



PROGRAMME

February 2010

Sat, 13 Feb ***A Gala Night of Storytelling***

Melbourne Town Hall • 6.00 - 7.30pm • SOLD OUT

The public launch of the Wheeler Centre will be a celebration of storytelling. Twelve of Australia's finest writers will reveal a tale that has been handed down to them through the generations. To be held on the anniversary of the apology to the Stolen Generations, with all proceeds going to the Indigenous Literacy Project, this unique evening will feature **Chloe Hooper, Paul Kelly, Cate Kennedy, Judith Lucy, Shane Maloney, David Malouf, John Marsden, Alex Miller, John Safran, Christos Tsiolkas, Tara June Winch and Alexis Wright.**

Mon, 15 Feb ***Debut Mondays***

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, no bookings required

First of a fortnightly series where first-time writers get to spruik their work with a ten-minute reading. First up: **Bob Franklin's** collection of literary horror stories, *Under Stones*, **Andrew McDonald's** YA romp *The Greatest Blogger in the World*, **Sofie Laguna's** Miles Franklin long-listed *One Foot Wrong* and *Our Girls* and **Madeleine Hamilton's** exploration of 40s and 50s Australian pinup girls.

Tue, 16 Feb ***In Conversation with Jennifer Byrne***

Wheeler Centre • 6.30 - 7.30pm • Free, bookings recommended

First of the bimonthly interviews with writers of all kinds hosted by Jennifer Byrne from ABC TV's *First Tuesday Book Club*.

Wed, 17 Feb ***Ethically Speaking: Media & Journalistic Ethics***

Wheeler Centre • 6.15 - 7.15pm • Free, bookings recommended

First in a series of bimonthly events where a panel of experts debate current ethical and philosophical issues that affect our everyday existence. **Michael Gawenda**, from Melbourne Uni's Centre for Advanced Journalism, puts the spotlight on journalism with four of its most experienced practitioners: **Gay Alcorn, Paul Chadwick, Tony Coady and Mark Danner.**

Fri, 19 Feb ***Mark Danner - One-Off Event***

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

With 25 years reporting and writing on foreign affairs, politics and war for publications such as *The New Yorker*, *The New York Review of Books* and *The New York Times Magazine*, and a string of awards including an Emmy, Danner is one of the world's most celebrated journalists. He will discuss his latest book *Stripping Bare the Body*.

Tue, 23 Feb ***The Writer's Mix Tape***

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

First of a monthly interview, in association with broadcaster 3RRR, with notable writers revealing the 10 songs that have moved and shaped their careers. It starts with playwright **Lally Katz** offering up her musical picks to 3RRR's **Richard Watts.**



Wed, 24 Feb **Reading on Vocation with Ramona Koval**

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, no bookings required

First in a series on the last Wednesday of each month, Radio National's *The Book Show* host Ramona Koval invites high profile professionals to talk about the books that have been important to them. This week, architects.

Thu, 25 Feb **Lunchbox/Soapbox**

Wheeler Centre • 12.45 - 1.15pm • Free, no bookings required. BYO sandwich.

The weekly speakers' corner spot for writers to sound off on a topic of their choice. First up is renowned bioethicist **Peter Singer**, who will speak on *Why We Need a Beef Tax*.

Thu, 25 Feb **Meanland: Reading in a Time of Change**

Wheeler Centre • 6.15 - 7.15pm • Free, bookings recommended

First of the bimonthly panel discussions presented by literary journals, *Meanjin* and *Overland*. Chair **Sophie Cunningham**, along with **Sherman Young** (*The Book is Dead*), **Margaret Simons** (*The Content Makers*), literary critic **Peter Craven** and columnist and m-book author **Marieke Hardy**, explore what reading might be like in 15 years' time.

March 2010

Mon, 1 Mar **Debut Mondays**

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, no bookings required

Four of the best new writers in town read from their own work. This Monday it's **Tom Cho's** funny and original *Look Who's Morphing*, **Andrew Croome's** Vogel Prize winning *Document Z*, memorist **Lisa Dempster's** *Neon Pilgram*, and prize-winning poet **LK Holt's** *Man Wolf Man*.

Tue, 2 Mar **Australian Literary Review**

Wheeler Centre • 6.15 - 7.15pm • Free, bookings recommended

First of a monthly panel discussion on the ALR's latest issue, lead by its editor **Stephen Romei**.

Wed, 3 Mar **Malcolm Fraser - One-Off Event**

Collins Street Baptist Church • 6.30 - 7.30pm • \$15 & \$5 concession, bookings strongly recommended

Australia's 22nd Prime Minister, and still active commentator on current events, Malcolm Fraser will discuss his new memoir with co-writer Margaret Simons.

Thu, 4 Mar **Lunchbox/Soapbox**

Wheeler Centre • 12.45 - 1.15pm • Free, no bookings required. BYO sandwich.

Senior features writer for *The Australian* and *Insiders* regular, **George Megalogenis**, will talk on *The Kevin Performance Index*. Or why he would like Mr Rudd to shut up for just one day.



Thu, 4 Mar *IQ2 Debate: Australia Should Embrace Nuclear Power*
Melbourne Town Hall • 6.30 – 8.30pm • \$30 & \$20 concession, bookings strongly recommended

A debate around the call from some environmentalists that Australia has an obligation to embrace nuclear power.

It's an issue that divides the environmental movement and the wider community.

Speakers For: Dr. James Hansen, Dr. Erica Smith & Dr. Ziggy Switkowski and

Against: Dr. Mark Diesendorf, Adam Morton & Molly Harris Olson.

Sat, 6 Mar *Federation Square Book Market*

Fed Square Atrium • Free, no bookings required.

First of fortnightly reading, talk or activity in partnership with Wheeler Centre resident organisations and other literary groups.

Mon, 8 Mar *Geoff Dyer - One-Off Event*

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

Called 'quite possibly the best living writer in Britain' by the *Daily Telegraph*, **Geoff Dyer's** writing is hilarious, dark, thought provoking and wise. Dyer will be in Melbourne for one night only to speak with the Wheeler Centre's Programming Director, **Michael Williams**, about his new novel *Jeff in Venice, Death in Varanasi*.

Tue, 9 Mar *Sarah Dunant - One-Off Event*

Wheeler Centre • 6.30 - 7.30pm • Free, bookings recommended

Broadcaster, critic and international best-selling author **Sarah Dunant** comes to Melbourne for the first time. She speaks to Louise Swinn about her latest blockbuster *Sacred Hearts*, the final in her trilogy about power, creativity and passion in Renaissance Italy.

Wed, 10 Mar *Irvine Welsh - One-Off Event*

Wheeler Centre • 6.30 - 7.30pm • Free, bookings recommended

Irvine Welsh's debut novel *Trainspotting* made him an international sensation. He has continued to write about the seedy side of Edinburgh ever since. This unofficial poet of drugs, sex and grime talks with ABC's **Alan Brough** about his latest book, *Reheated Cabbage*.

Thu, 11 Mar *Lunchbox/Soapbox*

Wheeler Centre • 12.45 - 1.15pm • Free, no bookings required. BYO sandwich.

Columnist and author of the best-selling novel *Addition*, **Toni Jordan** will speak *In Defence of Trash Fiction*.

Fri, 12 Mar *Art on the City*

Wheeler Centre • 6.30 - 7.30pm • Free, bookings recommended

First in the series **Reading the City** that puts the spotlight on Melbourne itself as a City of Literature. In this session, chaired by **Chris McAuliffe** from the Ian Potter Museum of Art, three prominent visual artists, including Jan Senbergs, discuss how they go about depicting Melbourne in their work.



Sun, 14 Mar **Double Jeopardy: Women Writers in Dangerous Places – One-Off Event**

Wheeler Centre • 2.00 - 3.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

To mark International Women's Day, the Melbourne PEN Centre celebrates the bravery of women living in countries where it is dangerous to be both a woman and a writer. An hour of readings and discussion.

Sun, 14 Mar **Urban Sprawl: Melbourne 2030 Sunday Forum**

Wheeler Centre • 4.00 - 5.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

In the first of two Sunday public forums, the question of Melbourne's growth is discussed using the Government's contentious 2030 policy as starting point. Panellists include Rob Adams and Michael Buxton.

Mon, 15 Mar **Debut Mondays**

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, no bookings required

Regular fortnightly readings from our newest authors. This session features Poetry Slam champ **Ezra Bix's** *Dancing in the Lifeboat*, **Christine Darcas's** *Dancing in High Heels Backwards*, *Alzheimer's*, *A Love Story* by prize-winning short story writer **Vivienne Ulman** and **Damon Young's** *Distraction: A Philosopher's Guide to Being Free*.

Tue, 16 Mar **Melbourne on the Page**

Wheeler Centre • 6.15 - 7.15pm • Free, bookings recommended

Writers who have set their books in Melbourne – including Ross Mueller and Andrea Goldsmith - discuss how they use our buildings, lanes and streets in their writings.

Wed, 17 Mar **Clive Hamilton - One-Off Event**

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

Author of *Affluenza* and *Growth Fetish*, **Clive Hamilton** is one of our sharpest thinkers. He talks about his new book *Requiem for a Species* where he outlines the failures of humanity, including ignoring dire warnings about the future, then makes the case for action, now. Moderated by ABC Radio National's Peter Mares.

Thu, 18 Mar **Lunchbox/Soapbox**

Wheeler Centre • 12.45 - 1.15pm • Free, no bookings required. BYO sandwich.

Melbourne's best loved food writer **Stephanie Alexander** sounds off on a topic close to her heart in *A Dietary Call to Arms*.

Fri, 19 Mar **Art in the City**

Wheeler Centre • 6.30 - 7.30pm • Free, bookings recommended

Chris McAuliffe from the Ian Potter Museum of Art returns to lead a discussion on Melbourne's public art - from statues of dead governors to temporary installations.

Sat, 20 Mar **Federation Square Book Market**

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Sat, 20 Mar **Poetry in Fashion**

Wheeler Centre • 2.00 – 4.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

Part of the **Reading the City** series, in collaboration with the Melbourne Fashion Festival and the Australian Poetry Centre. Is there poetry to fashion? Is poetry fashionable?

Sun, 21 Mar **The Trouble with Water: Sunday Forum**

Wheeler Centre • 4.00 - 5.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

At the end of another summer, mostly likely dry and hot, the second of the Sunday public forums addresses our water situation and the anxiety it is creating. Reservoirs are not full enough and the desal option has mixed support. What's the solution? The panel includes Michael Cathcart and Steven Ross.

Mon, 22 Mar **Quarterly Essay**

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

First of a regular series on the release of each essay, in association with publisher Black Inc. This session features author and commentator **Waleed Aly** discussing his essay *The Future of Conservatism: Where the Right Went Wrong*.

Tue, 23 Mar **Bricks and Mortar**

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

Melbourne may not have the Sydney Opera House, but surely we have *some* landmarks? Four of our architectural experts will name their favourite, and least favourite, Melbourne buildings.

Wed, 24 Mar **Historians on Melbourne**

Wheeler Centre • 6.30 - 7.30pm • Free, bookings recommended

Some of our finest historians will reveal some forgotten stories about Melbourne's past. Hosted by SBS TV's **Sam Pang**.

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A visiting guest from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival will sound off on a topic of their choice.

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In a regular monthly interview 3RRR invites one of Melbourne's one of Melbourne's favourite writers to reveal the 10 songs that have been the soundtrack to their creative life creative and professional life.

Mon, 29 Mar **Debut Mondays**

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, no bookings required

10 minute readings from four new authors. This session features **Anna Goldworthy's** musical memoir *Piano Lessons*, **Brendan Gullifer's** fly-on-the-wall look at Melbourne's property industry *Sold*, Melbourne Prize for Literature winning **Amra Pajalic's** *The Good Daughter* and **Caroline Lee's** Meanjin serialised novel *Stripped*.

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Tue, 30 Mar **Overland: Mungo MacCullum**

Trades Hall Bar • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

From Pacific Solution to Oceanic Viking: in a special *Overland* event, legendary journalist and raconteur **Mungo MacCallum** discusses what we might expect from Labor on refugees.

Wed, 31 Mar **Reading on Vocation with Ramona Koval**

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, no bookings required

A regular monthly event with Radio National's *The Book Show* host Ramona Koval about our leading professionals and the books that have been important to them. Ramona's guests this month are comedians.

April 2010

Thu, 1 Apr **Lunchbox/Soapbox**

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To celebrate the Melbourne International Comedy Festival a comedian will sound off on a topic of their choice.

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Tue, 6 Apr **Lee Child - One-Off Event**

Wheeler Centre • 6.30 - 7.30pm • Booking information to be advised

Top-selling British thriller writer **Lee Child**, author of the hugely popular Jack Reacher novels, talks to **John Birmingham** about his career and his latest book *61 Hours*.

Wed, 7 Apr **Robin Boyd: Australian Ugliness – Off-off Event**

Wheeler Centre • 6.30 - 7.30pm • Free, bookings recommended

The legacy of Robin Boyd (1919-71), arguably Australia's most influential architect, is celebrated with the re-release of his classic bestseller *The Australian Ugliness*. Fifty years after its publication it remains the definitive statement on how we live and think.

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10 minute readings from four new authors. Featuring: **Kathy Charles's** wry love-letter to Los Angeles *Hollywood Ending*, **Mic Looby's** travel-guide inspired *Paradise Updated*, **Michaela McGuire's** humorous memoir *Apply Within: Stories of Career Sabotage*, and *Loving Richard Feynman* a tale of a science-loving 15-year-old by **Penny Tangey**.

Tue, 13 Apr **Jana Wendt - One-Off Event**

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One of Australia's most respected journalists, Jana Wendt makes one of her rare public appearances to discuss her new book.

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Barrister, refugee and human rights advocate **Julian Burnside AO QC** takes the opportunity to sound off on a topic of his choice.

Fri, 23 April to Sun 25 April **Drawing Out, Drawing In: A Spotlight on Graphic Novels**

Wheeler Centre • To find out more go to wheelercentre.com

A weekend of panel discussions, workshops and talks on the adult comic novel in all its forms, with some of its leading artists and writers including **Bernard Caleo, Queenie Chan, W. Chew Chan, Olso Davis, George Dunford, Nicki Greenberg, Bruce Mutard, Shaun Tan, Andrew Weldon** and others.

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Author and *Good Weekend* columnist **Kate Holden** takes this fortnightly spot to sound off about a topic of her choice.

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A weekly half-hour lunchtime spot where a guest writer gets the opportunity to sound off on a topic of their choice

Tue, 11 May **The Poet's Voice: Wislawa Szymborska - One-Off event**

Wheeler Centre • 6.30 - 7.30pm • Free, bookings recommended

In partnership with the Australian Poetry Centre and curated by **Ellen Koshland**, a celebration of the 1996 Nobel Prize for Literature winner, poet **Wislawa Szymborska**. Special guests will read and discuss her work in what will be a memorable evening.

Wed, 12 May **Griffith Review : Still The Lucky Country?**

Wheeler Centre • 6.00 - 7.00pm • Free, bookings recommended

Launch of the celebrated and agenda-setting literary journal's edition 28: *Still The Lucky Country?* A panel of writers and commentators revisit the 'lucky country' arguments of a previous generation.

Thu, 13 May **Lunchbox/Soapbox**

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Gretel Killeen steps up to the fortnightly spot to sound off about a topic of her choice.

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Tickets & Bookings

Pre-purchase on-line or at door one hour prior to event start time.

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