

Introduction

Welcome to the fourth Ex Libris Port Fairy Book Fair, held this year in September instead of Easter. Having a weekend "of its own" one week after the prestigious Melbourne Writers' Week should take Ex Libris to a different stage of its evolution.

This year the theme is "Girt by Sea" a title which acknowledges the close proximity of the coast to the town of Port Fairy, where the sights and smells of the ocean are never far away. The theme also hints at other concepts - no man is an island, belonging, homelands, nationality and the ubiquitous sea change.

Our fair has two distinct parts, both designed to entice the committed book lover. Firstly, we offer thousands and thousands of books for sale at the Port Fairy Community Centre (Cinema), and when shelves have been replenished, we have a number of author events which will stimulate the intellect of those present, as well as amuse and inform. Above all, it should be a relaxed weekend where people of all ages can meet, exchange ideas, and celebrate language and literature.

I want to thank all those who have generously agreed to take part in this year's program, and to the Ex Libris Port Fairy Book Fair committee (and friends and supporters) who have made the event possible.

The weekend coincides with the start of Spring. May you banish the winter blues and enjoy the joint delights of Port Fairy and literature at this fourth Ex Libris Book Fair.

Di Clanchy (Cr)
Chairperson, Ex Libris Committee

Friday 5th Sept

6.30-8.00p.m.

Meet the Authors:

Victoria Hotel Dining Room

Dorothy Porter, Gavin Franklin Keyboard.

Dorothy Porter will introduce authors and guests.

Mingle and chat over drinks and canapes.

Drinks at bar prices.

Bookings essential.



E1 \$20

9.00-10.00p.m.

Book Sales Preview

Community Centre (Cinema)

Be the first to preview and buy the 1000's of new and pre-loved books on sale

(incl music and coffee) E2 \$15

Saturday 6th Sept

10.00-4.30p.m.

Illustrations of Graeme Base

Moyne Council Chambers

Display of Graeme Base's Illustrations from Animalia and other works. To be opened by the Mayor

Cr Brenda Hampson, 2.p.m.

(Sponsored by Moyne Shire)

\$2

10.00-4.30p.m.

Schools Poetry Competition

Moyne Council Chambers

Display of poetry submitted by school children on 'sea themes'. Presentation of prizes to take place at 2.00p.m.

\$2

(Sponsored by Customs House Gallery, Warrnambool, Ironbird Bookshop, Port Fairy and Cressy Cottage Bookshop, Koroit).

10.00-4.30p.m.

Opening of book market.

Community Centre(Cinema)

Port Fairy Brass Band.

Book Sales 1000's of new and pre-loved books for sale. Authors available for signing.

Free

10.15 a.m.

Harry Potter Fancy Dress

Village Green

Gather at the Village Green in costume as one of the characters from a Harry Potter novel. Prizes awarded.

Free

10.45.a.m.

Wal's Magic Show

Lecture Hall

Wal the Wizard, will present his magic show for young and old. Come in your Harry Potter costume.

E3 \$8 adults \$5 children