

15—25 June 22

#EWF22

# EMERGING WRITERS' FESTIVAL





**The Emerging Writers' Festival work, learn and play largely on the land of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present. EWF celebrates the history and creativity of the world's oldest living culture.**

**Each year, literature lovers and storytellers converge at the Emerging Writers' Festival.**

Now in its 19th year, the festival is a highlight of our creative calendar, energising our City of Literature with new voices and ideas. The 2022 program features more than 150 artists across 40 events and projects. It enables writers to connect with bigger audiences, learn from industry experts, explore new platforms for their work and hone their craft.

The Victorian Government is proud to support the Emerging Writers' Festival and our next generation of literary talent.

Immerse yourselves in the diverse stories and creativity of the 2022 Emerging Writers' Festival. Enjoy!

**Danny Pearson MP**

*Minister for Creative Industries*

**Message from the Minister  
for Creative Industries**

## Message from the Lord Mayor of Melbourne

### Storytelling is a magical and powerful thing, as are those behind it.

We're excited to once again celebrate the creativity and innovation of our vibrant and diverse community of emerging writers – and we're calling upon all lovers of literature to join us in doing so.

This year's program is filled with everything from industry discussions and events to playful literary-themed performances and parties.

As a proud UNESCO City of Literature, the City of Melbourne is delighted to support the Emerging Writers' Festival through our Arts and Creative Investment Partnership Program. Melbourne is a creative city.

May we keep encouraging and inspiring this vision.

**Sally Capp**  
*Lord Mayor*

## Welcome to the 2022 Emerging Writers' Festival!

This year feels particularly momentous, as we welcome you back to our hybrid festival of in-person and online events.

Emerging from two years of entirely digital programming, we are thrilled to present to you a whole host of new stories, new voices, and new worlds against the backdrop of what EWF does best: sharing stories, conversations and connecting the community. Over eleven days, we invite you to immerse yourself in events designed to illuminate, embolden, and invigorate.

In this program we'll introduce you to just a snippet of the performances, panels, and professional development opportunities that EWF has to offer – head online to [emergingwritersfestival.org.au](https://emergingwritersfestival.org.au) and discover the complete line up of events at #EWF22!

We're looking forward to sharing in the wonder of #EWF22 with you.

**Ruby-Rose Pivet-Marsh**  
*Artistic Director*

## Message from the Artistic Director

Not to be missed – these events are always a festival highlight.





Opening Night:  
Tomorrow, Today

**Usher in eleven days of creativity, learning, and sharing with an extraordinary evening of storytelling.**

To set the stage for the 19th Emerging Writers' Festival, hear from incredible First Nations artists as they think the future into the present, speaking on the potential of what tomorrow can teach us about today.

**WITH** Sue-Anne Hunter and more


WHEN	Wednesday 15 June, 7pm
WHERE	ACCA
PRICE	Free (bookings essential)
ACCESS	Auslan interpreted  Wheelchair accessible 

Closing Night:  
Lie to Me

**Farewell the festival for another year with a night of interactive readings.**

As some of our favourite writers share stories, you are invited to guess who is speaking the truth, and who is spinning a web of pure fiction. Will you uncover what is real, or will it all remain a mystery? *Who's to say?* Afterwards, join us on the dancefloor as we celebrate the final festival night with a live DJ and our best moves. *Presented in partnership with Next Wave.*

**WITH** Shu-Ling Chua, Paige Clark, Mia Nie, Paul Dalla Rosa and more

WHEN	Saturday 25 June, 8pm
WHERE	Brunswick Mechanics Institute
PRICE	\$21 / \$16 Concession
ACCESS	Wheelchair accessible 

# National Writers' Conference

**The National Writers' Conference is the place for emerging writers to develop their skills, hear from leaders in the field, and forge connections within the industry.**

As the centrepiece event of the Emerging Writers' Festival, the National Writers' Conference is all about informing and inspiring writers of all genres and styles. Hear the best industry advice from our distinguished Ambassadors and dive into conversations about how to start a publication, the role of literary criticism, the art of the interview and more.

Following its digital success in 2020 and 2021, the National Writers' Conference will return online over one day: ticketholders can watch and participate in real time and review the sessions on-demand once the conference is over.

### **FEATURING FESTIVAL AMBASSADORS**

Yassmin Abdel-Magied, Jennifer Down, Jamie Marina Lau and Jeanine Leane


<b>WHEN</b>	<b>Saturday 18 June 10am–5.15pm</b>
<b>WHERE</b>	<b>Online (Zoom)</b>
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>\$90 / \$70 concession</b>
<b>ACCESS</b>	<b>Auslan interpretation and live captioning available on request</b>



## Amazing Babes

**Amazing babes, gather round!** We're bringing together an incredible line-up of artists to honour the people that have influenced them, inspired them, cared for them, and shared with them. Join in celebrating the amazing babes that have shaped the lives of some of our favourite storytellers. *Includes the announcement of the winner of the Rachel Funari Prize for Fiction.*

**WITH** Eunice Andrada, Sol Fernandez, Mia Nie and more


<b>WHEN</b>	Monday 20 June, 7–8.30pm
<b>WHERE</b>	Brunswick Mechanics Institute
<b>PRICE</b>	\$21 / \$16 concession
<b>ACCESS</b>	Auslan interpreted  Wheelchair accessible 

## Writing the Stars

**In partnership with Scienceworks, EWF presents an expansive evening under the stars!**

Audiences will first be treated to a viewing of the fulldome feature film *Starlight* and experience a stunning visualisation of being inside a supernova explosion and drifting through a stellar nursery. Following the film, hear star-inspired original performances by emerging writers. *Presented in partnership with Scienceworks.*

**WITH** Thabani Tshuma and Bella Waru

<b>WHEN</b>	Thursday 23 June, 7.30pm & 9pm
<b>WHERE</b>	Scienceworks
<b>PRICE</b>	\$25 / \$22 concession \$20 Museum Victoria members
<b>ACCESS</b>	Wheelchair accessible 

## Bodies of Sound

**Celebrate each Friday of the festival with musical and poetic partnerships.** Step into State Library Victoria and be transported by spoken word and accompanying soundscapes for an afternoon of literary serenades. *Presented in partnership with State Library Victoria.*

**WITH** Panda Wong & Hannah Wu, Jess Zanoni & Hyphira and Thu Care & Iris Lee

<b>WHEN</b>	Friday 17 & 24 June, 4pm
<b>WHERE</b>	State Library Victoria
<b>PRICE</b>	Free
<b>ACCESS</b>	Wheelchair accessible 

## SPECIAL EVENTS



Events  
designed to  
help you hone  
your craft

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### Masterclasses

**Learn all about the literary world from the masters.** In 2022, EWF brings you two full-day Masterclasses, led by artists whose expertise spans across forms and experiences. Each Masterclass features: one keynote speech from an industry leader, one panel discussion and two workshops. Masterclasses provide theoretical and practical craft and professional development from some of the country's most exciting voices.

### Fiction

Thursday 16 June, 10am–4pm  
**FEATURING** Alisa Ahmed, Emily Bitto, Ennis Ćehić, Alice Pung and more

### Editing for Writers

Thursday 23 June, 10am–4pm  
**FEATURING** Paige Clark, Adalya Nash Hussein, Bella Li, Melanie Saward and Ian See

#### WHERE

Online (Zoom)

#### PRICE

\$80 / \$60 concession

#### ACCESS

Auslan interpretation and live captioning available on request

### Writers' Night School

**Keen for some focused writerly attention?** Book yourself into one of our three intimate Writers' Night Schools. In these exclusive, limited capacity workshops, let the experts impart their wisdom as you spend the night learning tips and tricks to refine your work – whatever your speciality.

### Intro to Narrative Audio

Monday 20 June, 6.30–8pm  
**WITH** Beth Atkinson-Quinton

### A Body of Writing

Tuesday 21 June, 6.30–8pm  
**WITH** Eunice Andrada

### The Art of the Essay

Friday 24 June, 6.30–8pm  
**WITH** Fiona Wright

#### WHERE

The Wheeler Centre


#### PRICE

\$35 / \$30 concession

#### ACCESS

Auslan interpretation available on request, Wheelchair accessible 

## The Early Words

WHEN	Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 June, 8.30–9.30am
WHERE	No Vacancy & Online (Discord)
PRICE	Free
ACCESS	Wheelchair accessible 

**Invite your writing practice to take a morning stretch with our series of early workshops.** Come together with other writers and be led by an expert facilitator through a low-pressure, no-strings workshop that is designed to inspire you to go somewhere you haven't before, to produce something for your eyes only, or to start something wholly new.

**WITH** Eloise Grills, Chi Tran and Panda Wong

## Lunchtime Literature


WHEN	Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 June, 12.30–1.30pm
WHERE	Readings State Library & Online (Zoom)
PRICE	Free
ACCESS	Wheelchair accessible 

**The perfect way to grab a bite of #EWF22 in the middle of the work day.**

These free panel events are all about ideas. Have some food for thought on your lunch break, with creative and critical conversations about language, access, and more.

**WITH** Julia Rose Bak, Dan Hogan, Nadia Niaz, Luke Patterson, Asiel Adan Sanchez and more

## Late Night Literature

WHEN	Thursday 16, Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 June, 9–10pm
WHERE	Loop Bar & Online (Zoom)
PRICE	Free
ACCESS	Wheelchair accessible 

**Join us for a literary nightcap across three nights of performances.** We'll celebrate literary friendships and form new ones, showcase First Nations voices writing thrilling speculative fiction, and record a live episode of Vignettes, our audio reading series. See you when the sun goes down!

**WITH** Natasha Hertanto, Hasib Hourani, Jes Layton, Laura McPhee-Browne, Ursula Robinson-Shaw, Mykaela Saunders, Margot Tanjutco and more

Catapult yourself  
into free events  
at all hours

**FREE  
EVENTS**



The Emerging Writers' Festival is one of Australia's most established and well-respected literary festivals. Now in its 19th year, EWF's foundations are built on supporting emerging writers. EWF is a place where creativity and innovation are celebrated, where new talent is nurtured and where diverse voices from across Australia are represented.

## **Accessibility**

The Emerging Writers' Festival is committed to making the festival an accessible and welcoming event for all. When booking tickets, please enter any access requirements at checkout.

### **Auslan interpreters and live captioning**

Auslan interpretation and live captioning will be available for a number of key events during the festival. If you require either of these services for an event, please make a note on the checkout page.

### **Wheelchair access**

All our venues are wheelchair accessible and equipped with accessible toilets.

### **Service animals**

Service animals are welcome at our events. Water bowls are available on request.

### **Companion Cards**

Companion Card holders receive a complimentary ticket to support people with a disability. Companion tickets can be requested at checkout.

We would love to hear about your thoughts, ideas and experiences in relation to the accessibility of the festival at [access@emergingwritersfestival.org.au](mailto:access@emergingwritersfestival.org.au), or for more information, scan the QR code to visit [emergingwritersfestival.org.au/accessibility](http://emergingwritersfestival.org.au/accessibility) or call us on (03) 9094 7877.

## **Tickets**

**Tickets to all events can be booked online at [emergingwritersfestival.org.au](http://emergingwritersfestival.org.au). EWF is a paper-free festival – no need to print your tickets!**

Scan the QR code to view the full EWF program.





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