



**SCONE**  
LITERARY  
FESTIVAL

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*Program*

**MARCH**  
**10-12**  
**2023**



# Welcome

It takes a passionate village to put on a Literary Festival!

With great pride and excitement we bring you an amazing line up of talent, experience and insight!

The 2023 Literary Festival brings us our very first international guest, Dominic Smith, and welcomes home grown talent Mandy Bishop, Hattie Archibald and Hugo Morgan.

Our guests include internationally published authors, publicists, podcasters, advocates, film makers, poets, musicians and artists.

We have Chanel Contos joining us, ex prime minister Malcolm Turnbull, writer and director Jonathan Biggins, and journalist Tim Elliot, musician Merri-May Gill, Podcasters Oli Le Lievre, and Camille Bianchi, along with many more generally inspiring humans who are shaping a better literary world through their crafts, dedication and spirit.

Another Festival first; several of this years' events will be live streamed, providing greater accessibility to those who can't join us physically. Making our connections stronger and ensuring we celebrate all storylines with all people.

This year's Festival has more of a focus on youth than ever before, with workshops and free community events encouraging our next generation to join our conversations on the important topics and to inspire them in developing creativity and upskilling along the way.

Our topic 'Storylines' reminds us of the power of stories however they're delivered, whether it be in the pages of a book, playing out on stage or screen, via podcasts, verse, song, visual arts, or speeches. We are celebrating word makers and the power of words in ALL their forms.

Welcome to being part of our story!

*SLF Committee 2023*

**We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the beautiful Upper Hunter and celebrate the traditions and cultures of the Wonnarua people.**

# For the love of words



The 2023 Scone Literary Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW and our Festival Partner, the Upper Hunter Shire Council



# FRIDAY

March 10, 2023



WORKSHOP



SINGLE TICKET EVENT



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ENTERTAINMENT

**9:30am - 3pm**

## EARLY READERS' PROGRAM - FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Katrina McKelvey & Paula Stevenson

Scone Library, Scone Pre School, Yellow Cottage & Early Learning Centre, Merriwa Central School, St Joseph's Merriwa & Murrurundi Public School

**9:30am - 3pm**

## PRIMARY WRITER'S WORKSHOP - FREE WORKSHOP

Antonia Pesenti & Hilary Bell

Open to all primary schools in the shire, designed for years 3-6

Scone Grammar School



*Must register online*

**9:30am - 4.00pm**

## FILM MAKING WORKSHOP - FREE WORKSHOP

Hattie Archibald, Richie Lawton & Hugo Morgan

Open to 15 - 25 year olds

Hunter Warbirds



*Must register online*

**10:00am - 11:30am**

## POETRY - FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Roving Poets and performers including Jean-Paul Bell & Tug Dumbly

Strathearn Retirement Village, Gundy Road, Scone & Murravale for the Elderly, Murrurundi

**10:30am - 12pm**

## LINKEDIN MASTERCLASS - FREE WORKSHOP

Lucy Bingle, CEO of Australia's Leading LinkedIn Agency

LinkedIn Strategist, Lucy Bingle will guide you on how to stand out on LinkedIn, how to build your LinkedIn community, how to keep them engaged and entertained, and how to build thought leadership.

Phylli Designs, Main Street, Scone



*Must register online*

**12:00pm - 2:00pm**

## CWA LITERARY LUNCH

Ryan Butta

\$50 per person including food and beverages

159 Bettington St, Merriwa



**4:30 - 6:30**

## RESERVOIRS LITERARY G&T

Michael Burge

Featuring special Festival Gin, 'The Written Word'

\$50 per person

Magpie Distilling Murrurundi



# SATURDAY

March 11, 2023



WORKSHOP



SINGLE TICKET EVENT



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ENTERTAINMENT

**8:30am - 9:30am**

## REGISTER, MEET & GREET AUTHORS

Coffee available George & Bean, Delilah & Co.

Hunt-a-Book pop up bookshop open all day

**Scone Arts and Crafts**

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**9:30am - 10:30am**

## WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Richie Lawton

## OFFICIAL OPENING

Hon. Ben Franklin MLC Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, The Arts, Regional Youth, and Tourism

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dominic Smith

**Scone Grammar School** \*streamed session\*

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**10:30am - 11:15am**

## PATHWAYS TO PUBLICATION

Moderator - Suzanne Leal

Panelists: Jo Riccioni, Stacey McEwan & Rae Cairns

**Scone Grammar School**

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**10:30am - 11:15am**

## WOMEN WRITERS WRITING RURAL

Moderator - Anthea Fawcett

Panelists: Lauren Forna, Kat Vella & Catherine Armitage

**Scone Arts and Crafts**

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**11:15am - 12:00pm**

## GIRLS, BOYS & EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN!

Moderator - Suzanne Leal

Panelists: Chanel Contos, Josh Ward & Daisy Turnbull

**Scone Grammar School** \*streamed session\*

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**12:00pm - 12:45pm**

## PEOPLE, THE CONSTITUTION, THE VOICE

Moderator - Dominic Toomey

Panelists: Malcolm Turnbull AC, Tony McAvoy SC, Nardi Simpson

**Scone Grammar School** \*streamed session\*

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**12:45pm - 1:45pm**

## LUNCH

Book signings, refreshments available from Delilah & Co, George & Bean.

**Scone Arts and Crafts**

# SATURDAY

March 11, 2023



WORKSHOP



SINGLE TICKET EVENT



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ENTERTAINMENT

**1:45pm - 2:30pm**

## **(LOOKING FORWARD TO) MY BRILLIANT CAREER**

Moderator: Catherine du Peloux Menagé

Panelists: Lucy Bloom, James McKenzie Watson & Paula Beavan

**Scone Arts and Crafts**

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**1:45pm - 2:30pm**

## **PODCAST STORYTELLING: FROM TRUE CRIME TO SELF IMPROVEMENT**

Moderator: Tim Elliot

Panelists: Oli Le Lievre, Anthea Fawcett & Camille Bianchi

**Scone Grammar School**

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**2:30pm - 3:15pm**

## **BEYOND BEAUTY AND EXCELLENCE; AUTHORIZING OUR OWN STORIES**

Moderator - Erina Reddan

Panelists: Jacinta Parsons, Joanne Fedler, Lucy Turnbull AO

**Scone Grammar School** \*streamed session\*

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**3:15pm - 4:00pm**

## **CONVERSATIONS WITH CREATIVES**

Debra Oswald and Richard Glover

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**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

## **WHAT BOOK WOULD YOU CHANGE THE ENDING TO AND WHY?**

Moderator - Richard Glover

Panelists: Michael Burge, Dominic Smith & James McKenzie Watson

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**5:00pm**

## **POP-UP BOOKSHOP**

Author Signings and Hunt-a-Book pop up bookshop

**Scone Arts and Crafts**

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## **SATURDAY NIGHT**

**5:30pm - 7:30pm**

### **SATURDAY EVENING SOIREE**

View Films created in the students' Film Making Workshop with Hattie Archibald and Hugo Morgan

Music Yarns with Merri-May Gill and Janice

Mingling, casual dinner and drinks

Tickets available individually, as part of a Saturday Pass, or a Full Festival Pass

**Scone Arts and Crafts**



# SUNDAY

March 12, 2023



WORKSHOP



SINGLE TICKET EVENT



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ENTERTAINMENT

**7.30am - 9.00am**

## WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER BUSH POETS' BREAKFAST

Join some of the Upper Hunter's best bush poets in the gardens of Scone Arts & Crafts. We'll be sharing tales of joy and trauma and celebrating frontline workers.

**Rob Christmas, Shelley Piper, Emily Grainger, Tim McLoughlin & Joey Reedy**

2023 Farmers Writing Contest will be launched

Cost: \$45.00 per person All money raised will go to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.



**Venue: Scone Arts and Crafts Gardens**

**9:45am - 10:30am**

## CRIME FICTION GOES TO WHERE THE FEAR IS

Moderator: Catherine du Peloux Menagé

Panelists: Michael Burge, Richard Anderson, Sarah Barrie

**Scone Grammar School**

**10:30am - 11:15am**

## SCANDALS OF THE ART WORLD - AN INSIDERS VIEW

Moderator: Janie Jordan

Panelists: Michael Reid OAM & Alexandra Joel

**Scone Grammar School**

**11:15am - 12:00pm**

## ME, MY COMMUNITY AND A STROKE OF LUCK

Moderator - Kate Mailer

Panelists: Janno McLaughlin, Maria Myrtko, Erina Reddan, Nardi Simpson

**Scone Grammar School**

**12:30pm - ONWARDS**

## STORY CIRCLES - FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Join us for readings, music, library chats, creation of Scone's alphabet. Go on an Adventure with Dementia and contribute to our community project the 'Hope for Ukraine quilt'. Be part of a book swap and get 10 minutes with a wordmaker from 1pm.

Hilary Bell, Antonia Pesenti, Jean Paul Bell, Suzanne Leal, Toby Roberts and Tug Dumbly. Entertainment by our very own Scone musician & songwriter, Hamish Guiana.

**Scone Arts and Crafts**

**2:00pm - 2:45pm**

## CONVERSATIONS WITH CREATIVES

Jonathan Biggins and Mandy Bishop

**Scone Arts and Crafts**

**4:00pm**

## FESTIVAL CLOSE

Thankyou for a fantastic festival, see you next time!



# OUR THANKS

A heartfelt thank you to our family of supporters. Thanks to the tremendous generosity of you and your fellow supporters, SLF has established an enviable reputation for 'punching well above its weight.'

Our biennale festival rivals any of the major festivals with big names tackling big themes and topics and staging fun events all designed to develop the cultural heritage of the Upper Hunter, and most of all to foster the love of words. Without your support, our Festival wouldn't have flourished into what it is today.

## Support the Festival

### DGR Status

Late last year (December 2022), our beloved, 'big, little' festival achieved a major milestone with the granting of DGR status (Deductible Gift Recipient Status). We are also now a registered charity to support and nurture the love of literature.

That means your donations to us, via our Public Gift Fund, are tax deductible, whether you're an individual or an organisation.



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# GET INVOLVED

## Friends of the Festival

### Individual membership \$30

Friends of the Festival are supporting a great cause while enjoying benefits such as:

- Exclusive ticket prices
- First access to tickets
- Discounts at selected bookshops
- Invitations to selected events

## The Page-Turner

### \$500 Annual Support

Like ink on the page, the heart and soul of our Festival, you're with us through every chapter eagerly awaiting what the future holds.

We thank our Page-Turners with:

- Signage at a member's event
- Your logo in the appropriate size on our website
- Your logo on our social media channels
- 1 free ticket to a single event
- Certificate of appreciation

We appreciate all financial support no matter how big or small!

If you'd love to support the Festival in another way, or have specific ambitions for your sponsorship, please let us know. We'd be delighted to talk with you about your ideas and how we can support one another.

# For the love of words

We appreciate and rely on the support of local businesses, sponsors and our Festival Friends to be able to continue this fantastic Festival.

This year, special thanks goes to the following businesses:

Paradise Investments

Scone Grammar School

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Scone Motor Inn

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Plants on Main

Godolphin

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