

### SCU MARQUEE

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**Tom Keneally**  
in conversation with Mick O'Regan

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**Jane Harper**  
in conversation with Caroline Baum

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**The State of the United States**  
Jeffery Renard Allen, William Finnegan, Angela Flournoy, P.J. O'Rourke  
Chair: Ben Knight

12.30pm - 1.30pm **4**

**Growing Up**  
David Burton, Magda Szubanski, Rosie Waterland  
Chair: Mandy Nolan

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**The World of Animals**  
Ceridwen Dovey, Briohny Doyle, Michael Leunig  
Chair: Jeni Caffin

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**Education: Where Every Child Matters**  
Lucy Clark, John Marsden, Gabrielle Stroud  
Chair: Julia Baird

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**Tim Fischer**  
in conversation with Jo Coghlan

**6g** AUSLAN interpreters present

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**Poetry Readings**  
Lynda Hawryluk, Sarah Holland-Batt, Anthony Lawrence

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**ABC RN: Books and Arts Live Broadcast**  
George Megalogenis, Magda Szubanski  
Chair: Sarah Kanowski

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**Wendy Whiteley and the Secret Garden**  
Wendy in conversation with Janet Hawley

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**Violence Against Women**  
Emily Maguire, Sharanya Manivannan, Salma, Sohila Zanjani  
Chair: Sarah Armstrong

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**A Photo is Worth a Thousand Words**  
Ben Bohane, Rio Helmi, Anna Swain  
Chair: Mick O'Regan  
**Supported by:** Australia-Indonesia Institute

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**Indian Women Tell Their Stories**  
Rosalyn D'Mello, Sharanya Manivannan, Salma  
Chair: Catriona Mitchell  
**Supported by:** Australia-India Council

4.15pm - 5.15pm **14**

**The State of our Cultural Conversation**  
Michael Brand, Luke Carman, Anne Summers  
Chair: Geordie Williamson  
**Supported by:** The Byron Shire Echo

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**Ageing in a Youth Obsessed World**  
Melanie Joosten in conversation with Mandy Nolan  
**Supported by:** Feros Care

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**Charlotte Wood**  
in conversation with Matt Condon

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**Writing for Kids**  
Nick Earls, Anna Fienberg, Damon Young  
Chair: Ashley Hay

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**Justice for Refugees**  
Frank Brennan, David Manne, Osamah Sami, Rajith Savanadasa  
Chair: Chip Rolley

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**True Believers**  
Sarah Ferguson, Kerry O'Brien  
Chair: Leigh Sales  
**Supported by:** Christopher & Lynda Dean

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**Jeffery Renard Allen**  
in conversation with Sarah Kanowski

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**P.J. O'Rourke**  
in conversation with Kerry O'Brien  
**Supported by:** The Centre for Independent Studies

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**Imagining the Future**  
Peter Doherty, Antony Funnell, Ashley Hay  
Chair: Julianne Schultz  
**Supported by:** Griffith Review

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**The War Room**  
Ross Coulthart, Tim Fischer  
Chair: Edna Carew

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**Reading Australia: Telling Our Own Stories**  
Moya Costello, Geordie Williamson, Tara June Winch  
Chair: Zoe Rodriguez  
**Supported by:** Reading Australia

12.30pm - 1.30pm **25**

**How Enid Blyton Changed My Life: A lecture by Robert Dessaix**  
Introduction by: Jill Eddington

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**Copyright: Fair Use, Fair for Who?**  
Tom Keneally, Melissa Lucashenko  
Chair: Zoe Rodriguez  
**Supported by:** Copyright Agency

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**Louise Doughty**  
in conversation with Geordie Williamson

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**Creating Opportunities: Philanthropy in Action**  
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Chair: Chris Hanley

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in conversation with Chris Hanley

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**Historical Fiction**  
Evelyn Conlon, Kate Mildenhall, Dominic Smith  
Chair: Catherine Keenan

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Meg Keneally, Tom Keneally  
Chair: Susan Wyndham

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**Literary Friendships**  
Louise Doughty, Kathryn Heyman, Charlotte Wood  
Chair: Hannie Rayson  
**Supported by:** Zentveld's Coffee

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**Dominic Smith**  
in conversation with Michael Brand  
**Supported by:** Allen & Unwin

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**Addiction and Creativity**  
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**Short Form: Novellas and Short Stories**  
Evelyn Conlon, Nick Earls, Tara June Winch  
Chair: Jeni Caffin

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**ABC North Coast Live Broadcast with Joanne Shoebridge**  
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Ben Knight

9.00am - 9.30am  
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**Ross Coulthart**  
in conversation with Russell Eldridge

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**Stories from the Road**  
Tim Page, Hugo Race  
Chair: Anneli Knight

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**The Young and the Reckless**  
Nick Couldwell, Lex Hirst  
Plus presentation of Susie Warrick Young Writer's Award  
Chair: Alice Grundy

4.00pm - 5.00pm **41**

**Book Launch: Our Way Stories** edited by Dale Roberts  
Launched by Melissa Lucashenko

### DON'T MISS

#### SELF-PUBLISHED MARQUEE

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

All day

Meet self-published authors, browse their books, and gain an insight into the self-publishing process. Featuring 'how-to' sessions with Roz Hopkins of innovative publishing company Captain Honey.

10am Friday  
How to create a high quality book

10am Saturday  
How to sell, promote and market your book

In partnership with:

*Captain Honey's*

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First-Hand Accounts**

Ben Bohane, Ross Coulthart,  
Tim Page  
Chair: Ben Knight

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**Canberra Uncut**

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Manning, Niki Savva  
Chair: Matthew Condon  
**Supported by:**  
Mary Ryan's Byron Bay

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Chair: Melissa Lucashenko  
**Supported by:** ILF

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in conversation with  
Sarah Kanowski  
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in Crisis**

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and the Australian  
Constitution**

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Who Saved a Family**

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Chair: Richard Glover  
**Supported by:**  
Yellow Brick Road

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Seeding the Future**

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Indira Naidoo  
Chair: Ashley Hay  
**Supported by:** Brookfarm

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in conversation with  
Rosemarie Milsom  
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Privileges of Democracy**

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Chair: Anne Tiernan  
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Armstrong, Peggy Frew  
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in conversation with  
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a Thousand Worlds**

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Chair: Jeni Caffin  
**Supported by:**  
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presented by  
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in conversation with  
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Chair: Anneli Knight  
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Greenstone Partners

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in conversation with  
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in conversation with  
Phil Brown  
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Chair: Jesse Blackadder  
**Supported by:**  
Greenstone Partners

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**The Pacific is Sinking**

Ben Bohane, Peter Doherty,  
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Chair: Antony Funnell

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Jensen and Charlotte Wood

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Flournoy, Debra Oswald  
Chair: Moya Sayer-Jones  
**Supported by:** TheSumOf

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in conversation with  
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Chair: Moya Sayer-Jones  
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Gaby Naher, Jane Palfreyman  
MC: Susanna Freymark

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**Supported by:**  
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**Ceridwen Dovey**

in conversation with  
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in conversation with  
Michael Brand

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in conversation with  
Alice Grundy

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**Five Writers, Five  
Towns, Five Days**

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Carman, Kate Forsyth,  
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Chair: Zacharey Jane  
**Supported by:** Australia  
Council for the Arts

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**Lifting the Brow**

Briohny Doyle, Kate  
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**Angela Flournoy**

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Chip Rolley

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Chair: Zacharey Jane

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**Screening:  
Salma the Documentary**

A Tamil Muslim Poet's Journey  
to Freedom. Followed by Q&A  
Salma, Sharanya Manivannan  
Chair: Catriona Mitchell

## DON'T MISS

Our Beautiful  
Sculpture Walk

Curated by local sculptor  
Suvira McDonald. Most  
pieces are available for  
sale, please see Suvira  
in the Sculpture Tent for  
any enquiries.

Indigenous Literacy  
Foundation (ILF)

Byron Writers Festival  
2016 is fundraising for  
the important work  
undertaken by the  
Indigenous Literacy  
Foundation. The ILF works  
to bridge the literacy gap  
through children's literacy  
programs in remote  
indigenous communities.  
Donations are greatly  
appreciated and can be  
made in the orange boxes  
as you leave the Festival  
site or at the ILF Tent  
near the Box Office.





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**Green Nomads:  
Across Australia's  
Wild Heritage**

Bob Brown, Paul Thomas  
Chair: Ashley Hay  
**Supported by:**  
Jan Barham MLC The Greens

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**No Absolute Truths**

Ross Coulthart,  
Drusilla Modjeska  
Chair: Anneli Knight  
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Southern Cross University

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**Tony Windsor**

in conversation with  
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**Environmental  
Rights: A Human  
Rights Issue**

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Chair: Anne Summers  
**Supported by:**  
Tamara Smith MP The Greens

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**Anne Summers**

in conversation with  
Julia Baird

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**Fatherhood**

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Jeffery Renard Allen,  
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**ABC Local Radio NSW  
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**History or Histrionics**  
Anna Funder, Meg Keneally,  
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**The Americans**

William Finnegan,  
Angela Flournoy

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**Kids Rool**

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**Teaching Writing**

Louise Doughty, Kathryn Heyman

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**Documentary  
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Ben Bohane, Rio Helmi, Tim Page  
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**Books Change Lives:  
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Ceridwen Dovey, Kate Forsyth,  
Drusilla Modjeska  
Chair: Richard Glover

**Supported by:** Room to Read

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**Books to Screen:  
Pitching Adaptations  
to Screen Executives**

Anita Sheehan, Jude Troy,  
Penny Win, Sophia Zachariou  
Chair: Jesse Blackadder

**Co-presented by:** Northern Rivers ScreenworksFEROS  
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Gabbie Stroud  
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**Creating Sacred Spaces**

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Chair: Janet Hawley

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**Words and Music**

Pat Davern, Peggy Frew,  
Hugo Race  
Chair: Amanda Brown

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**Kids Big Day Out:  
Welcome**

MC: Philip Wilcox  
**Supported by:**  
The Farm Byron Bay

9.30am - 10.00am

**Meet Anna Fienberg**

10.10am - 10.40am  
**Meet Pat Davern**

10.50am - 11.20am

**Meet Peter Canarvas  
and Damon Young**

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**Meet Kate Forsyth**

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**Meet Tristan Bancks**

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**Meet Nick Falk and  
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**Feeding the Craft: Jobs  
of Spoken Word Artists**

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Chair: Zacharey Jane

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**John Marsden**

in conversation with  
Phil Brown

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**Memoir: Creative  
Non-Fiction**

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Modjeska, Beth Yahp  
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in conversation with  
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Dominic Smith  
Chair: Erik Jensen  
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**Book Launch:  
Headwaters by  
Anthony Lawrence**

Launched by Robert Drewe

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**Kids Big Day Out**

Featuring a huge line-up  
of children's authors and  
illustrators! Bring your  
kids along to meet their  
literary heroes. Join in  
the fun with educational  
activities provided by  
The Farm Byron Bay.

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