

Media Release

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This spring, the City of Literature is fertile ground for grand ideas and compelling conversation.

Marking the end of a huge first year for Melbourne's Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas, the Wheeler Centre's third programme offers big ideas, intimate conversations and everything in between.



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Programme three tackles the big issues: the internet, the environment, identity and race, homophobia, gender, education, parenting and the ethics of advertising and medicine:

- Groundbreaking thinker **Nicholas Carr** (23 Sep) wants to rewire the internet and our brains
- Three of the world's most important environmental thinkers **David Suzuki** (18 Oct), **Tim Flannery** (7 Oct) and 2010 Sydney Peace Prize winner **Vandana Shiva** (5 Nov) examine life's fundamental questions
- **Christian Lander** (4 Oct) looks at the serious issues of identity that underpin his funny business in *Stuff White People Like*
- **Intelligence Squared** (22 Sep) asks has feminism failed
- **Ray Moynihan** (28 Oct) challenges the merging of medicine and marketing and **Ethically Speaking** looks at truth in advertising
- Plus, there's free-range parenting advice from **Lenore Skenazy** (5 Oct)

And examines extraordinary lives:

- **Paul Kelly** (30 Sep) in conversation with **Robert Forster** promises insight into one of Australia's most significant singer/songwriters
- Comedian **Anh Do** (14 Sep) tells his own tale of tragedy, humour and heartache
- Journalist **Ian Brown** (10 Sep) shares the inspiring and devastating story of his son Walker, born with a genetic mutation so rare that doctors call it an orphan syndrome

And wonderful storytellers:

- Blockbuster novelists **Monica McInerney** (1 Oct) and **Kate Morton** (8 Nov) visit the Wheeler Centre for the first time, revealing the secrets of their storytelling
- International best-selling authors **Lloyd Jones** (18 Nov) and **Salley Vickers** (20 Oct) reflect on writing the human condition
- Graphic novelist **Nicki Greenberg** (7 Nov) reworks *Hamlet* and talks about the thrills and spills of turning a classic into a comic with **Shaun Tan**
- And much-loved comedian, actor and television host **Shaun Micallef** (22 Nov) discusses the challenges of being a famous first-time novelist

The September to November programme includes a number of one-off series: **A Matter of Life & Death**; **Words and Music**; **Critical Failure**; and **What a State We're In** celebrating Victoria 175. Popular regular series like **Lunchbox/Soapbox** and **Debut Mondays** also return with new voices and fresh perspectives.

The majority of events are free, held at the Wheeler Centre and start at 6:15 pm.

For bookings and other details visit wheelercentre.com

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