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June 21-23

# Storyfest INC.

Milton-Mollymook-Ulladulla





## A word from the Festival Director

Welcome to the inaugural StoryFest, a celebration of storytelling in all its forms - whether it be through prose, poetry, song or film in the Milton-Mollymook-Ulladulla area.

Twenty-four writers are coming from across this continent to tell their stories. Some share their love of words through fiction, others by delving into our history, our culture or by casting an eye to our future. We will celebrate the sound of words and the use of images to tell stories on the page and in film. Collectively, we will share the joy and passion of words and the tales we weave that make us uniquely Australian.

The glorious south coast offers beautiful beaches, spectacular wilderness and historic buildings. Foodies will be impressed by our sumptuous restaurants and providores. For the shoppers, there are boutiques, bespoke homewares and a myriad of shopping delights. Or maybe a round of golf followed by a leisurely lunch might be more your style.

Whatever, it is, we are sure StoryFest is the perfect excuse to make a weekend of it. I look forward to running into you somewhere in the festival precinct over the weekend. Make sure you say hello so I can thank you personally for your support.

Meredith Jaffé  
Festival Director

## Venues

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### Anglican Church Hall

111 Princes Hwy (corner Church St), Milton

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### Milton Theatre

69 Princes Hwy, Milton

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### House of Jules

12 Myrtle St, Milton

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### Tallwood Eatery

2/85 Tallwood Ave, Mollymook Beach

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### CWA Hall

57 Wason St, Milton

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### Cupitt's Winery

58 Washburton Rd, Ulladulla

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# Schedule

FRIDAY 21 JUNE			
<b>WORKSHOP - Fiction Fundamentals</b> <i>Emily Maguire</i> CWA Hall 10:00am-4:00pm		<b>WORKSHOP - A Thousand Words</b> <i>Julie Sydenham</i> House of Jules 10:00am-4:00pm	
<b>Historical Inspirations – Dinner</b> <i>Natasha Lester &amp; Lauren Chater</i> Tallwood Eatery 6:30pm-9:00pm		<b>Criminal Minds</b> <i>Michael Robotham, Candice Fox &amp; Christian White</i> Milton Theatre 7:00pm-9:30pm	
SATURDAY 22 JUNE			
<b>Anglican Church Hall</b> Adult Events	<b>Milton Theatre</b> Adult Events	<b>Milton Library</b> Family Events	
9:15 -10:15 <b>Inspiring Creativity in Children</b> <i>Leigh Hobbs</i>	<b>Searching Out the Bundian Way</b> <i>John Blay</i>	<b>My Real Friend</b> <i>David Hunt</i>	
10:45 -11:45 <b>Becoming a Bestselling Author</b> <i>Natasha Lester</i>	<b>The Art of Forgetting</b> <i>David Hunt</i>	<b>Slightly Alarming Tales</b> <i>Jaclyn Moriarty</i>	
12:15 -1:15	<b>Accidental Feminists</b> <i>Jane Caro</i>		
1:30 -2:30 <b>We're Not Getting Any Younger</b> <i>Amal Awad &amp; Joanna Nell</i>	<b>Gravity is the Thing</b> <i>Jaclyn Moriarty</i>	<b>Wild Adventures in Fantasy</b> <i>Allison Tait &amp; Meredith Jaffe</i>	
3:00 -4:00 <b>Unforgettable Settings</b> <i>Candice Fox, Robert Hollingworth &amp; Karen Viggers</i>	<b>The Power of Sound</b> <i>Allison Tait, David Hunt &amp; Katherine Collette</i>	<b>The Weird &amp; Wacky World of Science</b> <i>David Leys &amp; Marita Smith</i>	
4:30 -5:30 <b>A Funny Thing Happened</b> <i>Joanna Nell &amp; Katherine Collette</i>	<b>Weaving History Through Stories</b> <i>Lauren Chater &amp; Meg Keneally</i>		
<b>Gala Dinner</b> Maggie Beer Cupitt's Winery 7:00pm-10:00pm		<b>Film Night – From Script to Screen</b> Milton Theatre 6:30pm-Late	
SUNDAY 23 JUNE			
<b>WORKSHOP</b> <b>Writing for Tweens &amp; Teens</b> <i>Jaclyn Moriarty</i> Milton Library 10:00am-1:00pm	<b>WORKSHOP</b> <b>Podcasting Fundamentals</b> <i>Kel Butler</i> Venue TBA 10:00am 1:00pm	<b>WORKSHOP – 10-16 year olds only</b> <b>Painting Words with Pictures</b> <i>Julie Sydenham</i> House of Jules 10:00am-1:00pm	



## Friday 21 June Adult Events



### **WORKSHOP - Fiction Fundamentals**

This one-day intensive course with **Emily Maguire** provides an introduction to the elements of fiction including character, point of view, voice, setting and plot. Each element will be discussed using examples from contemporary and classic works of fiction and reinforced through short writing exercises.

By the end of the day you can expect to have a deeper understanding of the elements of fiction and a strong grasp on how they interact. You should also come away with lots of new ideas to apply to your own fiction writing.

This course is ideal for beginners and those wanting to kick-start a new project. You will get the most out of the discussions and exercises if you have a specific work-in-progress or idea for a novel or story.

Limited to 20 participants. Includes light lunch and afternoon tea.  
\$120 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Anglican Church Hall



### **WORKSHOP - A Thousand Words with Julie Sydenham**

This workshop will give participants an insight into the illustration process; from initial inception through to final production. Drawing on **Julie Sydenham's** experience as an illustrator, each person will be taken through the steps of drafting their ideas (storyboarding) character development, layout considerations, media choices, formats and provisions for text. Participants will need to bring along a short story (no more than 1,000 words) or a story synopsis.

Limited to 9 participants. All materials supplied. Light lunch provided.  
\$125 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM House of Jules



### **DINNER + PANEL - Historical Inspirations**

**Natasha Lester** and **Lauren Chater** are bestselling authors of historical fiction who write stories with a modern resonance. They discuss what it is about setting stories in the past that draws them and how they uncover the rich detail that enriches their tales. Hosted by **Pamela Cook**.

Bar opens 6.30pm. Price includes two course dinner and complimentary glass of wine.

\$90 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Tallwood Eatery



### PANEL - Criminal Minds

What does go on inside the mind of a crime writer? Perhaps they are constantly murdering people in their sleep. Or maybe they trawl the internet for hours on end searching for the most despicable inspirations. Who better to ask than three of Australia's bestselling crime writers as they reveal what draws them to write crime, the dark and the funny, with **Candice Fox**, **Michael Robotham** and **Christian White**. Hosted by Meredith Jaffé. Bar opens 7pm.

\$30 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Milton Theatre

## Saturday 22 June Adult Events

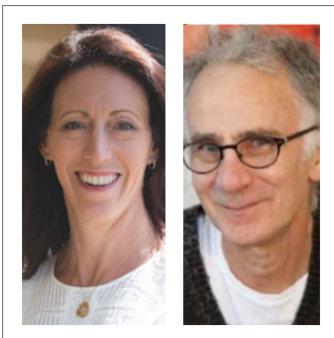


### WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Join the Ulladulla High School Didgeridoo Group and Festival Director Meredith Jaffé for a very special Welcome to Country ceremony in the heart of Milton at the Village Green Rotunda.

FREE 8:45 AM - 9:05 AM

Village Green Rotunda (Anglican Church Hall if wet)



### CONVERSATION - Inspiring Creativity in Children

Author and artist **Leigh Hobbs** has been entertaining children for over twenty years with fabulous characters such as *Old Tom*, *Horrible Harriet* and *Mr Chicken*. As the 2016/17 Australian Children's Laureate, he used that role to champion creative opportunities for children. But how do we, in our roles as parents, teachers and librarians foster creativity in children? And why is it important to nurture creativity at all? Hosted by **Pamela Cook**.

\$18 - Please bring your own clipboard and a 2B pencil or black biro. Paper will be provided.

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Anglican Church Hall



**CONVERSATION - Searching Out the Bundian Way**

Naturalist, poet and seasoned bushwalker **John Blay** worked for over a decade to uncover the Bundian Way, a 380-kilometre ancient pathway from Mount Kosciuszko to the New South Wales far south coast, used by both the Aboriginal people of the area and the earliest British arrivals. John collaborated with the Eden Aboriginal Land Council to survey and researching the history of the ancient pathway. Thanks to their efforts, today the Bundian Way is heritage listed. But what is it about the Bundian Way that makes it less like a walk and more like a pilgrimage? Hosted by **Inga Simpson**.

\$22 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Milton Theatre



**CONVERSATION - Becoming a Bestseller**

**Natasha Lester** swapped a career in marketing to become a writer. Her first two novels were works of literary fiction but Lester found her passions lay in writing historical fiction. Since 2016, she has published a string of novels but it is *The Paris Seamstress* that rocketed Lester to international acclaim. She chats with **Suzanne Leal** about the journey, the surprises, the joys and the secrets to her success.

\$22 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Anglican Church Hall



**PRESENTATION - The Art of Forgetting**

Historian, writer and satirist, **David Hunt**, argues that in order for Australia to understand who we are, we must embrace the good and bad in our history. Hosted by **Meredith Jaffè**.

\$22 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Milton Theatre

Ulladulla High School



**ENTERTAINMENT - Lunchtime with The Summits**

Join us at the Village Green Rotunda over the lunch break where Ulladulla High School's fabulous band **The Summits** will play their awesome repertoire.

FREE

12:00 Village Green Rotunda (Anglican Church Hall if wet)



### CONVERSATION - Accidental Feminists

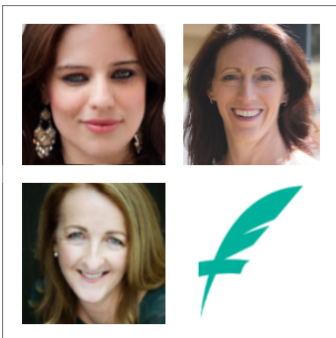
*Accidental Feminists* is the story of a generation of women who unintentionally changed the world. Born in the 50s and 60s, they faced the future armed with the pill, free education and the chance to earn their own paycheque. But it's been a long row to hoe and there's still plenty of work to do to make this a better, fairer world. Join **Jane Caro** in conversation with **Meredith Jaffe** as they discuss Jane's latest non-fiction book *Accidental Feminists*.

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Milton Theatre

\$24 + optional Duke+Co Picnic Hamper \$24.50

Picnic Hamper includes (2 options available):

1. Mini baguette (chicken), marinated olives, prosciutto / salami, crackers, 100g dip crackers, cheese and brownie; or
2. Vegetarian & Gluten Free option -salad, marinated olives, 100g dip, crackers, cheese and brownie.



### PANEL - We're Not Getting Any Younger

They call it the Sandwich Generation. Adult children juggling children of their own, work and ageing parents. In her latest book, journalist **Amal Awad** reveals society's discomfort with the stark realities of ageing, disease and death in a culture that celebrates eternal youth. As a GP, **Joanna Nell** knows only too well what ageing looks like. Drawing on personal experience, these two writers share insights into what we are facing as our parents age, as we age, and how to navigate that path with compassion and humour. Hosted by **Pamela Cook**.

\$18 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Anglican Church Hall



### CONVERSATION - Gravity is the Thing

The buzz surrounding *Gravity is the Thing* has been deafening. It's the first novel for adults by acclaimed bestselling author **Jaclyn Moriarty**. But for fans of Moriarty's work, it comes as no surprise. Since the publication of her first novel for young adults, *Feeling Sorry For Celia*, Jaclyn Moriarty has cemented her place in Australian literature with her funny and wise novels. She has won many awards here and overseas, including NSW Premier's Literary Award. So why switch to writing for adults and what have been the joys and challenges of writing *Gravity is the Thing*? Hosted by **Nicole Abadee**.

\$22 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Milton Theatre





**PANEL - Unforgettable Settings**

So often, we talk about landscape as character and how setting informs the story. Join **Candice Fox**, **Robert Hollingworth** and **Karen Viggers** as they discuss how place is central to their storytelling and is so much more than a mere location. Hosted by **Inga Simpson**.

\$18 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Anglican Church Hall



**PANEL - The Power of Sound**

**David Hunt**'s narration of *Girt* is one of Audible Australia's bestselling audio books of all time. *Rolling Stone* declared his Australian history podcast, *Rum, Rebels & Ratbags*, one of 2016's hottest podcasts. **Katherine Collette** documented her path to publication in *The First Time Podcast*. **Allison Tait** is co-host, of the top-rating podcast *So You Want To Be A Writer*. Join them as they discuss why the publishing industry is no longer just about printing books and why we're turning to sound. Hosted by **Pamela Cook**.

\$18 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Milton Theatre



**PANEL - A Funny Thing Happened**

Does humour sugar coat the truth or reveal the real story? The buzz is all about UpLit—books that make us feel good. But what truths does humour reveal and is it the best and right tool to make us take a long hard look at ourselves. Join **Joanna Nell** author of *The Single Ladies of the Jacaranda Retirement Village* and **Katherine Collette** author of *The Helpline* as they discuss why tickling our funny bone is the answer.

Hosted by **Suzanne Leal**.

\$18 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Anglican Church Hall



**PANEL - Weaving History Through Stories**

Female highwaywomen and the Estonian underground may not sound like they have much in common but each reveals a story of women tested by adversity. One when transported to Australia where she must forge a new life and a new identity. The other when Stalin's brutal red army crushes everything in its path. Join **Lauren Chater**, author of the bestseller *The Lace Weaver* and **Meg Keneally** with her debut solo novel *Fled*, an epic adventure based on the extraordinary life of convict Mary Bryant, as they discuss the amazing woman at the centre of their stories. Hosted by **Nicole Abadee**.

\$18 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Milton Theatre



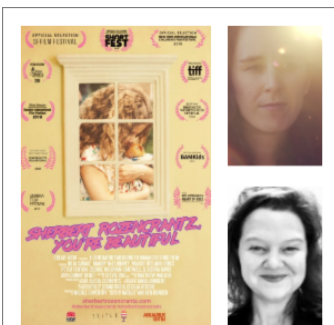


### GALA DINNER - In Conversation with Maggie Beer AM

StoryFest 2019 closes with a gala dinner at Cupitt's Winery. It features a very special woman who calls herself a cook but is known and loved Australia-wide for her passion for food; be it growing it, cooking it or talking about it. She is the author of ten cookbooks, in 2010 she was Senior Australian of the Year and in 2012 she was appointed a member of the Order of Australia. She's even graced a postage stamp! Join us for what promises to be an amazing conversation with food icon,

**Maggie Beer AM.** Hosted by Meredith Jaffe.

\$120 7:00 PM TO LATE Cupitt's Winery



### FILM NIGHT – FROM SCRIPT TO SCREEN

Film is a dynamic storytelling medium and Milton Theatre will be showcasing the work of two of Australia's most talented female filmmaking teams. The evening begins with the multi award-winning short film *Sherbert Rozencrantz, You're Beautiful* including a discussion with writer and director, **Natalie van den Dungen** and producer **Nicole Coventry** about the importance of short films in the filmmaker's repertoire.

Following is a special feature film screening of *Animals*, adapted from the novel of the same name by Emma Jane Unsworth. A fierce and unapologetic celebration of female friendship, *Animals* (starring Holliday Grainger and Alia Shawkat) is an intimate, funny and bittersweet examination of the challenges of turning talent into action, and being a modern woman, with faults, longings and competing desires. *Animals* had its world premiere at Sundance 2019.

Afterwards, Afterwards, *Animals* director **Sophie Hyde** and producer **Rebecca Summerton** will be joined by screenwriter **Christian White** (*Creswick, Relic*) to delve into the process behind developing a screenplay. Hosted by **Leonie Marsh**.

Film Ticket \$24.50 + optional Duke+Co Picnic Hamper \$24.50

Picnic Hamper includes (2 options available):

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SATURDAY 22 JUNE

6:30 PM

Milton Theatre

## Saturday 22 June Family Program



### ALL DAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Spend time with your kids at Milton Library and the surrounding precinct where children can enjoy meeting **Olivia** and **Grug**, have their face painted and all manner of fun activities.

FREE ALL DAY Milton Library & Precinct



### READING - My Real Friend

It's not easy being imaginary...hilarious children's author **David Hunt** entertains with readings from his latest heartwarming story of friendship, identity and the power of imagination, *My Real Friend*.

Hosted by Michelle Barraclough.

\$5 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Milton Library & Precinct



### CONVERSATION - Slightly Alarming Tales

When Whispering Wars break out in the town of Spindrift, children are stolen, Witches, Sirens and a deadly magical flu invade the town, and all attempts to fight back are met with defeat. Join **Jaclyn Moriarty** as she explores her spellbinding tale of unlikely friendship, unexpected magic and competitive athletics. Hosted by **Allison Tait**.

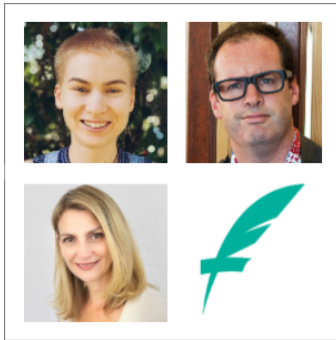
\$8 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM Milton Library & Precinct



### CONVERSATION - Wild Adventures in Fantasy

**A.L. Tait** is the bestselling author of *The Mapmaker Chronicles* series and *The Ateban Cipher Chronicles*. **Meredith Jaffé** is the author of a new series, *Horse Warrior*. Together they talk about the perils, pitfalls and perks of writing fantasy novels.

\$8 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM Milton Library & Precinct



**PANEL - The Weird and Wacky World of Science**

**Dave Leys**, author of *The Institute of Fantastical Inventions* and **Marita Smith** author of the *Convergence* trilogy talk writing science for kids and YA. Hosted by **Michelle Barraclough**.

\$8 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Milton Library & Precinct

 **Sunday 23 June All Events**



**WORKSHOP - Painting Words with Pictures**

For the 10-16 year olds, this workshop is a fun introduction to the world of children's book illustration. Participants will bring along a one-page script or idea for a children's story, which will be divided and then story-boarded. One these will be turned into a full page spread, using a variety of illustration media.

\$60 (Limited to 12 participants. 10-16 year old children only)

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM House of Jules



**WORKSHOP - Writing for Tweens and Teens**

Join award-winning author, **Jaclyn Moriarty**, as she explores techniques for drawing on the tweens and teens experience and addressing themes and ideas that resonate with contemporary young readers. Including, planning, plotting, voice and character, discover the secrets of crafting stories that are unique, fresh and engaging.

\$60 16+ years 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Milton Library



**Podcasting Fundamentals**

Do you love podcasts? Ever wondered about making one? Maybe there is a story you want to tell or a subject you want to explore but you're unsure where to begin. This is the workshop for people who want to get stuck right in and give it a go without quitting the day job or breaking the bank. Join **Kel Butler** and for this engaging workshop.

\$70 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Venue TBA

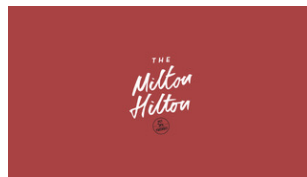
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