



OCTOBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

MARCUS CLARKE LECTURE – 6pm, WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER

In October, playwright, author, artist and actor Barry Dickins will join the engaging and growing list of speakers who have delivered the library's Marcus Clarke Lecture.

Barry's lecture will explore Reservoir Renaissance – the changing face of Melbourne suburbs including Reservoir, Ruthven, Preston and Coburg. These suburbs were at the heart of 1950s aspirations to own a house and a car, before going through a slump in the 1970s and now being on a trajectory that is culturally rich, diverse and creative.

Library members will also have the chance to view some of Barry's artworks, which will be on display.

The lecture is on Wednesday 16th October at 6pm. It is a free event but RSVPs are required, by phoning 9650 3100 or emailing library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au



The Melbourne Athenaeum Library's annual Marcus Clarke Lecture was launched as part of the library's 175th birthday celebrations. The lectures are designed to generate conversations and were named after Marcus Andrew Hislop Clarke, who made a vibrant contribution to the activities of the Athenaeum.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

Steve Lucas (right) and Dave Hogan will take to the library stage on Friday 25th October from 6pm for the final contemporary music performance for 2019.

Steve, a singer/songwriter and producer, is the last surviving founding member of infamous Aussie punk band X, and *Rolling Stone* magazine dubbed him a living legend as part of his 40th anniversary of playing professionally as a musician.





Dave Hogan has played with almost everyone who is anyone in Melbourne's blues scene, and toured with Canned Heat for years.

Members are encouraged to book early for this music event, which is free for members and \$10 for guests. Bookings are essential, either by calling 9650 3100 or emailing library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au

CRIME FICTION AUTHOR TALK

What happens when shame and secrets meet?

Find out when bestselling psychological suspense author Sara Foster talks about her latest mystery, *You Don't Know Me*, on Wednesday 13th November from 5.30pm.

Sara's new thriller explores the burden of shame and the disastrous consequences of hiding secrets.



Sara will be in conversation with Dr Robyn Walton, an author and the Vice-President of Sisters in Crime.

Tickets are \$15 for library members and \$20 for non-members. The event will be held in the library and tickets can be booked at <https://www.trybooking.com/BFNDK>

VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL TOURS

The Seniors Festival is on once again during October. Members can participate in many free activities during the festival and programs are available at the library desk.

The library is running tours on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October but these are already booked out.

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PRIME MINISTER'S LITERARY AWARDS

More than 540 entries were received in the Prime Minister's Literary Awards this year, and they've been shortlisted to 30. The library has most of the shortlisted books so check out the frontrunners at <https://www.arts.gov.au/pm-literary-awards/current-awards> and track them down in the library.

GETTING ORGANISED EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

If you're looking for inspiration for Christmas gifts, why not consider a membership to the Melbourne Athenaeum Library? Please see the library staff, or contact them on 9650 3100, if you'd like to organise a gift membership.

- Opera singer Deborah Cheetham AO (2015)
- Placemaker Gilbert Rochecouste (2015)
- Digital innovator Peter Williams (2015)
- Historian Dr Andrew Lemon (2015)
- Historian Professor Stuart MacIntyre (2016)
- Historian Professor Graeme Davison OAM (2017)
- Writer and broadcaster Robyn Annear (2018)
- **Artist, writer and playwright Barry Dickins (2019)**