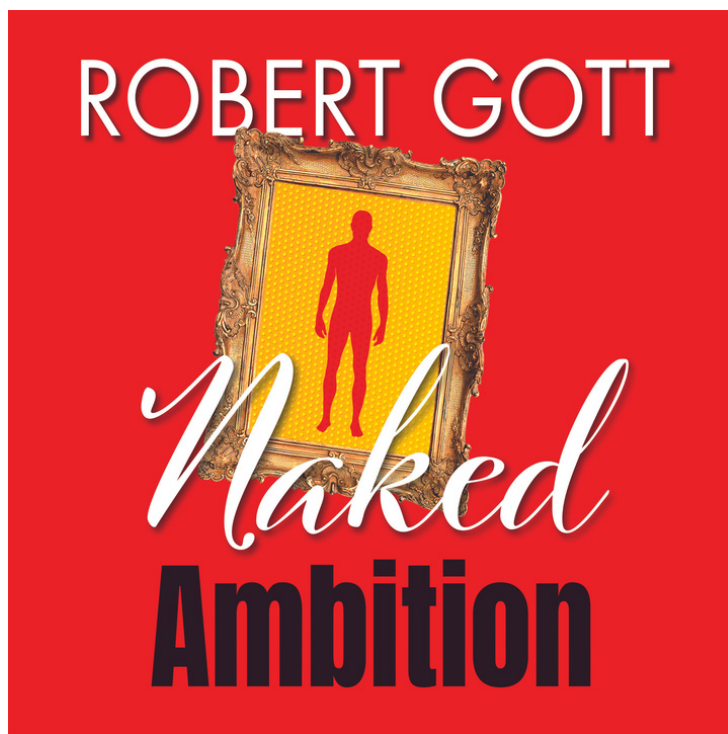


OPENING HOURS - MONDAY & TUESDAY 9AM-5PM, WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-6PM, SATURDAY 10AM-2PM.

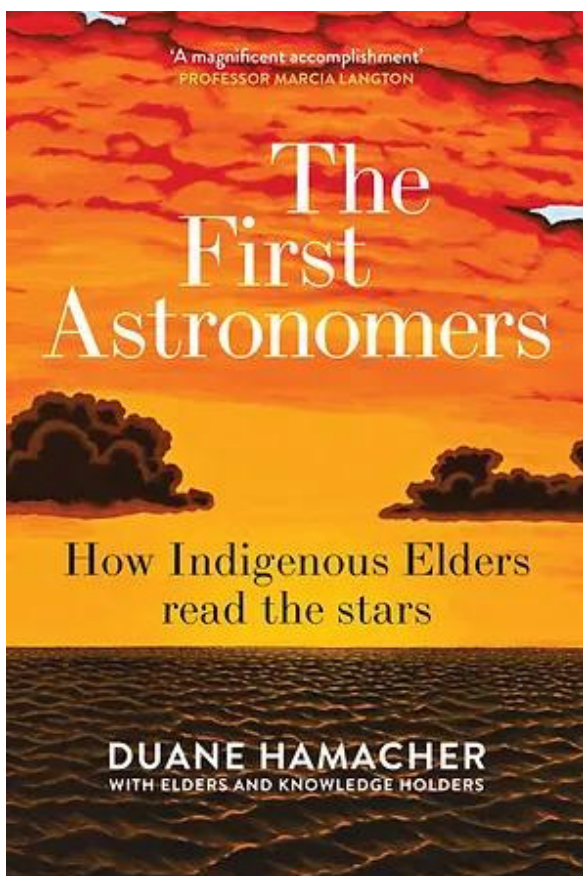


IN CONVERSATION WITH ROBERT GOTT

Thursday 18th May at 6.30pm

Warrnambool Library, along with Ulverscroft and Collins Booksellers are excited to welcome author Robert Gott to the library to discuss his new book *Naked Ambition*. Witty, fun, and full of plot twists and turns, *Naked Ambition* is a rollicking read from the ever popular author.

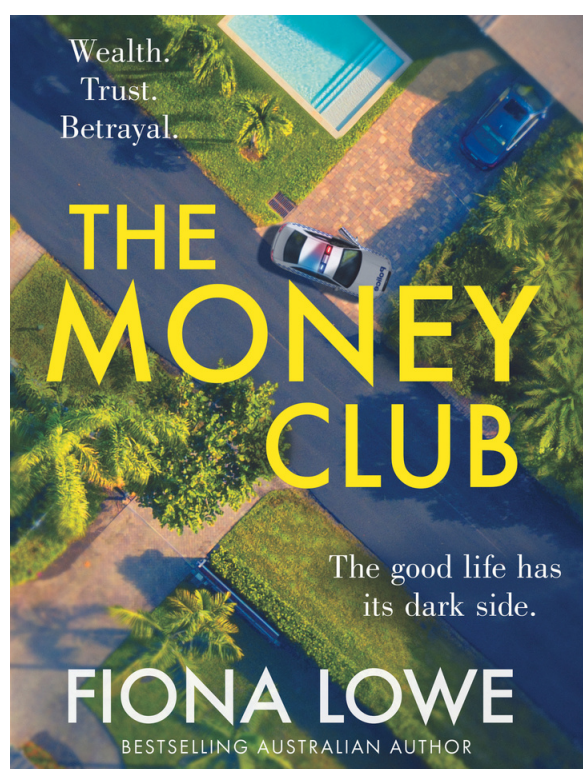
The event will include Q&A and signings, with book purchases available in the library on the day, or at Collins Booksellers Warrnambool before or after the event. Bookings required.



EXPAND YOUR MIND - THE FIRST ASTRONOMERS: HOW INDIGENOUS ELDERS READ THE STARS

Thursday 25th May at 6.30pm

Guided by six Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, Duane Hamacher takes us on a journey across space and time to reveal the wisdom of the first astronomers. These living systems of knowledge challenge conventional ideas about the nature of science and the longevity of oral tradition. Indigenous science is dynamic, adapting to changes in the skies and on earth, pointing the way for a world facing the profound disruptions of climate change. Join us for the screening of a lecture on *The First Astronomers* by author, and Associate Professor of Cultural Astronomy in the ASTRO-3D Centre of Excellence and the School of Physics at the University of Melbourne, Duane Hamacher. Bookings required.



IN CONVERSATION WITH FIONA LOWE

Friday 26th May at 11am

Warrnambool Library and Collins Booksellers Warrnambool are pleased to present author event 'In Conversation with Fiona Lowe' (author of *A Family of Strangers*, *A Home Like Ours*, *Home Fires*) discussing her new novel *The Money Club*.

Fiona Lowe writes novels that are authentic: real people facing difficult choices, exploring how family ties and relationships impact on their decisions.

The event will include Q&A and signings, with book purchases available in the library on the day, or at Collins Booksellers Warrnambool before or after the event. Bookings required.



**WE'LL BE CLOSED
ON THURSDAY
4TH MAY FOR THE
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**



EXPLORING OUR PAST - TIPS FOR PROTECTING & STORING HEIRLOOM ITEMS

Thursday 18th May at 10am

Discover how to preserve your family heirlooms for future generations in this practical session presented by volunteers from the Warrnambool & District Historical Society and Library & Learning Centre staff. Learn how to protect and store books, photographs, documents, textiles, and personal items. These sessions are brought to you in partnership with the Warrnambool & District Historical Society. Bookings required.



LEARN MORE ABOUT ...LOCAL NATIVE PLANTS & GARDENING

Monday 29th May at 11am

Back by popular demand! Partnering with Wannon Water, we are excited to be hosting Worn Gundidj Indigenous Nursery in the library again. Worn Gundidj will discuss the six seasons of our region, traditional uses of plants and how they can fit into your garden, the environmental benefits of natives, and how the Worn Gundidj can help in planning your garden.

Gardens for Wildlife will explain how to garden in a way that supports the unique plants and animals native to our area and Wannon Water will advise on how to be water-smart in the garden. Bookings required.



WARRNAMBOOL
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3A EVENT MINDFUL MEDITATION SESSIONS WITH ANEETA SNOW

First Monday each month at 4pm

Are you looking to - Reduce stress, anxiety and pain? Develop greater kindness and compassion? Improve productivity, memory & sleep? Then join us once a month to practice mindful meditation. A variety of practices will be offered including breath awareness, body scan, walking meditation, observing with all senses, short practices that can be used throughout the day and mindful movement (gentle, easy movements – not yoga). Upcoming session - 1st May. Bookings required.



U3A EVENT ORIGINS OF AUSTRALIAN WEATHER FORECASTING WITH JOHN W. ZILLMAN

Tuesday 2nd May at 2pm

This talk will trace weather and climate forecasting in Australia from its origins to the establishment of the Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology in 1908. Dr John Zillman began his meteorological career as an operational weather forecaster in the 1960s, worked in meteorological research in Australia and the US in the 1970s and served as Director of the Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology for 25 years from 1978 to 2003. Bookings required.



U3A EVENT CHOOSING HUMANITY: AUSTRALIAN AND THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITH JEMILA RUSHTON

Tuesday 9th May at 2pm

Join us as we hear from Jemila Rushton, ICAN's Campaigner in Australia, as she explains the humanitarian imperatives behind the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, what it calls for and Australia's response to date. Jemila Rushton is a Campaigner, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Australia. Bookings required.



U3A EVENT MYSTERIOUS STONE MARKS IN THE GRAMPIANS WITH BILL GARDNER

Tuesday 23rd May at 2pm

It is generally agreed that man-made stone markings (petroglyphs) are very rare or non-existent in Western Victoria, while quite common in other states. But there is a report of marks identified as man-made near Horsham. And another site which was dismissed as "natural features". This intrigued me so over several years, the sites were located (not as easy as it sounds) and looked at first hand. This talk will explore just what is at these sites and uncover an interesting academic trail which casts doubt on the initial conclusions about them. Bookings required.





STORYTIME

Every Wednesday 10-11am (during school terms).

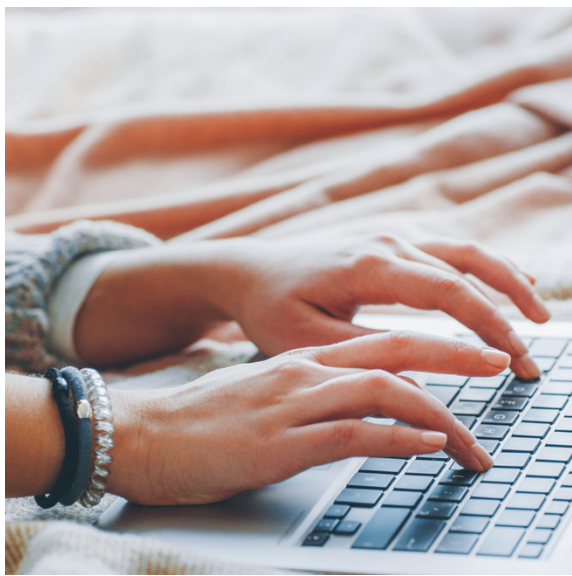
Encourage a lifelong love of stories and reading. Stories are followed by a related craft to get those little hands and big imaginations working. Suitable for children 3-6 years.



RHYME TIME

Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays at 10.30 (during school terms).

Rhyme time will get you and your little one wiggling your fingers & clapping your hands as you join in with stories, singing and nursery rhymes. Suitable for babies 0-2 yrs.



YOUNG WRITERS GROUP

Last Wednesday of the month 5 - 6pm (during school terms)

Come along and meet other creatives to talk about craft & workshop your ideas. This is a positive, supportive and constructive environment to further develop your work and skills. Suitable for teens aged 13-17 years. Bookings required. Upcoming session - 31st May



YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB

Second Wednesday of the month 5-6pm (during school terms)

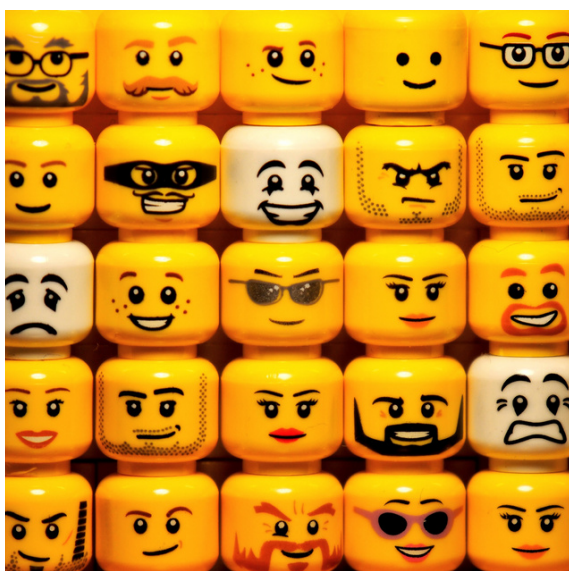
Do you love reading and talking about books? Come along to our monthly YA Book Club to share your reading highs and lows and discover new books. Suitable for teens aged 13-17 years. Bookings required. Upcoming session - 10th May



HOMEWORK HELP

Every Tuesday 4 - 5pm (during school terms)

An informal session where students can bring along their homework and work in a supportive environment. Experienced volunteers are available to assist primary & secondary students with homework, revision, school readers or English conversation practice. Healthy snacks provided.



LEGO CLUB

Every Thursday 4 - 5pm (during school terms)

A mix of guided and free play sessions to encourage creativity, engineering, sharing, and collaboration. During school terms only. Suitable for children aged 6-12 years.



CREATIVE CLUB

Every second Monday at 4pm (during school terms)

A mix of guided and free activities to encourage creativity, innovation, sharing and collaboration. Suitable for children aged 6-12 years. Bookings required. Upcoming sessions - 1st, 15th & 29th May

TECH ZONE CLASSES THIS TERM!



BEGINNER CODE CLUB FOR KIDS

Friday 12th & 26th May 4pm

Join our Beginner Code Club and discover the exciting world of programming! In this club, you'll learn the basics of coding through fun and interactive activities and projects. Library staff will guide you through popular programming language Scratch, and teach you how to create simple games, websites, and apps. You'll also learn important concepts such as variables, loops, and conditional statements, and how to apply them to real-world problems. Suitable for ages 8-14 years. Bookings required.



INTRO TO 3D DESIGN WITH BLENDER

Friday 5th & 19th May 4pm

Are you interested in 3D design, but don't know where to start? Our Beginner Blender 3D classes are the perfect place for you! In this course, you'll learn how to use Blender, the popular open-source 3D software, to create 3D models, animations, and visual effects from scratch. Learn each step of the process, from setting up your workspace to creating basic shapes and objects. Suitable for ages 11-16 years. Bookings required.

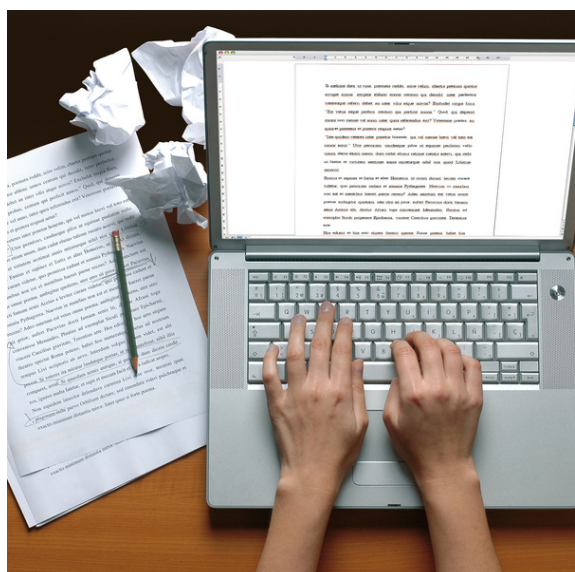


***NEW* MORNING BOOK CHAT**

First Wednesday of the month 10-11am

Brand new Book Club for 2023.

Looking to meet other bibliophiles and chat all things books & reading? We have the group for you! Come along to our brand new, self-run book club on the first Wednesday every month. Bookings required. Upcoming session - 3rd May.



WRITERS GROUP

First Tuesday of the month 6-8pm

Are you a writer looking to connect with other creatives in your community? Join us on the first Tuesday each month at 6pm for our self-directed Writers Group at the library.

Come along and share your writing, receive feedback, and meet other writers in a supportive and creative environment. Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting out, this group is open to all levels and genres. Bookings required. Upcoming session - 2nd May.



ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Third Tuesday of the month 1-2pm

And NEW time - Every Saturday 1-2pm

A session for those from non-English speaking backgrounds to practice their conversational English in a relaxed and informal setting.

Upcoming sessions - 6th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 27th May.



OPEN BOOK CLUB

First Tuesday of the month 6.30-7.30pm

A monthly book club, open to all. Book Club will cover a range of genres and themes and invites you to share your passions with other bibliophiles. Bookings required. Upcoming session - 2nd May.



COMPUTER CONNECTED

Every Monday 9.30-11am

Whether you're an absolute beginner, struggling to use a new device or wanting to develop your computer skills - we're here to help.

Bookings required, phone the library to make a booking.



JOBS VICTORIA ADVOCATES

Mondays & Wednesdays 1pm-3pm

Your local 'Job Victoria Advocates' can help you to connect with services that may assist you in gaining employment, further education and training, vocational information and advice. Drop in or phone the library to make an appointment.



IDAHOBIT CELEBRATION

Wednesday 17th May from 12pm-1pm

Wear rainbow colours and come along for FREE rainbow cake, badge making & face painting! Have your photo taken at the pride wings and stamp a ticket for the activities to go into a prize draw. This event is being run by South West TAFE and will be held in the Reading Room at the Warrnambool Library.



NATIONAL SORRY DAY COMMUNITY FLOWER DISPLAY

National Sorry Day is a day to remember and acknowledge the Stolen Generations and to reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and our nation.

We invite the community to make handcrafted purple flowers to display for National Sorry Day, to acknowledge and show our solidarity to the Stolen Generations. Drop off flowers (before 22nd May) for the Warrnambool Library community display. Flowers will be on display for National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week (26 May - 3 June). Be sure to visit the Library during this week to see the commemorative display.