

Thursday, 4 August 2016



PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS DAY

SCU MARQUEE	GREENSTONE PARTNERS MARQUEE
<p>10am – 10.45am Creativity: Elegant Young Men David Burton Luke Carman</p> <p> Chair: Alice Grundy</p>	<p>10am – 10.45am Discovery: Renewed Perceptions Tara June Winch Claire Zorn</p> <p>Chair: Lex Hirst</p>
<p>11am – 11.45am Our Neighbours: Asian and Pacific Influences Ben Bohane Rio Helmi</p> <p> Chair: Jo Coghlan</p>	<p>11am – 11.45am Good Muslim Boy: Exploring Culture Osamah Sami</p> <p>Chair: Zacharey Jane</p>
11.45am – 12.15pm LUNCH	
<p>12.15pm – 1pm Optimism: Bob Brown Reflects on a Life of Action</p> <p> Chair: Anneli Knight</p>	
<p>1.15pm – 2pm In conversation with John Marsden</p> <p> Chair: Mick O'Regan</p>	<p>1.15pm – 2pm Challenging Assumptions: Yassmin Abdel-Magied</p> <p>Chair: Lex Hirst</p>

Yassmin Abdel-Magied is a mechanical engineer, social advocate, writer and petrol head. She champions the empowerment of youth, women and those from CALD backgrounds.

Ben Bohane is a Vanuatu-based photojournalist, writer and film maker who has worked through Asia and the Pacific islands for 25 years, with a focus on religion and conflict.

Bob Brown, former Greens Senator, led the Franklin River campaign, was jailed for the environment, and has written eight books including *Optimism* and *Green Nomads*.

David Burton is a writer from Brisbane, living in Sydney. His memoir, *How to Be Happy*, won the Text Prize for Young Adult and Children's Writing.

Luke Carman is the author of *An Elegant Young Man*, which was awarded the NSW Premier's Literary Award for New Writing.

Rio Helmi's work has appeared in leading international magazines, documentaries and more than 20 photography books including *Memories of the Sacred* and *Travels on Two Wheels*.

John Marsden has been a hospital clerk, truck driver, telephone switchboard operator, abattoir worker and teacher. He's currently an author, and principal of two schools.

Osamah Sami is an Australian actor and screenwriter of Iraqi and Persian origin. His memoir *Good Muslim Boy* won the 2016 NSW Premier's Literary Award multicultural prize.

Tara June Winch is an award-winning Australian writer based in France. Her latest collection is *After the Carnage*.

Claire Zorn is the award-winning author of *The Sky So Heavy* and *The Protected*. *One Would Think the Deep* is her third YA novel.



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