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## The conversation heats up at the Wheeler Centre June to August programme announced today

The Wheeler Centre's second programme is overflowing with writers, thinkers and discussions to keep the City of Literature humming this winter. There are great international guests like **Ayaan Hirsi Ali** (29 July), **Bret Easton Ellis** (13 August) and **Fatima Bhutto** (3 August) plus fascinating Australians **David Marr** (16 June), **Kate Jennings** (20 July), **John Birmingham** (14 July) and many more...

There'll be celebrations of all kinds; from a tribute to one of Australia's finest poets **Peter Porter** (25 June) to a literary and theatrical salute of **Chekhov** (2 July) on the anniversary of his death, plus a week dedicated to literary **Love and Lust** (6-9 July).

Programme two also shines a light on Australia's cultural industries with the inaugural **State of the Arts Lecture** (3 August) and **Critical Failure** (6-10 September), a week exploring arts criticism in all its forms – books, film, theatre and visual arts.

Wheeler Centre favourites **Lunchbox/Soapbox**, **Debut Mondays**, **the Writer's Mix Tape**, **Reading on Vocation** and **Ethically Speaking** return with new faces, fresh voices and hot topics. Coming up:

- Former Supreme Court judge **Ken Crispin**;
- *Age* columnist **Monica Dux**;
- Acclaimed novelist **Richard Flanagan**;
- Comedian, performer and writer **Tim Ferguson**;
- First-time authors **Vivienne Kelly**, **Joel Magarey**, **Dan Ducrou**, **Tess Evans** and **Jon Bauer**;
- Plus the reading habits of captains of industry, scientists and filmmakers;
- And in-depth examinations of sporting and medical ethics.

From now until the end of August, the Wheeler Centre will continue to add exciting new events and big name writers to their programme, bringing the City of Literature to life. Stay in touch via our website and newsletter.

The majority of events are free, held at the Wheeler Centre and start at 6:15 pm.  
Bookings recommended for all events except *Lunchbox/Soapbox* and *Debut Mondays*.  
For bookings, tickets and other details visit [wheelercentre.com](http://wheelercentre.com)

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