



# *Ex Libris* PORT FAIRY FESTIVAL OF WORDS

## official program

**7-9 September, 2012**

Celebrating reading and books  
in the National Year of Reading  
with a focus on the Australian  
Year of the Farmer

Authors Writers Poets Exhibitions Workshops

**THEME: Bringing It All Back Home**

**Topics include:** Family history, farming life, the Irish in Victoria, kelpies,  
poetry, bullying, photography, surfing, telling and writing your own stories

**Authors:** Brendan Ryan, Anne Gleeson, Lorraine Marwood,  
Glynis Bloomfield, Carol Altmann, Rachael Treasure, Tim Austin,  
Edith Jessie Flanders, Margaret Campbell, Val Noone, Wendy Altschwager



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Date	Event	Cost	Venue/Time
Friday 7 September	<b>Port Fairy Theatre Group Event</b>	\$15	Lecture Hall
	It Goes Through Ya Like A Dose of Aussie Kulture: Selected poetry readings (with props) and a radio play	\$10 (con)	Sackville Street, Port Fairy 8.00pm
Saturday 8 September	<b>Morning Poetry With Breakfast</b>	\$15	Victoria Hotel, James Street entrance, Port Fairy 9.00-10.45am
	Poets: Brendan Ryan, Anne Gleeson and Lorraine Marwood. Includes light breakfast.		
	<b>Children's Event (Age: 7-12 years)</b>	Free	Port Fairy Library (CRLC) Sackville Street, Port Fairy 9.30-10.45am
	Author Workshop Author: Glynis Bloomfield Story telling, puppets, hands on activity		
	<b>Book Plate Workshop</b>	\$150	Blarney Books & Art, James Street Port Fairy 10.00am-4.00pm Booking Essential: 5568 2174 or email jo@blarneybooks.com.au
	Make your own Book Plates with legendary print-maker and artist, David Frazer. Price covers all materials and a light lunch		
	<b>Children's Book Launch</b>	Free	Ironbird Books Sackville Street, Port Fairy 11.00am-12noon
Author: Glynis Bloomfield Book: Jake's Secret			
<b>Author Talk</b>	\$10	Port Fairy Community Services Centre Cnr Campbell and Atkinson Streets, Port Fairy 11.00am-12noon	
Author: Carol Altmann Riding on the back of a grumpy goat: the journey from a good idea to a rollicking read. Carol will take you through the ups and downs of the road to publication.			
<b>A Country Lunch</b>	\$30	The Star Cnr Sackville & Bank St Port Fairy. To book your place please call The Star Ph: 5568 1715 Drinks at bar prices 12.30-2.30pm	
Enjoy a two course lunch with Rachael Treasure, Tim Austin and Edith Jessie Flanders			
<b>Afternoon Tea with Edith Jessie Flanders</b>	\$15	St John's Hall, Port Fairy Barclay Street (off Bank Street) 3.00-4.30pm	
His Own Man tells the story of a family who fled the potato famine to find a new set of challenges in colonial Australia. Some of the struggles were beyond their control, others were the result of the evil within the family. An untimely death sets a new challenge for young Jack Gleeson. Western Victoria, particularly Koroit, Crossley and Port Fairy, features in his travels. A "bad egg Uncle" and circumstances see him venture to New South Wales. His adventures carried the Kelpie dog from Casterton to help establish it as one of the most significant breeds in Australia.			
<b>Schools Debate</b>	\$5 per family	Port Fairy Senior Citizens Centre, Barclay Street, Port Fairy 3.00-4.30pm	
<b>Children's Event</b>	Free	Port Fairy Community Services Centre Cnr Campbell & Atkinson St Port Fairy 3.30-4.30pm	
Primary Schools and Kindergartens. Announcement and display of Competition Winners and Kids' Poetry Performance ('My Life on the Farm', 'I Know About Farms', 'Down on the Farm' Competition).			
<b>Bush Poets @ The Stump</b>	Free	'The Stump' Caledonian Inn Bank Street, Port Fairy 4.30-5.30pm	
Local poets, open invitation			
<b>Photography Exhibition</b>	Free	Rebecca's Café 70-72 Sackville Street, Port Fairy 7.00am-5.00pm	
Artist: James Pevitt Theme: Local Identities			

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	<p><b>Imagine...</b> An exhibition of original Australian children's picture book illustrations presented by Customs House Gallery</p>	Free	Blarney Books & Art 37 James Street, Port Fairy 11.00am-4.00pm
	<p><b>Big Book Club</b> 'A Fortunate Life' A B Facey 'Breath' Tim Winton Have your say on how these books are similar, explore the themes in a lively discussion. Nibbles provided, drinks at bar prices.</p>	\$25	Port Fairy Yacht Club 1 Griffiths Street, Port Fairy 6.00-8.00pm
	<p><b>Ex Libris Book Sale</b> Get there early for best selection. Antiquarian &amp; collectable books from professional sellers including: Murray Simper, Page Two, Liz Rodgers, Ian and Jean Hinks, Book Camel, The Book Fossicker, Len and Jan Vincent, Brian and Betty Lacy, The Bookhook, Ex Libris Committee Stall.</p>	Free	Drill Hall Bank Street, Port Fairy 10.00am-4.00pm
Sunday 9 September	<p><b>Stroll Around Wharf or Stroll Around Town</b> 60 min walk, 30 min coffee (purchase own coffee)</p>	Free	Meet at the Visitor Information Centre. Bank Street, Port Fairy 9.30-11.00am
	<p><b>Author Talk</b> Wendy Altschwager 'Paddock To Page' - Personal experiences working on huge properties and having to adapt to life in a 'man's world' will be discussed as well as the launch of Wendy's latest book, Prior Knowledge.</p>	\$10	Port Fairy Community Services Centre (Small Room) Cnr Campbell and Atkinson St Port Fairy, 9.30-10.30am
	<p><b>Family History</b> Author: Margaret Campbell 'Creating Lives: Writing your family history' Suitable for: Family tree builders and anyone with documents and anecdotes interested in writing family stories.</p>	\$10	Port Fairy Community Services Centre (Large Room) Cnr Campbell and Atkinson St Port Fairy, 9.30-11.00am
	<p><b>Children's Exhibition</b> Primary Schools and Kindergartens Display of entries in the 'My Life On The Farm', 'I Know About Farms', 'Down On The Farm' Competition.</p>	Free	Port Fairy Community Services Centre Cnr Campbell & Atkinson St Port Fairy 9.30am-12.30pm
	<p><b>Author Talk</b> Author: Rachael Treasure 'Writing from the Grass Roots'</p>	\$10	Boldrewood Room, Seacombe House Sackville St, Port Fairy 11.00am-12.30pm
	<p><b>Family History and the Irish</b> Presenters: Margaret Campbell and Val Noone</p>	\$10	Port Fairy Community Services Centre Cnr Campbell and Atkinson St Port Fairy, 11.30am-12.30pm
	<p><b>Barbara Cartland Gumboot Hurl</b></p>	Free	Village Green, Port Fairy 1.00-2.00pm
	<p><b>Author Talk and Book Launch</b> Author: Val Noone Book: Hidden Ireland In Victoria</p>	Free	The Star Cnr Sackville and Bank Street Port Fairy. 2.00-3.00pm
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Sunday 9 September	<b>Local Readings</b> Poetry and Short Story Readings with local writers and poets	\$5	Victoria Hotel, James Street entrance, Port Fairy 2.30-3.30pm
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## Author Biographies

### Brendan Ryan

Brendan Ryan grew up on a dairy farm at Panmure. He has had four books of poetry published, the latest being, *Travelling Through The Family*, (Hunter Publishing) 2012. *A Paddock In His Head* was shortlisted for the 2008 ACT Poetry Prize and he has had poems and essays published in a range of journals including *Heat*, *Australian Book Review*, *Antipodes* and the *Best Australian Poems* series. He lives in Geelong.

### Anne Gleeson

As a poet and story teller, Anne Gleeson celebrates her Western District childhood and the opportunities it has led to. Her poetry abounds with images sure to resonate for a Port Fairy audience; shearing, milking, harvesting, saying the rosary, drinking sun-warmed milk at school, emigrating from Ireland. Other concepts are more universal; loss and love, being scared and being embarrassed, having fun and having children. She has published two collections of poetry with Interactive Press; *In Between The Dancing* in 2008 and *Maisie and The Black Cat Band* earlier this year. Anne lives in Daylesford where she and her husband, Steve, run a Funeral Home. [www.chf.net.au](http://www.chf.net.au)

### Lorraine Marwood

Lorraine Marwood is a poet and author. She has 14 published books including poetry and Aussie Nibbles. She has been a literary editor, had poetry published in literary magazines in USA, UK, Canada and New Zealand. Lorraine loves taking workshops and sharing her passion for writing. Her verse novel *Star Jumps* won the inaugural children's literature section of the Prime Minister's awards in 2010. She writes from a regional/country perspective and is currently writing a new collection of poems for Walker books Australia which will be published in April 2013. In March this year Lorraine filmed vodcasts for the National literacy and numeracy website and the Dorothea Mackellar poetry competition. <http://literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/video/dmpa-%E2%80%93-st-matthews> [www.lorrainemarwood.com](http://www.lorrainemarwood.com)

### Glynis Bloomfield

Glynis Bloomfield grew up in Willaura, Vic. She worked in the Warrnambool area as a teacher for many years, before departing Victoria to teach in South Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland and New South Wales and then overseas in the United Kingdom, Qatar and Kuwait. Upon her return to Australia, Glynis' most recent position involved extensive travel of the East Arnhem region of the Northern Territory, interacting with remote Aboriginal communities. Glynis has published two children's books, a novel, *Jake's Secret* and a picture story book, *Lara Long Legs*. The sequel to *Jake's Secret*, *Jake and the PB's*, along with a picture story book, *Who Will Play With Molly May?* are both currently with illustrators, soon to be published. Glynis is inspired by the children who love her storytelling. <http://sbpra.com/authorglynisbloomfield/>

### Carol Altmann

Carol was born in Warrnambool and began her writing career with *The Warrnambool Standard* in 1988. She spent almost two decades in newspapers, including as bureau chief for *The Australian* in Adelaide and Hobart. Her first book, *After Port Arthur*, was published by Allen & Unwin in 2006 to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the Port Arthur massacre. Riding on the back of a grumpy goat: the journey from a good idea to a rollicking read. Carol will take you through the ups and downs of the road to publication. Carol's book, *Four Seasons With a Grumpy Goat*, was published in 2011.

<http://www.allenandunwin.com/default.aspx?page=311&author=1013>

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### Rachael Treasure

Rachael Treasure lives in rural Tasmania with her two children. Her first novel, *Jillaroo*, published in 2002, has become one of Australia's iconic works of fiction, and she has published three further novels and the story collection, *The Girl and the Ghost-Grey Mare*. She is currently writing the sequel to *Jillaroo*, *The Farmer's Wife*. Her self-published working dog training manual, *Dog Speak*, is available from her website. [www.rachaeltreasure.com](http://www.rachaeltreasure.com)

### Tim Austin

Well known Kelpie Breeder who has bred over 7,000 Kelpies for the Pastoral Industry of Australia and exported them to 22 countries. He has set up branches in USA, Mexico, Sweden & Norway. His book on Breeding Dogs is now in English, Spanish & Russian. His book *Dog Psychology* is in it's 8th edition. He established a Fine Wool Merino Stud for his 20,000 breeding ewes and was awarded The Advance Australia Award for his contribution to Kelpie Breeding and Marketing. In 1980 he was National President of the Australian Farm Management Society and earlier was State President of the Victorian Grasslands Society.

### Edith Jessie Flanders

Edith Jessie Flanders (better known as Jess) was born in 1921, on a property near Harrow, Victoria, hence her love of nature and country life, and educated in Melbourne. With the WRANS (Women's Royal Australian Naval Service), she was posted to an outstation of Bletchley Park, where she joined the international code-breaking team, breaking the German and Japanese "enigma machine" codes, which contributed to the end of the war. This work has been recognised by British Prime Minister, David Cameron, through written acknowledgement and a medallion. Jess lives in Casterton and has been an active member of Red Cross for over fifty years. Jess, who enjoys a game of croquet and bridge, is also involved with the Liberal Party and her church. She is a keen historian.

### Margaret Campbell

Margaret Campbell's short stories and poetry have been published in literary magazines and newspapers in Australia and NZ and she taught Life Writing at CAE for several years. Her publications include a collection of poetry, *On the Outside Looking In*, a young adult novel, *Shadow Across the Sun*, a children's chapter book, *All Dressed Up*, a verse novel, *Cecelia's War*, and *Legacies*, a collection of stories and poetry. She has co-edited two oral histories and in 2005 compiled and edited *From There to Here*, excerpts from first person accounts recording migration to Werribee. She has been co-ordinator of *Imagination Creation*, a young writers' group, since 1994 which conducts an annual national competition for young writers. She is a co-editor of *Poetrix*, a women's poetry magazine. Margaret was awarded a Centenary Medal for her work with young writers.

### Val Noone

Dr Val Noone, who was born and bred in Melbourne and lives in Fitzroy, is researching the history of the Irish in Victoria and learning the Irish language. He is a fellow in the School of Historical and Philosophical Studies at the University of Melbourne. He chaired the Melbourne Irish Famine Commemoration committee and was founding editor of *Táin*, the magazine of the Australian Irish network. In 2009 he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia "for service to education as an academic and historical researcher, and to the community". Ballarat Heritage Services have just published his new book, *Hidden Ireland in Victoria*, which is an illustrated history of the songs, stories, poems, prayers and accents, events and monuments of the migrants to Victoria whose original language was Irish.

### Wendy Altschwager

Wendy is a farmer's wife from South Australia and has a deep love for her family, horses and life on the land. While on a lifestyle change caravanning and working in Western Australia, she kept journals recording their experiences, which later became her inspiration to write. Wendy invented a story set in the Western District of Victoria, and although her novels are fictitious they are based on real life situations. Wendy's books include *Runaway: A young man's search for himself and Edwina Downs*, which is the sequel to *Runaway*. The launch of *Prior Knowledge*, Wendy's latest book, which features Werribee, Flemington and that famous day in November, will form part of this session.

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