

WHAT'S ON

Spring 2025



Goldfields
Libraries

Astronomy for Seniors

Saving Dragons

Mr Ants Show



Andrew Skeoch

Deep Listening to Nature

How to Book

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ONLINE VIA ZOOM
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ONLINE
www.goldfieldslibraries.com

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BY PHONE
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MENOPAUSE

IS NOT A USE-BY DATE

Celebrating older women through storytelling

Join celebrated Australian authors and 'Meno-women' Dr Rachel Matthews, Trish Bolton, Dr Sian Prior, and Carmel Bird for a lively evening of female storytelling. Discover why older women deserve more nuanced representations beyond crazy cat ladies and whinging Karens. Let's rethink the outdated notion that women are shelved once they grow older. Contemporary stories are embracing life, love, and sexuality in later years, proving that aging isn't about fading away – it's about soaring!

Dr Rachel Matthews is a Melbourne author and lecturer, a frequent voice on ABC radio and festival presenter. Her novels include *Vinyl Inside* and *Never Look Desperate*.

Trish Bolton is a former media adviser and women's health advocate, featured in major Australian publications and on ABC Radio. She is author of *Whenever You're Ready*.

Dr Sian Prior has a multifaceted career in the arts, education and media. She is author of *Shy: a Memoir* and *Childless: a story of freedom and longing*. Sian will be at Woodend.

Much loved author **Carmel Bird**'s twelfth novel, *Crimson Velvet Heart*, will be released this November. Her books *Dear Writer Revisited* and *Writing the Story of Your Life* are widely used in writing courses. Carmel will be at Bendigo.

Thu 4 Sep, 5.30-7pm
Woodend Library

Fri 5 Sep, 5.30-7pm
Bendigo Library

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Dr Rachel Matthews

Trish Bolton



Dr Sian Prior

Carmel Bird

Mindfulness colouring

Mon 1-Fri 5 Sep, opening hours
Romsey Library

Perimenopause and menopause: Panel and presentation

Presented by Bron Grieve, Community Health Nurse, and a panel of local specialists and experts working in the field.

See page 14 for details.

Fri 5 Sep, 5.30-7.30pm
Castlemaine Library

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VICTORIAN SENIORS Festival

LGBTI Seniors Untold Histories

Join us for a screening of the 45-minute documentary *LGBTI Seniors Untold Histories*, about older LGBTI people living in central Victoria. The film will be presented by director Noel Hourigan, and followed by a Q&A.

Afternoon tea included.

Presented in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo.

Wed 8 Oct, 2-3pm

Bendigo Library

Astronomy for Adults

Portable Planetarium

Join the folk from Bendigo Discovery Science & Technology Centre to explore the wonders of the universe - right in your local library! Journey through space to explore planets, stars, and galaxies. Discover fascinating facts about the cosmos and uncover the beauty of the night sky in this immersive space experience.

Planetarium sessions for children on page 27.

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Thu 9 Oct,

Seniors (55+): 10-11am

Followed by morning tea provided by Loddon Shire Council

Adults (18+): 12.30-1.30pm

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Fri 10 Oct

Seniors (55+): 10-11am & 1-2pm

Adults (18+): 2.30-3.30pm

Bendigo Library

Fri 17 Oct

Seniors (55+): 10-11am

Adults (18+): 2.30-3.30pm

Castlemaine Library

Thu 23 Oct

Seniors (55+): 2-3pm

Gisborne Library



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Carmel Bird: Memoir for seniors

Join acclaimed local author and writing teacher Carmel Bird for an exploration of your memories, and the art of getting them down on paper. Participants are invited to bring along a photo from the distant past, and a significant object from early life.

Carmel is author of *Writing the Story of Your Life* and her memoir, *Telltale*. Her twelfth novel, *Crimson Velvet Heart*, will be launched at Bendigo and Castlemaine libraries in November (see page 11 for details).

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Thu 16 Oct, 10.30am-12pm

Castlemaine Library

National Bird Week

Andrew Skeoch: Deep Listening to Nature

How can we engage our hearing to connect more deeply to nature around us? Acoustic ecologist, Andrew Skeoch, will guide you into hearing the communications of nature – developing your listening skills, identifying species by ear, recognising behaviours and repertoire, and finding empathy with the voices of other beings. Andrew's presentations are an immersive weaving of evocative recordings, fascinating spectrogram analysis and original ideas. You'll hear the natural environment around you in a whole new way.

Andrew Skeoch is a professional wildlife sound recordist, acoustic ecologist and author of *Deep Listening to Nature*.

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Thu 16 Oct, 5.45-7.15pm

Woodend Library

Mon 20 Oct, 1.30-3pm

Kangaroo Flat Library



Library Aussie Bird Count for kids

Looking for birds in your own backyard for the Aussie Bird Count? See if you can find some in the library too.

Ask at the desk for details.

Sat 11-Sat 25 Oct

Woodend Library

Children's Week

Mr Ants Show: We all smile in the same language

A heartwarming and hilarious show about inclusion, kindness, and togetherness – set in the Land of the Box Puppets. In this land, everyone may look or act differently, but inside, they all have beautiful hearts, sparkly eyes, and big smiles.

Ages 3-5 years.

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Mon 20 Oct, 10.30-11.15am

Bendigo Library

Tue 21 Oct, 10-10.45am

Woodend Library

Wed 22 Oct, 10.30-11.15am

Castlemaine Library

Parenting Fair

To mark the beginning of Children's Week, join us for a Parenting Fair, directly after storytime performer Mr Ants – a great opportunity to learn about some of the services offered for children and families by local organisations.

Mon 20 Oct, 11.30am-12.30pm

Bendigo Library



Sustainable Saturday
at Bendigo Library

Make and Mend



Reusable cloth nappy workshop

Millions of disposable nappies are sent to landfill each year. Help us reduce that number by switching to cloth nappies. Come along to learn more about modern cloth nappies, tips and hints for choosing your family's cloth nappies and ongoing care.

Residents of City of Greater Bendigo will be able to access a free pack of reusable nappies to try them out for themselves.

Presented by City of Greater Bendigo.

Sat 15 Nov, 9.30-10.30am

BOOK
NOW

Sustainable gift workshop

Get creative and give from the heart, and the planet! Perfect for all ages, this intergenerational activity invites you to make thoughtful, eco-friendly gifts using upcycled and natural materials. A great way to celebrate the festive season with less waste and more meaning.

Sat 15 Nov, 11am-12pm

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Kintsugi workshop

Kintsugi is the ancient Japanese art of repairing ceramics with gold or lacquer to celebrate the imperfections, not hide them. The philosophy of kintsugi is about loving your own flaws too, and finding happiness in imperfection. Join us in this workshop to repair your own precious ceramic piece (or provided piece) to save it from landfill and give a new life.

Sat 15 Nov, 1-2pm

BOOK
NOW

City of Greater Bendigo 16 Days of Activism launch

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence runs annually from 25 November to 10 December. The campaign calls for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. The prevention of violence starts with fostering respect. Join us for the launch of the 16 Days calendar of events with:

- ♦ Exhibitions and displays
- ♦ Information stalls and chats with support services
- ♦ Storytime and children's activities
- ♦ Coffee with a Cop

Tue 25 Nov, 10am-12pm
Bendigo Library



**HOW DO YOU FIND
OUT ABOUT OUR
PROGRAMS AND EVENTS?**

WE WANT TO KNOW!

Please take a minute or two to share your thoughts. Your feedback helps us reach more people and improve how we share what's on.



AUTHORS, READING & WRITING

Author Talks

Menopause is Not a Use-By Date: Celebrating older women through storytelling

See page 3 for details.

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Thu 4 Sep, 5.30-7pm
Woodend Library

Fri 5 Sep, 5.30-7pm
Bendigo Library



Julian Kingma: The Power of Choice Intimate portraits of the faces of a good death

Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) became legal in all Australian states at the end of 2023 after a long campaign by advocates for its necessity and humanity. In *The Power of Choice*, award-winning photographer Julian Kingma captures the real-life faces of the policy through intimate portraits of those who chose VAD.

Book sales and signings available.

Julian Kingma has worked at *The Herald* and *The Sunday Age*. As a freelancer, his photographs grace high-profile national and international publications.

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Fri 12 Sep, 5.30-6.30pm
Bendigo Library



Benjamin Stevenson: Everyone in this Bank is a Thief

Meet Benjamin Stevenson, award-winning stand-up comedian and author of the wildly popular *Everyone in My Family has Killed Someone*. The new instalment of this million-copy bestselling series is *Everyone in this Bank is a Thief*. It's a devious murder mystery that will have you locked in by chapter one. Ten suspects. Ten heists. A puzzle only Ernest Cunningham can solve. You'll love it – and Benjamin too!

Book sales and signings available.

Supported by Bookish.

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Tue 7 Oct, 6.30-7.30pm
Bendigo Library



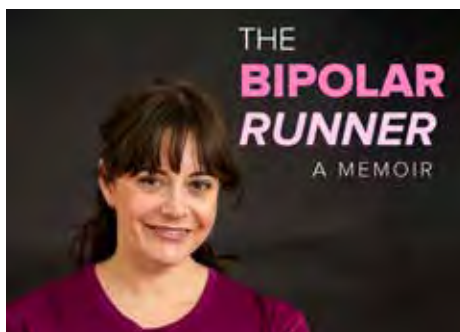
Natalie Watson: **Bigger Than My Body**

Meet Natalie Watson and hear her unforgettable story of mothering two sons with an incurable life-limiting disease (ADSLD). From the isolation of raising children with complex health conditions to fighting for their future, Natalie shares her sons' legacy. While neither Natalie's sons nor marriage survived, her experience of coming out the other side of grief redefined her life purpose and evoked a profound spiritual awakening.

Book sales and signings available.

Thu 9 Oct, 5.30-6.30pm
Castlemaine Library

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Jacqui Louise Swallow: **The Bipolar Runner**

Jacqui Louise Swallow has lived with bipolar disorder all her life, battling crippling anxiety, debilitating depression, and destructive, whirlwind manic episodes. The only thing that has consistently helped her, more than medication, practicing gratitude, or mindfulness, is running – beginning with a few small steps and culminating in running the Melbourne Marathon. Jacqui will share the story of her journey, one of pushing and challenging herself, defying expectations, and achieving something truly exceptional.

Book sales and signings available.

October is National Mental Health Month.

Fri 17 Oct, 2-3pm
Gisborne Library

Sat 18 Oct, 11am-12pm
Romsey Library

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Dianne Dempsey: **Saving Dragons** **The Life and Times of Russell Goldfield (Louey Yeung Man) Jack**

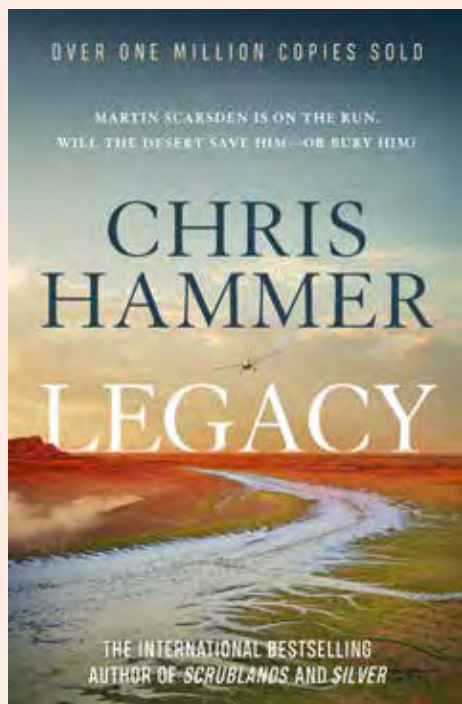
Join Dianne Dempsey in conversation with Lauren Mitchell about her biography of iconic Bendigo figure Russell Jack, founder of the Golden Dragon Museum. Dianne will discuss the process of writing the biography and the various stages of research involved. She'll reveal the highs and lows of writing a biography and her motivation for writing about the life of Russell Jack.

Book sales and signings available.

Supported by Bookish.

Sat 11 Oct, 11am-12pm
Bendigo Library

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Chris Hammer: Legacy

A wonderful opportunity to meet leading Australian crime writer Chris Hammer. In *Legacy*, Martin Scarsden returns for his first investigation in five years to find the tables have been turned. Instead of the hunter, he finds himself the hunted. He flees into the outback, only to find nowhere is safe – but who wants to kill him and why?

Book sales and signings available.

Chris Hammer is a former journalist of 30 years, and author of eight best-selling crime novels.

Wed 22 Oct, 1-2pm
Romsey Library

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Peter Mitchell: *Under the Same Moon*

An Australian battalion at war and a family at home

Peter Mitchell has drawn extensively on family correspondence, private papers and oral history in this work of creative non fiction, reflecting his passion for history. *Under the Same Moon* is the story of a family, their sons, and the men of the Victorian battalion they join, set against the backdrop of a bygone Australia during World War II. It is as much about the families left behind in Melbourne and life on the home front as it is about the lives of boyhood friends who went to war.

Book sales and signings available.

Thu 30 Oct, 10.30-11.30am
Kyneton Library

Thu 30 Oct, 2-3pm
Heathcote Library

Fri 31 Oct, 11.30am-12.30pm
Eaglehawk Library

BOOK
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Rachael Johns: The Lucky Sisters

Award-winning author Rachael Johns' latest novel is a deeply moving story about life, death and the miracles in between. Adopted twins Nora and Stevie Lucky have always been close, despite being total opposites. When their mother dies, they search for their biological parents, only to come face-to-face with a life-changing revelation that sends them spiralling in opposite directions – they're going to need more than luck to survive...

Book sales and signings available.

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Thu 6 Nov, 10-11am
Woodend Library

Thu 6 Nov, 2-3pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

George Petrou: The Art of Sacrifice

A presentation by the acclaimed portrait artist George Petrou OAM about his collaborative book *The Art of Sacrifice*. Through more than 70 portraits and 63 stories, George explores the concepts of valour, courage, bravery and sacrifice, connecting the past with our present within a unique and powerful environment. George will give voice to the stories of the men and women who have served and protected Australia.

Book sales and signings available.

Bendigo Military Museum is hosting the Art of Sacrifice exhibition until 18 Jan, 2026.

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Thu 6 Nov, 5.30-6.30pm
Castlemaine Library

Thu 13 Nov, 5.30-6.30pm
Bendigo Library



Book
Launch

Carmel Bird: Crimson Velvet Heart

Carmel Bird presents her beautiful new work of historical fiction, firmly grounded in research. To the French court of Louis XIV, in 1696, comes the ten-year-old bride of the King's grandson, Princess Marie-Adelaide of Savoy. The King is utterly bewitched by the little girl. What is the nature of the bond between them? News of war is never far away, and the tantalising glamour and beauty of the court are undercut by shadows and threat. Book sales and signings available.

Castlemaine-based Carmel Bird is a writer of novels, short stories and essays. In 2016, she was awarded the Patrick White Literary Award.

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Fri 7 Nov, 5.30-6.30pm
Bendigo Library

Thu 20 Nov, 5.30-6.30pm
Castlemaine Library



Anne Gleeson and Ross Gillett: People and places that matter

In this presentation of their poems, Anne Gleeson and Ross Gillett show what matters most to each of them when it comes to the people and places they have encountered. Come along to enjoy a session of readings ranging from the deeply moving to the light-hearted.

Both Anne and Ross are award-winning published poets living in Kyneton and Daylesford, respectively.

Thu 20 Nov, 2-3pm
Kyneton Library

BOOK
NOW

Writing Workshops

Carmel Bird: Memoir for seniors

Interested in writing your life memoirs?
See page 4 for details.

Thu 16 Oct, 10.30am-12pm
Castlemaine Library

BOOK
NOW

Children's Author Event



Rory H Mather and Chris Kennett: Brunocorn

See page 27 for details.

Sat 20 Sep, 10.30-11.30am
Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW



Dianne Dempsey: The wonderful art of writing a biography

Join Dianne Dempsey in conversation with Lauren Mitchell about her biography of iconic Bendigo figure Russell Jack, founder of the Golden Dragon Museum. Dianne will discuss the writing process and the various stages of research involved. She'll reveal the highs and lows of writing biography and her motivation for writing about the life of Russell Jack.

Sat 25 Oct, 10.30am-12pm
Bendigo Library

BOOK
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LIFELONG LEARNING



Talks & Presentations

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: one-on-one help

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

30-minute timeslot available.

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Tue 9 Sep, 2-4pm

Wed 8 Oct, 10am-1pm

Thu 13 Nov, 10am-1pm

Bendigo Library

Thu 16 Oct, 12.30-3pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Tue 11 Nov, 1-4pm

Eaglehawk Library

Online Lunch and Learn: Electric vehicle and eBike webinar

Bring along your lunch (or not) and hear from the experts at this informative and relaxed webinar. The electric vehicle market is moving fast with new electric SUVs and utes now added. Rohan Martin (CEO of National Automotive Leasing and Salary Packaging Association) and Thijs van der Heijden (Sparque) will tell us about the latest from the market, as well as salary and financial options for EVs and eBikes.

Tue 2 Sep, 12.30-1.15pm

Bendigo 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.

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Wed 22 Oct, 10-10.30am

Heathcote 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



Perimenopause and menopause: Panel and presentation

Join us for an enlightening and empowering evening exploring the many facets of perimenopause and menopause. We'll go beyond the common symptoms to delve into the broader impacts on health, wellbeing, and daily life. Whether you're experiencing menopause, supporting someone who is, or simply curious to learn more, we welcome you to join the conversation.

Presented by Bron Grieve, Dhelkaya Health community health nurse, and a panel of local specialists and experts working in the field.

Includes launch of *The Pause* - a locally produced radio series by Lucy Armstrong and Kya Moore on MainFM.

Fri 5 Sep, 5.30-7.30pm
Castlemaine Library

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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 year.

More info at practicalphilosophyvic.org.au

Explore the emotional ground of love: Mystics vs stoics

Sat 6 Sep, 10-11.30am

BOOK
NOW

Love and work: What might it mean to 'work with love?'

Sat 4 Oct, 10-11.30am

BOOK
NOW

Love, law and wisdom

Sat 1 Nov, 10-11.30am

BOOK
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Inner Wheel Bendigo

Come along and learn about Inner Wheel Bendigo, an enthusiastic group of women enjoying friendship and working together for the betterment of our community. Inner Wheel clubs have local, national and international impact on issues for women and children. Enjoy afternoon tea and a presentation from Reflections at Eppalock, a nature-based sanctuary providing opportunities for people with dementia and their carers.

Inner Wheel Bendigo Memorabilia display at Bendigo Library
15-29 August.

Thu 11 Sep, 2.30pm
Bendigo Library

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Dementia Awareness

Dementia Support Australia (DSA) presents information on their organisation and how and when to access services. Find out about completing a referral and triage call to DSA, and what to expect during a telehealth or in person visit. Learn how to implement DSA recommendations and advice, and what to expect when caring for someone with dementia. Q&A included.

To register your attendance, please call Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0333.

Presented by Dementia Support Australia.

Tue 16 Sep, 10-11am
Gisborne Library

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Wed 17 Sep, 10-11am
Kyneton Library



Growing local: Seed saving and community breeding

Gregg Muller, founder of Adaptive Crop Breeding Australia and Useful Seeds, will share his work on building resilient, diverse, and locally adapted food crops through community-driven seed saving and plant breeding. Gregg will introduce adaptive breeding methods, offer practical tips, and explore how gardeners can collaborate to develop crops suited to their own backyards and region.

Followed by the monthly Kyneton Seed Savers meetup from 2-3pm. All are welcome.

Tue 14 Oct, 1-2pm
Kyneton Library

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Andrew Skeoch: Deep Listening to Nature

See page 5 for details.

Thu 16 Oct, 5.45-7.15pm
Woodend Library

BOOK
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Mon 20 Oct, 1.30-3pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

Astronomy for Adults Portable Planetarium

See page 4 for details.



Plant-based swaps

Are you interested in eating more plant-based foods to improve your health or save money? Join Yasmin on World Vegan Day to learn about easy swaps to incorporate more plants into your diet and save money too!

Fri 31 Oct, 5.30-6.30pm
Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW

Climate health presentation

Climate health isn't just an environmental issue - it's a health issue. Higher temperatures, extreme weather events, and floods are becoming more common and are 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.

Presented by Bendigo Community Health Services.

Tue 25 Nov, 2-3pm
Eaglehawk Library

BOOK
NOW



Parenting Talks & Workshops

CatholicCare Victoria
Regional Parenting Program

Building resilience in kids

This workshop explores how to help kids of all ages develop skills, habits and attitudes for building resilience: building good relationships, independence, confidence to face challenges and manage emotions.

Mon 8 Sep, 10-11am
Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK
NOW

Starting school: The kinder to prep transition

Starting school can be a time of mixed emotions for parents and children. Join us to explore:

- Parent and child feelings around the school transition.
- Common concerns parents have about their child starting school.
- Practical ideas for how to make the transition easier.

Thu 6 Nov, 9.30-11am
Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW

Mount Alexander Shire Council
& Dhelkaya Health

Teen emotions

Explore the emotional landscape of teens and how to effectively support their unique emotional needs. Learn practical communication strategies to build trust, foster understanding and navigate the challenges of adolescence.

Thu 16 Oct, 5.30-6.45pm
Castlemaine Library

BOOK
NOW

Preparing your teen for a social world

Practical guidance on how to prepare your teen for social situations involving drugs, alcohol, and vaping. Learn how to have open, honest conversations about these topics and equip your teen with the tools to make safe, informed choices. We'll also discuss strategies for building resilience and confidence in your young person to handle peer pressure.

Thu 13 Nov, 5.30-6.45pm
Castlemaine Library

BOOK
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Family & Local History

Discovering History

Pints and Protests

Hotel boycotts in regional Australia, 1900-1950

Historian Iain McIntyre discusses the central role of the pub in regional Australian life in the first half of the twentieth century. He focuses on 'beer strikes', boycotts of hotels over the price and quality of alcohol, accommodation and food, as well as the wages and conditions of bar staff.



Thu 25 Sep, 5.30-6.30pm

Bendigo Library or online via Zoom

Re-marrying men, religious faith and the Victorian goldrush

Freedoms, propriety and sexual desire

La Trobe Historian Jennifer Jones explores the themes of love, sexual desire and religious faith on the Bendigo Goldfields. Her work draws on the fascinating surviving letters of the Brown family, who had migrated to Bendigo from Scotland in the mid-nineteenth century.



Thu 27 Nov, 5.30-6.30pm

Bendigo Library or online via Zoom



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

Advanced Ancestry

Take a deeper dive into the world's largest collection of online family records.

Mon 20 Oct, 2.30-3.30pm

Kyneton Library

BOOK
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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 21 Oct, 2-3pm

Bendigo Library

BOOK
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Such Sweet Sorrow

Join Desiree Pettit (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 Sisko Chocolate Kyneton.

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

Tue 11 Nov, 2-3pm

Kyneton Library

BOOK
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AI and family history

Discover how AI tools can help you with your family history research.

Fri 14 Nov, 2-3pm

Castlemaine Library

BOOK
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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.

By appointment at all branches and agencies

Mon 29 Sep, 27 Oct & 24 Nov, 2.30-4pm
Kyneton 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.

Fri 12 Sep, 11am-12pm
Castlemaine Library

BOOK
NOW

Discover our eLibrary

Find out how to access a free treasure trove of newspapers, magazines, films and books online using your library card.

Thu 18 Sep, 2-3pm
Bendigo Library

BOOK
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Staying safer online

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

Sat 4 Oct, 10-11.30am
Romsey Library

BOOK
NOW



Birding Apps and Aussie Backyard Bird Count

Are you a keen birder? Come and learn about some great apps for bird watchers, and how you can contribute to the Great Aussie Bird Count using your smart phone or tablet.

One-on-one assistance. Ask in branch or call ahead on 5427 2074.

Sat 11-Sat 25 Oct
Woodend Library



Digital declutter

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

Mon 13 Oct, 1-2pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

Mon 10 Nov, 2.30-3.30pm
Kyneton Library

BOOK
NOW



Birding Apps

Introducing helpful tech tools for keen birders and novice nature lovers. Learn about the many Australian-based apps that can help you identify, track, and find birds (and animals) in our region.

BOOK NOW

Mon 13 Oct, 2.30-3.30pm

Kyneton Library

Tue 21 Oct, 11.30am-12.30pm

Gisborne Library

Thu 23 Oct, 2-3pm

Bendigo Library

Fri 24 Oct, 2-3pm

Castlemaine Library

Staying safe online

A presentation by Commonwealth Bank.

BOOK NOW

Fri 17 Oct, 10.30-11.30am

Kyneton Library

Mental health online

All about Youtube, online resources and apps to support wellbeing. BYO device or book an iPad.

October is National Mental Health Month.

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Elmore Library Agency

Wed 22 Oct, 10.30-11.30am

Wedderburn Library Agency

Advanced Ancestry

Take a deeper dive into the world's largest collection of online family records.

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Mon 20 Oct, 2.30-3.30pm

Kyneton Library

Discover free eNewspapers and eMagazines

Join us for an informative session where we'll show you how to access fantastic free digital magazines and newspapers with your library membership. Whether you're into gardening, current affairs, or sports, there's something for everyone. BYO device.

BOOK NOW

Tue 21 Oct, 2-3pm

Eaglehawk Library

AI and family history

Discover how AI tools can help you with your family history research.

BOOK NOW

Fri 14 Nov, 2-3pm

Castlemaine Library

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.

BOOK NOW

Mon 17 Nov, 2-3pm

Bendigo 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 a prize awarded by popular vote. One canvas per person, any medium.

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

Collect a canvas from 1 September.
Return canvas by 3 October.
Exhibition on 20 October-28 November.

Kyneton Library

Marist Brass Band: Kid's concert

Pull up a cushion, relax, and enjoy as Marist Brass Band and Marist Brass Academy perform a selection of music from well-loved TV shows, movies and more. A relaxed concert ideal for kids of all ages and their grown-ups.

Sat 13 Sep, 10.30-11am
Bendigo Library

Drawing workshop: Putting people in the picture

Join artist Marilyn Andrews for a hands-on drawing workshop focused on capturing people in everyday settings. Learn how to bring life and personality into your drawings using graphite pencils. Perfect for both beginners and experienced artists.

Adults 18+ years.

Resources and refreshments provided. \$20 cost. Please pay cash on the day.

Mon 22 Sep, 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 29 Sep-Thu 20 Nov, 10-10.45am

GROUP B:

Mon 29 Sep-Thu 20 Nov, 11.15am-12pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

Bookings: phone 5447 8344

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The Memory Place: Documents of old

Join us for memories, conversation and fun as we share our themed memory kits and reflect on the many stories objects can tell. Please bring along an old document from the distant past if you have one.

Thu 20 Nov, 1.30-2.30pm

Kangaroo Flat 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.

Mon 1 Sep, 6 Oct & 3 Nov, 2-4pm

Gisborne Library

Embroidery & textiles skillshare

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

Wed 3 Sep & 1 Oct, 12-2pm

Kyneton 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.

Wed 3 Sep, 1 Oct & 5 Nov, 2-4pm

Woodend Library

Fri 5 Sep, 3 Oct & 7 Nov, 2.30-4pm

Kyneton Library

Thu 11 Sep, 9 & 30 Oct, 13 Nov, 1-2.30pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

A Curious Circle

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

Refreshments provided.

Tue 9 Sep, 14 Oct & 11 Nov

5.30-7.30pm

Romsey Library

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Fun and Games

Colour Me Happy

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

Resources and refreshments provided.

Tue 2 Sep, 7 Oct & 11 Nov, 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.

Wed 3 Sep, 1 Oct, 5 Nov, 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.

Fri 12 Sep, 10 Oct & 14 Nov, 1-4.30pm

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!

Fri 19 Sep, 10 Oct & 21 Nov, 3.30-4.30pm

Castlemaine Library

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 29 Nov, 10-11.30am

Kangaroo Flat 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 10 Sep, 8 Oct & 12 Nov, 10.30am

Romsey Library

Bookings: phone 5429 3086

Wed 10 Sep, 8 Oct & 12 Nov, 1pm

Gisborne Library

Bookings: phone 5428 3962

Thu 18 Sep, 5-7pm

Castlemaine Library

Bookings: phone 5472 1458



Documentary: Undercover (PG)

The hidden faces of homelessness

Women over 50 are the fastest growing cohort experiencing homelessness in Australia. Margot Robbie presents moving but optimistic portraits of an eclectic group of women, revealing the struggles they face and the economic fragility of our modern world.

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Wed 12 Nov, 1-2.30pm

Gisborne Library

GOLDEN AGE OF CINEMA

Vertigo (PG, 1958)

A former San Francisco police detective wrestles with his personal demons while becoming obsessed with the hauntingly beautiful woman he has been hired to trail, who may be deeply disturbed.

A film by Alfred Hitchcock.

Fri 26 Sep, 5.30-7.30pm

Bendigo Library

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Some Like it Hot (PG, 1959)

After two male musicians witness a mob hit, they flee the state in an all-female band disguised as women – but further complications set in.

Stars Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon.

Fri 28 Nov, 5.30-7.30pm

Bendigo Library

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HALLOWEEN

MOVIES at Bendigo Library

Godzilla (PG, 1954)

After a dinosaur-like beast – awoken from undersea hibernation by atom bomb testing – ravages Tokyo, a scientist must decide if his similarly dangerous weapon should be used to destroy it.

Fri 3 Oct, 5.30-7pm

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The Blob (PG, 1958)

An alien lifeform consumes everything in its path as it grows and grows.

Fri 10 Oct, 5.30-7pm

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The Invisible Man (PG, 1933)

A scientist finds a way to become invisible, but in doing so, he becomes murderously insane.

Fri 17 Oct, 5.30-6.45pm

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Nosferatu (PG, 1922)

A silent German expressionist horror film, based on Bram Stoker's *Dracula*.

Fri 31 Oct, 5.30-7pm

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TEENS & YOUNG PEOPLE



Junk Journals

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.

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Mon 22 Sep, 1-5pm

Gisborne Library

Thu 25 Sep, 10.30am-2.30pm

Woodend Library

Paint your own alpaca planter

Get creative and decorate a super cute alpaca planter in your own unique style. Keep it as a fun room accessory or gift it to someone special.

Ages 12–16 years.

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Tue 23 Sep, 2-3pm

Eaglehawk Library

Wed 24 Sep, 3-4pm

Kyneton Library



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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.

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Wed 24 Sep & 1 Oct, 11am-12pm

Castlemaine Library

Badge Making Sesh

Drop-in. Create it. Press it. Wear it or share it. Snacks and materials provided.

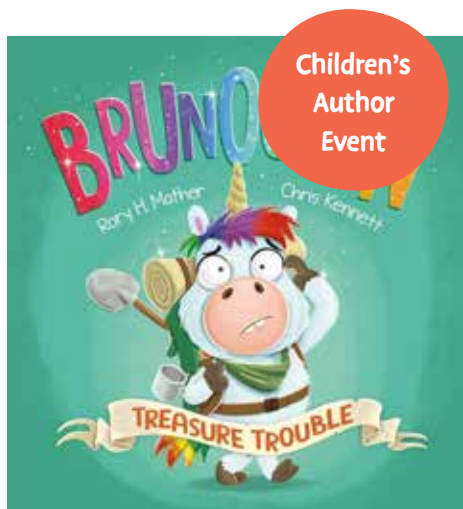
Ages 12-16 years.

Thu 2 Oct, 2-3pm

Bendigo Library

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Primary School Years



Rory H Mather and Chris Kennett: Brunicorn

Great news – Brunicorn book two has just been released, and its creators, Rory H Mather and Chris Kennett, are coming to celebrate! This time, your favourite unicorn, Bruno, is taking part in an epic treasure hunt, but true to form, he doesn't always make the wisest choices. Come along and enjoy the story, facepainting, unicorn activities and parade.

A family event. Best suited to ages 3-7 years.

Book sales and signings available.

Supported by Bookish,

Sat 20 Sep, 10.30-11.30am

Bendigo Library

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Minecraft Lab

Come along to Minecraft Lab and enter our Minecraft world with other players. Book for one or book for multiple sessions.

Ages 8-12 years.

Wed 8, 15 & 22 Oct, 4-5pm

Bendigo Library

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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.

Thu 9, 16, 23 & 30 Oct, 4-5pm

Kangaroo Flat Library

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Portable Planetarium

Join the folk from Bendigo Discovery Science & Technology Centre to explore the wonders of the universe – right in your local library! Explore planets, stars and galaxies and uncover the beauty of the night sky in an immersive space adventure.

Young children require adult supervision.

Fri 10 Oct

Ages 3-5 years: 11.30am-12.30pm

Ages 5-12 years: 4-5pm

Bendigo Library

Fri 17 Oct

Ages 3-5 years: 11.30am-12.30pm

Ages 5-12 years: 4-5pm

Castlemaine Library

Thu 23 Oct

Ages 3-5 years: 11am-12pm

Ages 5-12 years: 4-5pm

Gisborne Library

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School Holiday Program

Pick up a program from 8 September, or visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

Early Years

Curious Kids at Storytime

Presented by Discovery Science & Technology Centre, Bendigo.

Supported by the Dept of Industry, Science and Resources.



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.

Wed 17 Sep, 10.30-11.15am

Castlemaine Library

Thu 18 Sep, 10.30-11.15am

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Fri 19 Sep, 10-10.45am

Woodend Library

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Marvellous Bodies

Our bodies are amazing! We'll explore the incredible machine that helps us move, think, and grow through fun hands-on activities.

Ages 3-5 years.

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Mon 27 Oct, 10-10.45am

Kyneton Library

Wed 29 Oct, 10.30-11.15am

Castlemaine Library

Fri 31 Oct, 10.30-11.15am

Kangaroo Flat Library

Tue 11 Nov, 10.30-11.15am

Inglewood Library Agency

Tue 25 Nov, 11-11.45am

Romsey Library

Wed 26 Nov, 10.30-11.15am

Bendigo Library

Fri 28 Nov, 9.30-10.15am

Heathcote 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



Expression Australia 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.

Ages 2-6 years.

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

Fri 3 Oct & 7 Nov, 11.15am-12pm
Bendigo Library



National Water Week storytime with Coliban Water

Join educators from Coliban Water for some wonderful water stories, rhymes, jokes and songs.

Ages 3-5 years.

Wed 22 Oct, 10.30-11.15am
Bendigo 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



Playdate at the library

Join us for a playdate! For babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their grown-ups. Meet other parents, grandparents and carers. Free play and friendly chats.

Tue 23 & 30 Sep, 10-11.30am
Woodend Library

Little Bang Discovery Club

Calling all mini scientists! Sign up for this fantastic three-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 is required at all three sessions.

Fri 10, 17 & 24 Oct, 10-11am
Bendigo Library

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Teddy Bear Time

Bring along your teddy or favourite soft toy for teddy themed stories, activities, facepainting and fun.

Ages 3-6 years.

Sat 25 Oct, 10.30-11.15am
Kangaroo Flat Library



Children's Week

Mr Ants Show:

We all smile in the same language

A heartwarming show for ages 3-5 years.

See page 5 for details.

Mon 20 Oct, 10.30-11.15am
Bendigo Library

Tue 21 Oct, 10-10.45am
Woodend Library

Wed 22 Oct, 10.30-11.15am
Castlemaine Library

BOOK
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Parenting Fair

Join us to learn about services offered for children and young families by local organisations.

See page 5 for details.

Mon 20 Oct, 11.30am-12.30pm
Bendigo Library

StoryWalks

Enjoy reading a children's picture book as you walk in the sunshine and fresh air.

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

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Family Tree

By Josh Pyke, illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh.

[Heathcote Playspace, 126 High Street](#)

Possum Magic

By Mem Fox, illustrated by Julie Vivas.

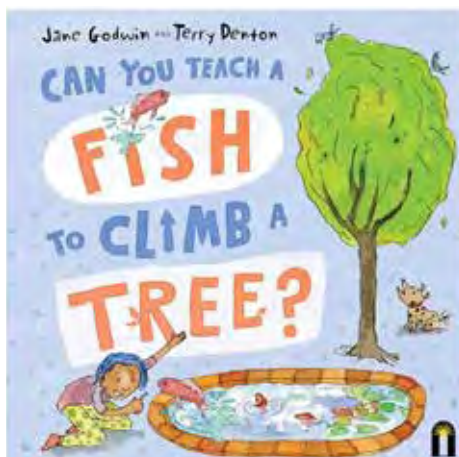
[Nardoo Walking Track, Chapel Street Wedderburn](#)



Grace and Mr Milligan

By Caz Goodwin, illustrated by Pip Kruger.

[Gingell Street, Castlemaine](#)



Can you Teach a Fish to Climb a Tree

By Jane Goodwin, illustrated by Terry Denton.

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



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

by Eric Carle.

Mon 22 Sep-Sun 12 Oct

[Rotary Gateway Park, Kangaroo Flat](#)

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LIBRARIES

BENDIGO

251-259 Hargreaves Street
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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

WEDDERBURN

Wedderburn Community Centre
24 Wilson Street

Library Agencies

p: 5449 2790

For opening hours and accessibility information visit

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