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MUDGEES READERS' FESTIVAL

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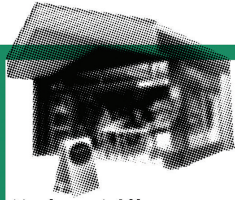
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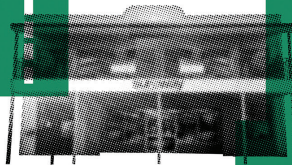
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Town Hall Theatre
64 Market Street

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Mudgee Art House
93 Market Street

MIH Wellness Studio
15 Byron Place



Byron Place
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North to

The Cellar by Gilbert
137 Ulan Road

The Little Cooking School
6 Henry Lawson Drive

The Pavilion @ Lowe
327 Tinja Lane

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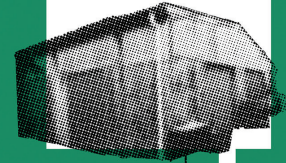
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Find your way around
Mudgee



St Mary's Parish Centre
Old Convent
57 Market Street

TheMudFactory
13-15 Lewis Street



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 2019 Mudgee Readers' Festival!

This is the Festival's tenth year — quite an accomplishment for a modest literary event powered primarily by the passion of a dedicated bunch of readers in our community.

Whether over the years you have been a part of our team, attended an event as a writer or reader, volunteered your time, donated your services or assisted us financially, you are an intrinsic part of our story and we thank you for your continuing support.

If you are finding us for the first time, we hope that you will find something to delight and challenge in this year's rich and varied program. Enjoy the tenth Mudgee Readers' Festival and thank you for finding your story in our community.

TEAM MRF

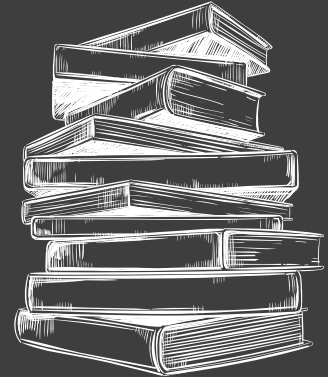
To book tickets visit

www.mudgeereaders.com

Tickets also available at Mid-Western Regional Council Libraries Mudgee branch on Friday 9 August and Friday 16 August 10am—2pm and across the festival weekend.

Purchase a Town Hall Theatre pass for \$50 and receive entry to all sessions held at the Town Hall Theatre over the Festival weekend.

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FRIDAY 9 AUGUST

Trivia: From Page to Screen

6.00-8.30pm

Town Hall Theatre, gold coin entry

Get a team of book and movie buffs together to test your knowledge! Our trivia master **Sam Paine** will ask questions about a variety of films and their origins on the page — from *Captain Marvel* to *Hunger Games* and *Love, Simon* — and you can win some great prizes and show off your knowledge of books and their film adaptations! There is a prize for best dressed so come as your favourite page to screen character.

This event is for ages 12—25, presented in partnership with Mid-Western Regional Youth Council.

FRIDAY 16 AUGUST

School Daze

9:30am—2:30pm

Mid-Western Regional Council area schools, for more information contact info@mudgeereaders.com

Ursula Dubosarsky and **Will Kostakis** will talk reading, writing and culture with young readers from the Mudgee region.



WIN A BOOK PACK IN THE MYRF QUIZ !

Drop your answers into any Mid-Western Regional Libraries branch for your chance to win very special pack from Not Quite Newtown! The winner will be announced at the Sunday Story-time session on Sunday 18 August. Don't forget to put your name on your entry (and hint: all of the answers are in this program so read carefully!).

1. Where are there too many elephants?
2. What can you make at the Mud Factory during the Mudgee Readers' Festival?
3. What was the name of the 2018 zine launched by the Mudgee Zine Makers?

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

MRF Morning Yoga

8.00-9.00am

MIH Wellness Studio
\$15, book online

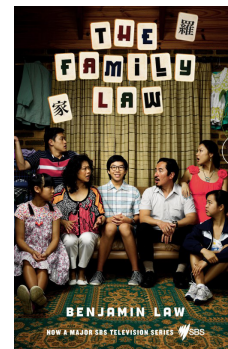
Join **Laura Humphreys** from MIH Wellness Studio for a morning yoga practice suitable for all levels. This class will mimic the way our favourite stories unfold — always moving, changing, flowing. Allow Laura to guide you through a series of postures that seamlessly unfold like the chapters of a book. Offering more than just a physical experience, this class will take you on journey to awaken the body, open the mind and soothe the soul — the perfect start to your festival weekend.

The Family Law: Coffee and breakfast with Benjamin Law

8:00–9:30am

Pipeclay Pumphouse \$36, book online

Benjamin Law writes a popular *Good Weekend* column and has seen his memoir *The Family Law* turned into an acclaimed SBS show. Join him and Mudgee author **Summer Land** for coffee, breakfast and a chat about his writing and reading life.



Benjamin Law

Benjamin Law is the author of the memoir *The Family Law*, the travel book *Gaysia: Adventures in the Queer East* — both nominated for Australian Book Industry Awards — and the Quarterly Essay on Safe Schools, *Moral Panic 101*. *The Family Law* is now also an award-winning TV series for SBS, which Benjamin created and co-writes. Benjamin has also written

for over 50 publications in Australia and beyond — including the *Monthly*, *frankie*, *Good Weekend*, the *Guardian*, the *Australian*, *Monocle* and the *Australian Financial Review* — and has a PhD in creative writing from QUT.

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

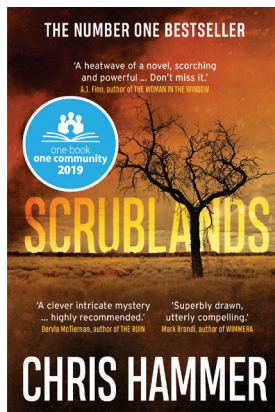
One Book One Community

10:30–11:30am

Town Hall Theatre, free but secure your place online

Join **Chris Hammer** for a big book club discussion of the book our whole community has been reading! Set in a fictional Riverina town at the height of a devastating drought, *Scrublands* is one of the most powerful, compelling and original crime novels to be written in Australia.

Hosted by **Michael Bourke**.



Chris Hammer

Chris Hammer was a journalist for more than thirty years, dividing his career between covering Australian federal politics and international affairs.

His first book, *The River*, published in 2010 to critical acclaim, was the recipient of the ACT Book of the Year Award and was shortlisted for the Walkley Book Award and the Manning Clark House National

Cultural Award. His latest book *Scrublands* is the thrilling tale of a small town containing big secrets.

Local is Lovely

10:30–11:30am

St Mary's Parish Centre Old Convent, free but secure your place online

Food writer and farmer **Sophie Hansen** runs the *Local is Lovely* blog: a collection of recipes and resources for people who love supporting farmers by sourcing, sharing and celebrating good seasonal and local food. Sophie and her family raise deer according to holistic practices and Sophie has also recently published the gorgeous cookbook *A Basket by the Door*. Join Sophie and host **Alice Grundy** for a warm conversation about the *Local is Lovely* lifestyle.

Presented in partnership with the Mudgee Farmer's Markets.

Mudgee Zine Makers

10:30–11:30am

Mudgee Library, free but secure your place online

After the success of the 2018 zine *Burning*, the Mudgee Zine Makers are proud to launch a new zine sharing a story of Wiradjuri culture, with special guest **Kiara Harris**.

Proudly presented with the Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Listen Up!

12:00–1:00pm *St Mary's Parish Centre Old Convent, \$12, book online*

Jenn Martin talks to radio producer **Sheila Ngoc Pham** and podcast hosts **Benjamin Law** (*Stop Everything*) and **Sophie Hansen** (*A Basket by the Door*) about their programs, why they love podcasts and what they listen to when they aren't recording.

Generation Me or Generation We?

12:00pm–1:00pm *Town Hall Theatre, \$12, book online*

Baby Boomers took their free education and used it to destroy the property market. Millennials want everything now but don't want to work for it. Join **Mike Munro, Zoya Patel, Will Kostakis** and **Chris Hammer** as they take a closer look at generational divisions and misconceptions.

Hosted by **Maeve Marsden**.

Blind Wines, Blind Books

12:30–1:30pm *Mudgee Art House, \$30, book online (places strictly limited)*

Challenge your local wine knowledge with a selection of Blind Wines tastings — led by **James Horsfall** of Blind Wines — and figure out which wines best match books by our programmed authors.

Proudly presented with Blind Wines.

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

Silent Reading Party

1:30–2:30pm

Mudgee Library, free, no bookings

Attention YA readers! Bring your book and settle in for a communal reading experience. **Will Kostakis** and **Rawah Arja** will host this silent reading party and at the end of the party chat with you about what you're reading.

This session is for 12–25 year olds.

From Page to Screen and Stage

1:30pm–2:30pm

*St Mary's Parish Centre Old Convent,
\$12, book online*

Bill Bennett, Ursula Dubosarsky and **Rosalie Ham** discuss the adaptation of their books for stage and screen. Hosted by **David Henley**.

The Mother in Law

1:30pm–2:30pm

Town Hall Theatre, \$12, book online

The latest novel from **Sally Hepworth** is a twisty, compelling story about one woman's complicated relationship with her mother-in-law that ends in murder... Join the bestselling author — in conversation with **Sharelle Fellows** — to find out how she creates the stories that Liane Moriarty calls 'women's fiction at its finest.'

Make your own book!

1:30–2:30pm

The Mud Factory, \$16, book online

Join authors and artists **Rachel Williams** and **Peter Warrington** from *Not Quite Newtown* as they guide you through the process of creating your own book, a handmade object with photography and words that tells the story of Mudgee... or maybe not quite Mudgee!

This hands-on session is for 4–7 year olds.

The Bibliotherapist is In

3:00–4:00pm

Mudgee Library, free, book your 15 minute appointment online

Looking for a book to soothe or to stimulate? Stuck on what to read at this particular time in your life? See our expert **Jenn Martin** for a dose of bibliotherapy and come away with reading suggestions tailored to your needs.

The Power of Collaboration

3:00–4:00pm

Town Hall Theatre, \$12, book online

Join Finishing School Collective members **Felicity Castagna, Chloe Higgins, Sheila Ngoc Pham** and **Eda Gunaydin** for a talk about the different ways that they collaborate in their creative practice: writing together, inspiring and guiding each other and working across artforms to produce exciting new work.

High Tea from A Basket by the Door

3:00–5:00pm

The Little Cooking School, \$50, book online

Learn from **Sophie Hansen** as she makes you a sweet treat from her gorgeous cookbook *A Basket by the Door*. An intimate high tea will follow, with local tea, coffee and additional treats from Sophie's book provided by The Little Mudgee's Cooking School.



Sophie Hansen

Sophie Hansen trained in journalism and has over 20 years' experience as a features writer. In 2013 she set up her blog, *Local is Lovely*, and her podcast *My Open Kitchen* is going into its third season.

Sophie has been awarded Australian Rural Woman of the Year in recognition of her commitment to rural communities. She believes in simple, tasty and seasonal food made with love and shared generously. Her latest book, *A Basket By the Door*, is a collection of joyful and comforting recipes.

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

Growing Up Muslim in Australia

4:30pm–5:30pm

Town Hall Theatre,
\$12, book online

Join **Amal Awad** — author of *Beyond Veiled Clichés: The Real Lives of Arab Women* — with **Rawah Arja** and **Eda Gunaydin** for a conversation about their varied experiences of growing up Muslim in Australia.



Australian Poetry Slam: Mudgee Heat

4:00–6:00pm

St Mary's Parish Centre Old Convent, free but secure your place online

Ignite the mic and set the stage alight in Australian Poetry Slam 2019! Are you the next Australian Poetry Slam Champion or a keen punter ready to cheer?

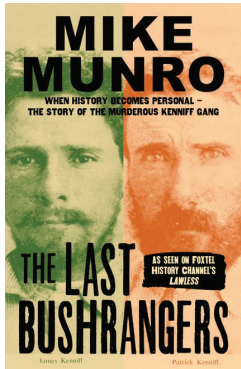
Join Australian Poetry Slam at Mudgee Readers' Festival for some red-hot wordsmithing. The top-two poets will get the chance to perform at the NSW State Final in Sydney! Jump on the mic for 2 minutes or just put your bum on a seat and be inspired! For full rules and details visit the APS website:

www.australianpoetryslam.com/rules

Australian Poetry Slam is a live literary performance program where the audience decides the champion. With a nationwide round of 60 heats, the best slammers will perform for the chance to win the Australian Poetry Slam National Final at Sydney Opera House as part of Story-Fest. The ultimate prize? An all expenses paid international tour, performing at Byron Writers Festival, Ubud Writers and Readers Festival, Singapore Writers Festival, Hong Kong International Literary Festival, Banff Arts Centre and Blue Metropolis Festival.

To sign up for the competition email info@mudgeereaders.com or sign up in person half an hour before the event at the venue.

Presented in partnership with Australian Poetry Slam and Mid-Western Regional Youth Council.



This Is Your Life: a dinner with Mike Munro

6:30–10:30pm

The Pavilion at Lowe, \$95 (includes a glass of sparkling wine on arrival, followed by a four course gourmet meal), book online

Mike Munro is a household name thanks to his stellar career as a journalist for *60 Minutes*, *A Current Affair* and *Sunday Night*. He also paid tribute to over 200 Australians as presenter of the much-loved show *This is Your Life*.

He has more recently hosted a four-part History Channel series on bushrangers and his book *The Last Bushrangers* tells the story of Australia's last bushranging gang — the murderous Kenniff gang.

Join Mike Munro and ABC Western Plains presenter **Nick Lowther** for dinner at The Pavilion at Lowe. The Pavilion at Lowe is the latest culinary adventure from celebrated Zin House chef Kim Curry.

Mike Munro

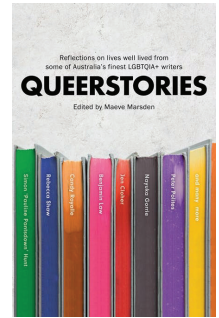
Mike Munro started his career as a 17-year-old copy boy on the *Daily Mirror*, then in television news. He went on to become a household name for his crusading and investigative journalism, with stints as a reporter on *Willesee* and *60 Minutes*, before becoming host of *A Current Affair* and *Sunday Night*. For thirteen years he presented the much-loved show *This Is Your Life*. In 2014 Munro was made a member of the Order of Australia for his charity work and contribution to journalism.



Queerstories

7:00–10:00pm

Mudgee Brewing Company, \$48 (includes a hearty meal and sweet treat), book online



Join **Maeve Marsden** for a special MRF edition of *Queerstories*. Fast becoming a national institution, *Queerstories* was born of a desire to hear the stories LGBTQIA+ people want to tell: unexpected tales of lives well lived and battles fought.

These are stories filled with pride, prejudice, love and humour that reinvent conventional ideas about narrative, family and community. There's more to being queer than coming out and getting married.

Featuring guests **Benjamin Law, Will Kostakis, Faith Chaza, and Hajer.**

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

Bending Autobiographical Boundaries

9:15am–10:15am

*Mudgee Art House,
\$8, book online
(places strictly limited)*

Felicity Castagna will host a morning of readings by women who are bending the boundaries of autobiography in new and exciting ways.

Join **Chloe Higgins, Sheila Ngoc Pham, Eda Gunaydin** and **Rawah Arja** as they spin stories about their lives and everything else.

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Collective.*

Business or Pleasure?

9:15am–10:15am

Town Hall Theatre, \$12, book online

MRF bibliotherapist **Jenn Martin** talks to **Amal Awad, Faith Chaza, Sally Hepworth** and **Chris Hammer** on what they read, how their work reading differs from reading for pleasure and the relationship between writing and reading.

MRF Book Club: No Country Woman

9:15am–10:15am

St Mary's Parish Centre Old Convent, \$12, book online

No Country Woman is the story of never knowing where you belong. It's about challenging society's need to define us and it's a rallying cry for the future. It's a memoir full of heart, fury and intelligence. Join **Zoya Patel** in conversation with **Liz Mayberry** about her timely and incisive memoir.

Make your own book!

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This hands-on session is for 8-11 year olds.

Homegrown Stories

10:00–11:00am

Mudgee Library, free but secure your place online

Writers from or inspired by the Mudgee Region and the Central West share their stories with the audience and each other. A chance for regional writers to connect and for readers to find a story off the beaten track.

Hosted by **Sam Paine**.

Sunday Story-time

10:30–11:30am

Mudgee Library, free but secure your place online

Join **Ursula Dubosarsky** and **Kiara Harris** for a storytelling extravaganza that will delight children of all ages (but mostly the small ones). Enjoy stories told in Wiradjuri language as well as *The Terrible Plop* and *Too Many Elephants in This House*.

MRF Book Club: Fridays with My Folks

11:15am–12:15pm

Mudgee Art House, \$8, book online (places strictly limited)

On a mission to help her ailing father and support her mother, **Amal Awad** began spending every Friday with her parents. She saw the gaps in discussion around ageing and sickness, which prompted her to explore how Australians are ageing, how sickness affects the afflicted and those around them, and what solutions exist when hope seems lost.

This book stems from personal experiences, but it expands to a much wider, more universal discussion about life, suffering, coping and hope.

Join **Amal Awad** and **Kitty Eggerking** for an intimate conversation about *Friday with My Folks: Stories on ageing, illness and life*.

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

A Little Piece of Heaven

11:15am–12:15pm

Town Hall Theatre,
\$12, book online

The acclaimed stage show *A Little Piece of Heaven* has swept through the region and even toured to Melbourne — now it's your chance to hear from storytellers **Aunty Ruth** and **Uncle Dick Carney** and share in the launch of their story in book form.

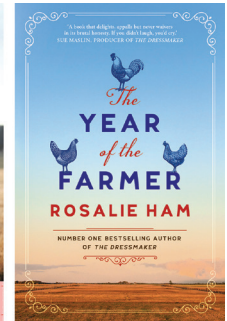
Hosted by **Paris Norton**, with a complementary morning tea.

Long Lazy Lunch with Rosalie Ham

12:30–3:00pm

The Cellar by Gilbert, \$70 (includes a glass of wine on arrival and three course meal), book online

Rosalie Ham's first novel *The Dressmaker* has been brought to life on screen in the award winning film starring Kate Winslet. Her novels have now sold over 150,000 copies in Australia and internationally, the latest of which is *The Year of the Farmer*, a darkly satirical novel of a small country town battling the elements and one another. Join Rosalie for a decadent Long Lazy Lunch and intimate discussion with host **Alice Grundy**.



Rosalie Ham

Rosalie Ham was born and raised in Jerilderie, a small country town in New South Wales. Described as a 'gifted storyteller' with ideas that are 'fresh, unusual and entertaining,' Rosalie's stories are new, but recognisable beyond Australia. Using the stereotype to subvert the cliché, and always seeking to surprise the reader, she sheds new light on universal verities.

Rosalie lives in Melbourne and, when she is not writing, teaches literature.

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