



APRIL NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Library Closure Dates

The library will be closed on Friday 29th March, Saturday 30th March and Monday 1st April for Easter. We will also be closed on Thursday 25th April for Anzac Day.

During the closures, eBooks can be downloaded. If you need help downloading eBooks or setting up an eReader, please speak to the library staff.

Book Now for Ultrafox

Ultrafox will bring their hot swinging jazz, tender lyrical ballads, French melodies, gypsy waltzes and original compositions to the library when they perform on Friday 12th April.

Featuring Peter Baylor on guitar, Esther Henderson on violin, Sam O'Halloran on guitar and Howard Cairns on double bass, Ultrafox will pay tribute to the musical of gypsy legend Django Reinhardt.



Details

Friday 12th April

Doors open at 5.30pm, performance from 6pm

Free for members, non-members \$20

Book [here](#).



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Our Fascinating History

As part of the Australian Heritage Festival, archivist Fiona Moore will present a lively and interactive lunchtime discussion about the role the Ath has played in Melbourne's cultural life since 1839.

Did you know our building housed Melbourne's first museum, library and art gallery, and the first meetings of the city council?

To hear more about our fascinating history and tales from our archival collections, come along on April 29.

There are more than 250 events in Victoria as part of the Australian Heritage Festival. To access a digital program click [here](#).



Details

Monday 29th April

1pm to 2pm

Free but bookings are required [here](#)

New Book Club

Due to popular demand, a new book club will start at the end of April, meeting at lunchtime on the fourth Friday of the month and discussing general fiction.

This book club joins five other book clubs and two screen clubs, which meet monthly. Membership to any book or screen club is free with an annual subscription and members decide which books or movies are read or watched throughout the year. The library is always happy to hear suggestions for new book clubs, or to discuss membership to the clubs. Please speak to the staff if you are interested.





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Artist Marco Luccio

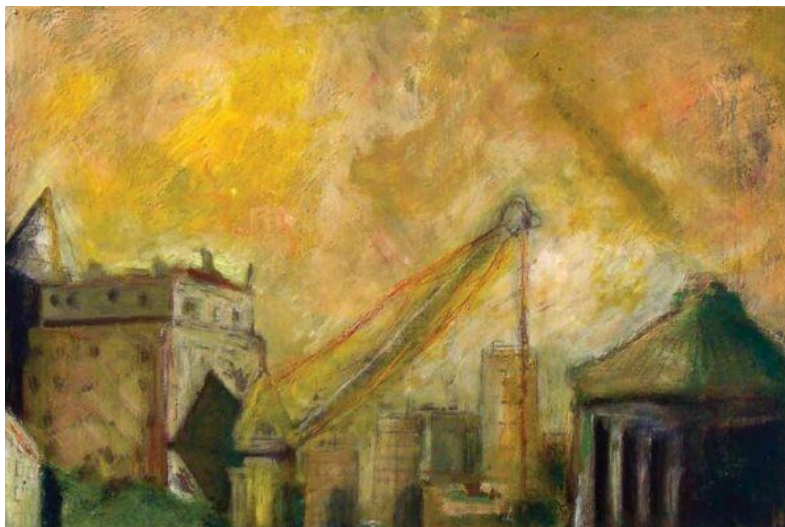
The library is thrilled that international, award-winning artist Marco Luccio (pictured) will be working from the library throughout the year.

Marco has held 50 solo exhibitions and his work is represented in 42 public and corporate collections, including the New York Public Library, the National Gallery of Australia and the Museum of the City of New York.



He has completed artist residencies and study travel trips to New York, Paris and Italy, and has taught drawing, painting and printmaking at various institutions including the National Gallery of Victoria.

Marco's work has been shortlisted for many major awards including twice for both the Dobell Drawing Prize and the Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing.



A feature documentary on his work spanning 30 years is currently in production.

Marco has had a studio in New York's Chrysler building for over 10 years and regularly returns to Manhattan to create new work and exhibit.

For more information go to marcoluccio.com.au





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Green Room Awards

Congratulations to the library's Events and Social Media Officer, Aubrey Flood, who has been nominated for a prestigious Green Room Award. Aubrey was nominated for Outstanding Direction for the cabaret show *Hot Fat Crazy presented by Tomy & Eadie* (pictured) as part of the Melbourne Fringe festival.



Also nominated for the 2024 awards are previous playwrights-in-residence Patricia Cornelius for *My Sister Jill* and Declan Furber Gillick for *Jacky*. Patricia and Declan were both nominated for Outstanding New Australian Writing.

The Green Room Awards are Melbourne's premier, peer-presented, performing arts industry awards, and celebrate the outstanding achievements of artists and productions across theatre, dance, opera and more. The 41st Green Room Awards will be presented on Monday 8th April.

Best of luck to Aubrey, Patricia and Declan.

Upcoming Events

- Performance regulars Inveni (pictured) will once again delight library audiences, on Friday 3rd May. Keep an eye out for the May eNews, which will contain a booking link.
- If you are looking for a laugh, check out the upcoming Comedy Festival shows at the Athenæum Theatre. Details can be found [here](#).





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Annual General Meeting

1pm, Monday 15 April 2024
Melbourne Athenaeum Library

BUSINESS

- To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 April 2023
- To receive and adopt the 2023 Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
- The Election of Office Bearers (President, Vice President and Treasurer) and Ordinary Members.

Ordinary Members:

- Helen Hargreaves retired from the Committee in February 2024
- Chris Johnson and Marianne Dunham are retiring by rotation under Rule 15A (2) and re-standing as ordinary members

Notice to members:

- Should you require a copy of the 2023 Statement of Accounts, please contact the Library. A copy can be emailed to you.
- Under Rule 15A (2) one third of the ordinary Committee members must retire at each annual general meeting. Attention is drawn to the eligibility clauses for election to the Committee: 15 A (2) and (4).
- In accordance with Rule 16 (1) nominations for Committee positions must be received by close of business, **Thursday 4 April 2024**. Nomination forms can be emailed to you and require a proposer and seconder. If you wish to discuss committee roles and responsibilities, please contact the Secretary, Sophie Arnold by emailing manager@melbourneathenaeum.org.au.

If you are unable to attend but would like to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf, a proxy form can be emailed to you. Please contact the library to arrange. Proxies must be received by **COB Wednesday 10 April 2024**.

Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend, register by calling the Library on 9650 3100 or emailing library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au



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Rule Changes

It is proposed to make two changes to the Melbourne Athenæum Incorporated rules at the 2024 AGM. The changes proposed are to increase the permitted number of ordinary Committee members from seven to ten and to reduce the time a person must be a member of the organisation before being eligible to serve on the Committee from one year and a day, to six months.

Change 1

We are proposing to change Rule 29 (1) to ensure that the Committee has a complete range of necessary skill sets and sufficient redundancy to allow succession planning.

That Rule 29. Composition of Committee which presently reads, in part,

1. The Committee shall consist of three Officers:
 - a. a President
 - b. a Vice-President
 - c. a Treasurer; and
 - d. up to seven (7) Ordinary Members.

Be amended to read:

1. The Committee shall consist of three Officers:
 - a. a President
 - b. a Vice-President
 - c. a Treasurer; and
 - d. up to ten (10) Ordinary Members.

Change 2

We propose to change Rule 29 (10) relating to the length of time which a person must be an Ath member before being eligible to serve as an ordinary member of the Committee. Occasionally, there is a degree of urgency to appoint a person of a particular skill set to either fill a casual vacancy or provide support. A year is considered too long to wait.

That Rule 29. Composition of Committee which presently reads, in part,

10. No Member of the Institution shall be eligible to be elected to, or serve on, the Committee unless that person has been a financial member of the Institution for a period of at least twelve (12) calendar months plus one (1) day immediately preceding such election or appointment



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Be amended to read:

10. No Member of the Institution shall be eligible to be elected to, or serve on, the Committee unless that person has been a financial member of the Institution for a period of at least six (6) calendar months immediately preceding such election or appointment.

Member Suggestions

Our member suggestion box is always available to members if you have an idea to improve your library.

And Aubrey who puts together our social media posts, is keen to get suggestions from members. If there's a story or book you'd like to share, let us know!

Contact us as library@melbourneatheneum.org.au