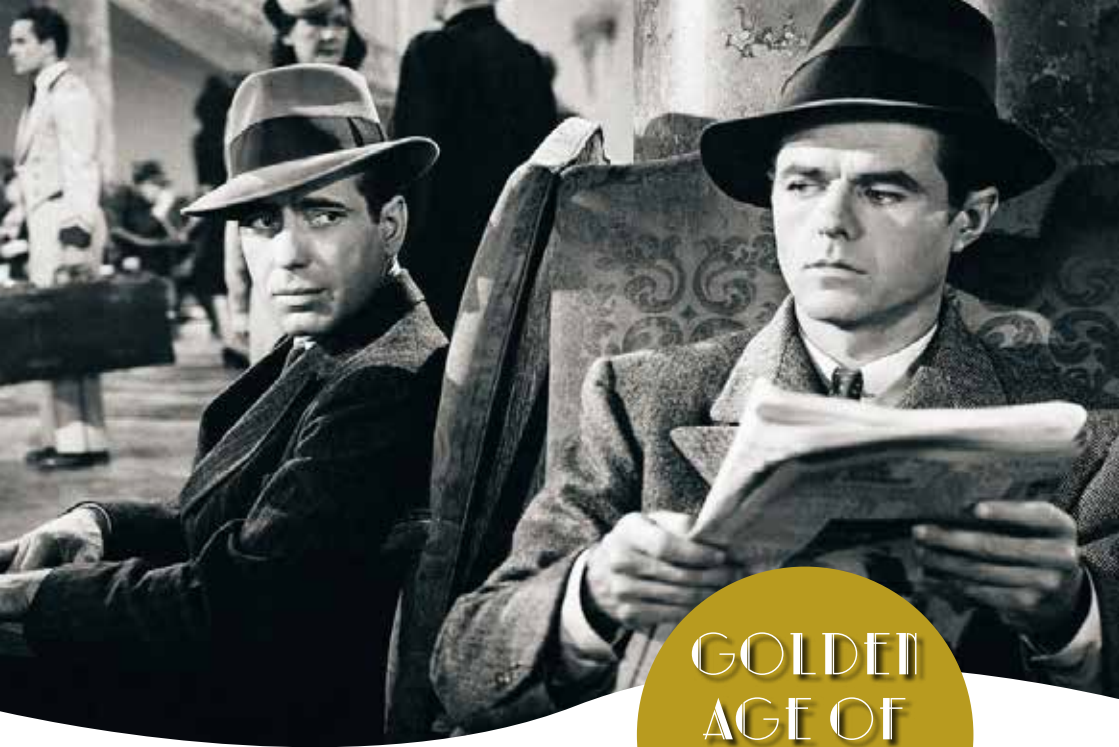


Jigsaw puzzle swap

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

Sat 30 Aug, 10-11.30am

Kangaroo Flat Library



GOLDEN AGE OF CINEMA

at Bendigo Library

Library Film Club

Adults are invited to enjoy newly released and classic films on our large screens. Collect a flyer from the library for film titles, then sit back, relax and enjoy!

Bookings preferred, but not essential.

Wed 11 Jun, 9 Jul & 13 Aug
10.30am-12.30pm

Romsey Library
Bookings: phone 5429 3086

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Wed 11 Jun, 9 Jul & 13 Aug
1-3pm

Gisborne Library
Bookings: phone 5428 3962

Mon 7 Jul, 10.30am-1pm

Thu 24 Jul, 5-7pm

Thu 7 Aug, 5-6.30pm

Castlemaine Library
Bookings: phone 5472 1458

Revisit the golden age of cinema on our giant screen.

Notorious (PG, 1946)

The daughter of a convicted German spy is asked by American agents to gather information on a ring of German scientists in South America. How far will she have to go to ingratiate herself with them?

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Fri 25 Jul, 5.30-7.15pm
Bendigo Library

The Maltese Falcon (PG, 1941)

San Francisco private detective Sam Spade takes on a case that involves him with three eccentric criminals, a gorgeous liar and their quest for a priceless statuette, with the stakes rising after his partner is murdered.

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Fri 29 Aug, 5.30-7.15pm
Bendigo Library

TEENS & YOUNG PEOPLE

Minecraft Lab

Come along to Minecraft Lab and enter our Minecraft world with other players.

Ages 8-14 years.

Book for one or both sessions!

Wed 4 & 11 Jun, 4-5pm

Bendigo Library

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Library Lock In

Young peeps of Castlemaine - experience the library like no other time - the annual nocturnal activity-based, fun-filled night is here again! Just teenagers in the library: they are locked in, and everyone else is LOCKED OUT!

Includes pizza, gaming tournament and activities galore.

Year 7 to 10 students ONLY.

Fri 4 Jul, 6-8.30pm

Castlemaine Library

Bookings: phone 5472 1458

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Custom Cricuts

Join us to customise your own tee or tote using our sparkly new Cricut. Attendance at both sessions is required.

Ages 10-16 years.

*Please send your tee or tote preference and your size to programs@ncgrl.vic.gov.au.

Tue 8 & 11 Jul, 10.30-11.30am

Woodend Library

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES



School Holiday Program

Pick up a program from
23 June, or visit
ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

Primary School Years

Lego Club

Join us for four weeks of building fun. Each session features a new challenge. Bricks provided, creativity encouraged.

Ages 8-12 years.

Attendance at all four sessions preferred.

Tue 3, 10, 17 & 24 Jun, 3.45-4.45pm

Eaglehawk Library

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Wed 30 Jul, 6, 13 & 20 Aug, 3.45-5pm

Gisborne Library

STEM Club

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

Ages 7+ years.

Sat 7, 14, 21 & 28 Jun, 10.30-11.30am

Gisborne Library

BOOK
NOW

Sat 2, 9, 16 & 23 Aug, 10.30-11.30am

Romsey Library

Minecraft Lab after school

Come along to Minecraft Lab for lots of fun in our Minecraft world with other kids.

Ages 8+ years.

Thu 26 Jun, 4-5pm

Kyneton Library

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NAIDOC Week: Fibre Fun with Auntie Marilynne Nicholls

See page 4 for details.

Fri 11 Jul, 10.30-11.30am & 1-2pm

Bendigo Library

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Little homes on our patch

See page 6 for details.

Sat 9 Aug, 10.30-11.30am

Bendigo Library

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Early Years

Storytime Specials

Auslan Storytime

Celebrating the vibrant and expressive language of Auslan – presented by a deaf storyteller and an Auslan interpreter.

For both deaf and hearing children, 2-6 years.

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

Fri 6 Jun, 4 Jul, 1 & 29 Aug, 11.15am-12pm
Bendigo Library

Wonderful Winter Storytime

Snuggle in for stories, activities, face painting and fun to celebrate the shortest day of the year.

Ages 3-6 years.

Sat 14 Jun, 10.30-11.15am
Kangaroo Flat Library

1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL



Get in the reading habit and join 1000 Books Before School!

For more information, ask at your local library or visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/1000books

Bonjour Storytime

A joyful bi-lingual storytime featuring the French language.

Ages 2-6 years.

Sat 21 Jun, 10.30-11.15am
Woodend Library



Storytime

Join us each week during the school term for joyful stories, songs, and rhymes. Connect with other young families and enjoy the magic of Storytime.

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





Curious Kids at Storytime

Presented by Discovery Science & Technology Centre, Bendigo.

Robots!

Can you speak robot? Enjoy songs, a story and fun activities to introduce robotics and coding to little ones.

Ages 3-5 years.

Tue 24 Jun, 11-11.45am

Romsey Library

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Wed 25 Jun, 10.30-11.15am

Bendigo Library

Fri 27 Jun, 9.30-10.15am

Heathcote Library

Space Explorers

Get ready for a mission to Mars – but how do we get there, and how will we land? We'll explore the red planet together, learn about where our planets are, and discover what it takes to be an astronaut. It's bound to be a blast!

Ages 3-5 years.

Tue 26 Aug, 10.30-11.15am

Eaglehawk Library

Wed 27 Aug, 10.30-11.15am

Bendigo Library

Thu 28 Aug, 10.30-11.15am

Gisborne Library

Fri 29 Aug, 10.30-11.15am

Kangaroo Flat Library

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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 3-5 years.

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

Sat 9, 16, 23 & 30 Aug, 10.30-11.30am

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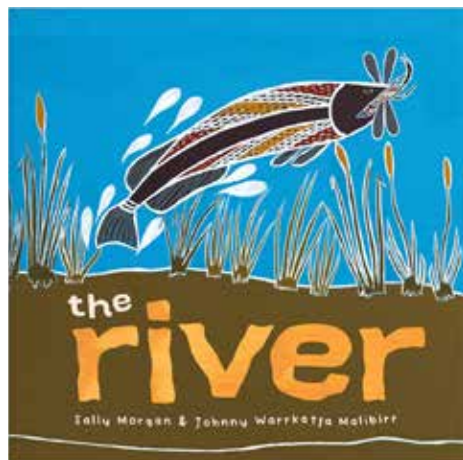
StoryWalks

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

Family Tree

By Josh Pyke, illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh.

[Gingell Street, Castlemaine](#)



The River

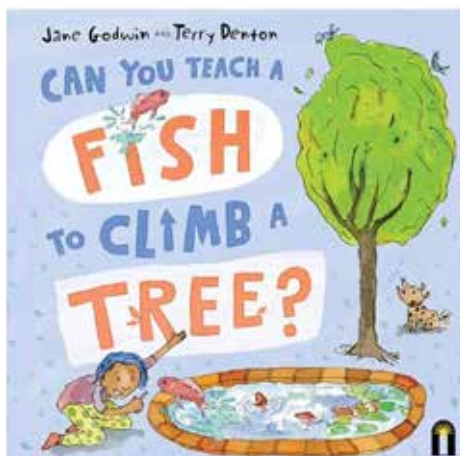
By Sally Morgan, illustrated by Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr.

[Kyneton, path by Primary School and Kinder](#)

Grace and Mr Milligan

By Caz Goodwin, illustrated by Pip Kruger.

[Nardoo Walking Track, Chapel Street Wedderburn](#)



Can you Teach a Fish to Climb a Tree

By Jane Goodwin, illustrated by Terry Denton.

[Heathcote Playspace, 126 High Street](#)



Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

By Lynley Dodd.

[Rotary Gateway Park, Kangaroo Flat](#)

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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



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