



The Island Story Gatherers

are a volunteer community organisation who believe that 'Everyone Has A Story' and who wish to provide a platform for these stories to be presented.

We believe that storytelling is embedded in and strengthens all cultures and we aim to strengthen community through encouraging, challenging and inspiring residents and visitors to listen to and tell stories.

We endeavour to celebrate all forms of storytelling; including songs, comedy, visual art, local history stories, poetry, theatre, film and published authors.



WELCOME TO THE 2019 PHILLIP ISLAND FESTIVAL OF STORIES

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The 2019 Phillip Island Festival of Stories will officially open on Friday night at 6.30 pm with a Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony.

The night will feature two very special keynote presenters, Tom Keneally and Meg Keneally.

The evening will be MC'd by well-known performer and author Bryan Dawe.

Purchase your tickets for \$55 or Student \$20. Price includes a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles at the after party.

SATURDAY DAY PASS

Allows entry into the Festival for Saturday during the day (9.55 AM until 6.30 PM).

Please note it does not include the Saturday night movie.

Tickets: \$55, Student \$20.

SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIE

The movie pass allows entry to Sea Shepherd's 'Jeedara' – a moving film about Sea Shepherd's fight to protect the Great Australian Bight.

Tickets: \$12.

SUNDAY DAY PASS

Allows entry into the Festival for Sunday, includes the Sunday afternoon Wrap-up party. Tickets: \$50, Student \$20

WEEKEND PASS (SAT & SUN DAY PASS)

Allows entry into the Festival for Saturday and Sunday inclusive.

Please note it does not include the Saturday night movie.

Tickets: \$80.

Book tickets through the web page www.pifestivalofstories.com

or at turn the page bookshop, 40a Thompson Ave Cowes, open 10am - 5pm 7 days a week





JEEDARA-A MOVING FILM ABOUT SEA SHEPHERD'S FIGHT TO PROTECT THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT. TICKETS: \$12.

Anna Clivia De Lesantis

SISTERS IN CRIME - DANE

to know more... www.sistersincrime.org.au



CONVERSATION ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY & TREATY PANEL WITH

KUTCHA EDWARDS A proud Mutti Man.

O UNCLE JACK CHARLES a proud Boon Wurrung & Dja Dja Wurrung man.

UNCLE SHANE CLARKE

A proud Bunurong, Mutti Mutti, Wamba Wamba, Yorta Yorta man.

PATRICE MAHONEY

a proud Nganyaywana, Dgungutti, Gomilaroi woman from Armidale NSW.

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY 26 JULY

4.30 - 5.30pm

Newhaven P.S. 'SlamalamaBingBong' Poetry Slam at the Heritage Centre

6.30pm

Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony with Uncle Shane Clarke

7.00pm

Welcome and Introduction Lois Gaskin (President) The Island Story Gatherers Inc.

7.05 - 7.15 pm

Official Welcome and Introduction to Program, Member for BASS Jordan Crugnale Mayor Cr Brett Tessari

7.15 - 7.35 pm

MC Bryan Dawe

7.40 - 8.40 pm

Keynote Presenters Tom Keneally & Meg Keneally

8.40 pm

Wine and Cheese Meet the Presenters

SATURDAY 27 JULY

CCC = Cowes Cultural Centre, SPH = St Philips Hall, M1 = CCC M1

9.55am

CCC Acknowledgment of Country MC Kevin Kropinyeri SPH Acknowledgment of Country MC Chris Flynn

10.00 - 10-45am

ccc Jeff Hansen - Sea Shepherd

11.00 - 11.45pm

CCC Dr Tjanara Goreng Goreng - A Long Way from No Go

SPH Jeremy Wiggins - The Power of Using Story Telling in Social Justice

M1 Sisters in Crime Panel with Ellie Marney, Anna Snoekstra and Olivia De Lesantis

12.00 - 12.45pm

ccc Tom Keneally & Meg Keneally - Monsarrat series

SPH Melissa Lucashenko - Too Much Lip

M1 Peggy Frew - Islands

12.45 - 1.00 pm

Announcement of Literary prize

SATURDAY 27 JULY CONTINUED

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Lunch 1 - 2pm

2.00 - 2.45pm

ccc Uncle Jack Charles - interviewed by Kutcha Edwards

3 - 3.45pm

ccc Dr Rebecca Huntley - Australia Fair

SPH Amy Bodossian - Sea Inside Me

M1 Adam Cope - Poetry - Remembering the Past

4 - 4.45 pm

CCC CDR Grant Edwards - The Strong Man

SPH Aunty Munya Andrews - Journey into Dreamtime

M1 Cr Pamela Rothfield - At Home on the Hill

6.30 pm

ccc Film - Sea Shepherd - Jeedara



SUNDAY 78 JULY

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CCC MC Catherine Watson

10 - 10.45 am

ccc Sue Maslin AO - Telling the Truth & Telling Stories

SPH Dave Sweeney - From Horror to Hope: securing our future by ending nuclear weapons

11 - 11.45 am

ccc Sally-Anne Upton - Life is Bonkers!

SPH Panel with Kutcha Edwards, Uncle Jack Charles, Uncle Shane Clarke and Patrice Mahoney: Conversation about Sovereignty & Treaty

M1 Beau Vernon - Shit Happens

Lunch from 12 - 12.45 pm

1 - 1.45 pm

ccc Michael Veitch - Hell Ship: The Journey of the Ticonderoga

SPH John Lane - Love Affair with the Ukulele

2 - 2.45 pm

ccc Denise Scott – The Incurious Woman Who Got Out Of Bed

2.45 pm

ccc Wrap Up



TOM KENEALLY



OPENING FRIDAY NIGHT & SATURDAY MONSARRAT SERIES

Accomodation by Phillip Island Apartments

Tom Keneally's first novel was published in 1964. Since then he has written a considerable number of novels and non-fiction works, including **The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith**, **Schindler's Ark** and **The People's Train**. He has won the **Miles Franklin Award**, the **Booker Prize**, the **Los Angeles Times Prize**, the **Mondello International Prize** and is now the subject of a 55 cent Australian stamp.

Tom Keneally is also the co-author, with

daughter Meg Keneally, of the Monsarrat Series of historical crime novels.



ENEALLY

OPENING FRIDAY NIGHT & SATURDAY MONSARRAT SERIES

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Meg started her working life as a junior public affairs officer at the Australian Consulate-General in New York, before moving to Dublin to work as a sub-editor and freelance features writer. In Australia,

Meg has worked as a general news reporter, a talkback radio producer, cofounded a financial services PR company and found time to be a part-time SCUBA diving instructor. Meg Keneally is co-author of the Monsarrat Series of historical crime novels. and recently published her solo debut novel **Fled**.



MC FOR OPENING FRIDAY NIGHT

An inveterate traveller and photographer, Bryan was born in Port Adelaide and worked in Adelaide and London before returning to Melbourne as the Senior Executive for Lunch & Dinner for Astor Records. After four years Bryan retired (hurt) and spent 10 years travelling and writing songs.

He also met Mr John Clarke and spent the next 27 years with the aforementioned trying to get politicians to put their hands up on the table where we could all see them. Hasn't worked thus far, but he will keep trying...



KEVIN KROPINYERI

MC FOR SATURDAY

Kevin is one of Australia's most established and popular Aboriginal comedians with a long list of Australian TV credits.

He is a proud Aboriginal man from the Ngarrindjeri Nation of the lower River Murray, Lakes and Coorong region in South Australia.

A high-energy performer, Kevin is sharp, likeable, silly and measured; mixing keen observational standup with joyfully ridiculous physical comedy. His engaging brand of comedy warmly invites both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal audiences to share his journey, his culture, his life.

Kevin is a regular feature on the mainstream corporate, club and festival circuits and a **Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow** regular.
He is a bona fide star of the Indigenous performing arts scene.

NEFF HANSEN



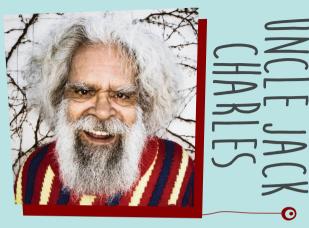
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MANAGING DIRECTOR, SEA SHEPHERD AUSTRALIA

Jeff Hansen joined **Sea Shepherd** (SS) in 2007 as a ground support volunteer in the Perth and his passion for marine conservation was quickly noticed.

His role as Quartermaster saw Jeff facilitate a strategic call which resulted in discovering the centerpiece of the whaling fleet, the Nissan Maru.

Upon returning, Sea Shepherd's leader Captain Paul Watson offered Jeff the position of Australian Director.



INTERVIEWED BY KUTCHA EDWARDS

Uncle Jack Charles is an actor, musician, potter and gifted performer, but in his '73 years he has also been homeless, a heroin addict, a thief and a regular in Victoria's prisons.

A member of the Stolen Generation, Uncle Jack co-founded the first Aboriginal theatre company **Nindethana** in 1972. Awards include the prestigious **Tudawali Award**, honouring his lifetime contribution to Indigenous media, a **Green Room Lifetime Achievement Award** in 2014 and most recently, the **Ochre Award**.





CONVERSATION ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY & TREATY

sponsored by Westernport Water

Kutcha was born on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River at Balranald, New South Wales, of the Mutti Mutti people and is among the many of the Stolen Generations. One of Australia's most respected Aboriginal singer/songwriters, his music, theatre and community work has made him a legend throughout Australia and internationally.

In 2001 Kutcha was awarded National
Indigenous Person of the Year for his
exceptional leadership in education and
performance and the Best Male Artist of the
Year at the Deadly Vibes Awards.
He has also received a HRAEOC (Human
Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission)
Award for his work in prisons.



THE INCURIOUS WOMAN WHO GOT OUT OF BED

Denise Scott's path to her award-winning career began thirty years ago, but it has been in the last decade that she has hit the big time, scoring high profile TV spots, filling thousand-seat theatres, releasing two memoirs and returning to acting with ongoing roles on Seven's Winners and Losers and Nine's House Husbands. Currently a co-host on Network Ten's morning program Studio 10, and the voice of Travel Guides on Nine - watch this space, everything's (still) coming up Scotty!

TJANARA GORENG GORENG



A LONG WAY FROM NO GO

Tjanara is a Wakka Wakka Wulli Wulli
Traditional Custodian from Central
Queensland who was born in the outback at
Longreach. Tjanara is an Adjunct Assistant
Professor at the **University of Canberra**and an academic researcher at the ANUs
Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy
Research in Canberra. Tjanara has been
an academic lecturer at five Australian
Universities and worked in remote
Aboriginal communities.

A long way from No Go published with Wild Dingo Press is the memoir of an Aboriginal woman who began life without any of the advantages of her fellow non-Indigenous Australians; except for grit, humour and diverse talent in spades.



)R REBECCA HUNTLEY

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AUSTRALIA FAIR

Dr Rebecca Huntley is one of Australia's foremost researchers on social trends.

She holds degrees in law and film studies and has a PhD in gender studies.

She is the author of numerous books including **Still Lucky** and **QE73 Australia Fair: Listening to the Nation**.

Rebecca writes and podcasts for The Guardian Australia and writes for ABC Life. She was former presenter of Drive on a Friday on ABC Radio National and now presents The History Listen on ABC RN.

CDR GRANT EDWARDS



THE STRONG MAN

Commander Grant Edwards is a highly decorated Australian Federal Police Officer, former elite athlete and strongman competitor, and an ambassador for mental health services in policing and first responders.

'The Strong Man' is the story of an extraordinary man and his extraordinary battle back from the brink.





TELLING THE TRUTH AND TELLING STORIES

Storytelling on screen has never been more exciting. Stories can be told in any number of ways but no matter how wild the premise, they will only resonate if they hold underlying truths that connect with audiences.

As one of Australia's most successful film and television producers, Sue Maslin will explore this theme over a body of work that includes documentaries Michael Kirby - Don't Forget The Justice Bit, Thanks Girls and Goodbye, Anne Deveson's Paper Trails and feature films Road to Nhill, Japanese Story and The Dressmaker.



Sally-Anne hung up her apron as loveable Mrs Brill in Mary Poppins to enter the award winning Wentworth prison as the new gruff inmate Lucy Gambaro. She's been nominated for a Greenroom Award for her role as Widow Corney in Oliver and her portrayal of Yenta in Fiddler on the Roof was considered a tour de force.

Sally-Anne is an authorised
Commonwealth Marriage and funeral
Celebrant, proud president of the
Victorian Actors Benevolent Trust
Charity and still practices as an
BN Division 2 nurse.



MICHAEL VEITCH

HELL SHIP - THE TRUE STORY OF THE TICONDEROGA

Michael Veitch is a multi-talented comedian, author, broadcaster and TV presenter. He's also worked as a columnist and theatre critic for several newspapers before embarking on his first major writing project, Flak, collecting the untold stories of Second World War airmen. Michael has also hosted Australia's national TV arts show, Sunday Arts, and worked on ABC Radio. Michael's latest work is Hell Ship, the true story of the plague ship Ticonderoga, one of the most calamitous voyages in Australian history.



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THE POWER OF USING STORYTELLING IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

Jeremy Wiggins is a LGBTIQ community advocate and the first transgender
Australian to become a **Churchill Fellow** in 2017. In 2018 he was named as the **Victorian LGBTI Person of the Year**. Jeremy is the Co-Chair of the national trans masculine sexual health advocacy group **PASH.tm**where he was involved in creating the first national sexual health campaign. Jeremy was also the Founding Editor of **DUDE Magazine** which helped build a movement to increase awareness of trans masculinity.

Jeremy works in the health sector on LGBTI health and also freelances as a Project Management Consultant, Educator and Public Speaker. Jeremy is a proud father of 6 year old twins.



MELISSA O NCASHENKO

TOO MUCH LIP – ON ABORIGINAL HILL-BILLY HUMOUR, FAMILY TRAUMA & MORE

Melissa Lucashenko is an acclaimed Aboriginal writer of Goorie and European heritage. Melissa has been widely published as an award-winning novelist, essayist and short story writer.

Her recent publication **Too Much Lip** gradually and explosively reveals painful secrets in a calamitous Aboriginal family. Gritty and darkly hilarious, **Too Much Lip** has been shortlisted for the Stella Prize and the NSW Literary Awards and is a contender for the Miles Franklin Award.

AMY BODOSSIAN



SEA INSIDE ME

Critically acclaimed spoken word artist, published poet, and cabaret starlet Amy Bodossian is an eccentric and unforgettable performer who's been captivating audiences for over 10 years with her uniquely wacky, whimsical, heart wrenching and hilarious performances. Come with Amy as she delves deep into her journey as a poet and performer who also has obsessive compulsive disorder.

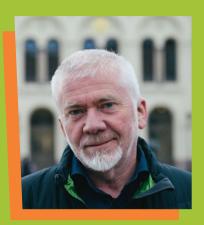


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JOURNEY INTO DREAMTIME Sponsored by Phillip Island Nature Parks

Forwarded by Melbourne University as a 'leading Australian thinker', Aunty Munva Andrews is an accomplished Indigenous author and barrister with degrees in anthropology and law. Her book, **Journey into Dreamtime**, is an easy guide to Aboriginal spirituality that explains Dreamtime concepts in a simple way. Aunty Munya and co-director, Carla Rogers, run **Evolve Communities**. and specialise in Indigenous cultural awareness training. Munya's life purpose is to create better understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal people and to leave behind a legacy of Dreamtime wisdom for generations to come.

DANE SWEENEY



FROM HORROR TO HOPE: SECURING OUR FUTURE BY ENDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Dave Sweeney has been active in mining, resource and nuclear issues for three decades through his work with the media, trade unions and environment groups. He is a foundation member of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017. Dave also leads the Australian Conservation Foundation's nuclear free campaign.



"THE TROUBLE WITH TRYING TO BE GOOD... AND MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE UKULELE..."

A long, long time ago John ran away from doctoring, and picked up a ukulele. But he just couldn't get that do-gooder bug out of his head... or that damn uke out of his hands. A tale of two halves: 2½ decades in illegitimate theatre; 2 decades as an artist in a mental health service.

John will perform live music with **Uke Players** from Phillip Island.

CHRIS FLYNN



MC FOR SATURDAY

Chris Flynn is an author, editor and critic.
His first novel, **A Tiger in Eden**, was released in 2012 and shortlisted for the Commonwealth Book Prize. His second novel, **The Glass Kingdom**, was released in 2014, with a new novel, **Mammoth**, due out in May next year. He regularly writes reviews for **The Saturday Paper** and **Australian Book Review**.

Chris is also a resident of Phillip Island.





A FORENSIC LOOK AT YOUTH WRITING

Olivia De Lesantis, at 15 years of age, was awarded the Fleurier Consult Young Writers' Award for "Wayward", at the 2018 Sisters in Crime's 25th Scarlet Stiletto Awards. "Wayward" follows unsung teenage heroine Bonnie Wilmot as she uncovers the truth of what really happened to her sister.

Olivia, from Thornbury, is an aspiring crime writer and ardent feminist.

She spends most of her time reading beside her two cats.

ELLIE Marney



SISTERS IN CRIME PANEL

Ellie Marney is a teacher and a highlyawarded author of crime fiction for
Young Adults. A long-term member
of Sisters in Crime, she has released
nine books, including the Every
Breath series, No Limits and White
Night. Ellie has been involved in the
creation of the national campaign called
'LoveOzYA' to promote and advocate for
Australian YA literature and runs the
popular 'LoveOzYAbookclub' online.
Ellie lives in north-central Victoria
with her partner and their four sons,
and her most recent release is the
Circus Hearts series.



ANNA SNOEKSTRA

SISTERS IN CRIME PANEL

Anna Snoekstra has been many things: a cheesemonger, a waitress, a Christmas elf, a nanny, a receptionist, a cinema attendant and a music video director.

Now, Anna is a full time writer. Her first novel **Only Daughter** was released in 2016, and is currently in the works to be turned into a feature film with Universal Pictures. Her second, the acclaimed **Little Secrets**, was released in 2017. In 2018 Anna released the twisty and suspenseful **The Spite Game**.

PEGGY FREW



ISLANDS

Peggy Frew has a strong connection with Phillip Island, which features as a setting of her novel, **Islands**, published by Allen & Unwin in March, 2019. Peggy Frew's work **Hope Farm** was shortlisted for the **2016 Miles Franklin Award** while her debut novel, **House of Sticks** was the winner of the unpublished manuscript award at the **2010 Victorian Premier's** Literary Awards.

Peggy is also a member of the critically acclaimed and award-winning Melbourne band **Art of Fighting**, which in June released a fourth album, **Luna Low**, on **Remote Control Records**.



ADAM COPE

REMEMBERING THE PAST

Adam Cope has been writing for as long as he can remember. Originally the writing was done in his head as he has not always had access to a method of putting his thoughts down on paper. But as soon as he was able to, he wrote many poems expressing how he felt about life, love and current affairs. For Adam, writing is empowering and he is able to create metaphoric places which come alive and sing their own song.

Adam has published three books, **Windows**, **Colours** and **Life**.

CR PAMELA ROTHFIELD



AT HOME ON THE HILL

Pamela is a fourth generation Phillip Islander who returned to the island as a permanent resident 15 years ago. Pam served the local community as Mayor of **Bass Coast Shire**Council from 2016 to 2018 and continues to represent the Island Ward, which covers most of Phillip Island.

Pam's passion is local and family history.
She took on the roles of secretary and treasurer of the **Phillip Island Cemetery Trust** almost seven years ago and has a deep connection with the Cemetery, having four generations of ancestors resting there, including her great-great grandmother.



SHIT HAPPENS

Sponsored by Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary Club

Beau Vernon suffered a spinal cord injury while playing Australian Rules Football in 2012, leaving him a quadriplegic.

As Senior Head Coach of the Phillip Island Football Club, Beau took his team to the 2018 Premiership. He presents motivational speeches at schools, personal development days with businesses, awards nights, and for disability awareness. He is also a Pride of Australia medal holder, an ambassador for the charity Team 22, a father of two, and an active sportsman.



CONVERSATION ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY AND TREATY

Patrice Mahoney is a Nganyaywana,
Dgungutti, Gomilaroi woman from
Armidale NSW who now lives on Phillip
Island. She is a speaker for active change,
artist, motivator, educator, teacher
and mother. She manages the local
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
community - Biik Baany Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Community.



CATHERINE WATSON

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MC FOR SUNDAY

Catherine Watson is the publisher of **Bass Coast Post**, an online magazine written by and for residents of Bass Coast Shire. A journalist and editor, she has written and edited seven books in the fields of biography, local and corporate history and the environment.







