



# FEBRUARY NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

## Early Library Closures

We apologise for the late notice but the library will be closed from 2.30pm for the next three Mondays (February 10, 17 and 24).

Routine pest control is being undertaken throughout the building and, as a safety measure, access to the building will be prevented.

We are sorry for any inconvenience the early closures may cause but these are essential measures and the health of our members and staff is paramount.

The library will reopen each Tuesday at 10am.



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## Talk: From Sauerkraut to Vegemite

Author Ilonka Guse (pictured) will speak about her experiences as a migrant in Australia in the 1980s in a free lunchtime talk on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Ilonka's memoir, *From Sauerkraut to Vegemite*, is an often humorous look at her experiences with a new culture. She arrived in Melbourne prior to Southbank, Melbourne Central or the Bolte Bridge, attended Melbourne's first Greek festival in 1987, and laughed along to Con the Fruiterer and Effie on *The Comedy Company*.

The talk is open to members and their guests.

### Details

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Talk from 11am to 12pm

Free for members and guests but bookings required

Book [here](#).





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## Music Event: Flinders Quartet

The Flinders Quartet has chosen two evocative pieces of music for its next performance in the library, on 21<sup>st</sup> February.

The quartet will perform Deborah Cheetham Fraillon's powerful string quartet, *Bungaree*, which was inspired by a figure who should be an Australian household name.

Bungaree came to prominence in 1798 when he accompanied Matthew Flinders on a journey from the mainland to Tasmania, working as an interpreter and guide. From 1801 to 1803 he joined Flinders on his circumnavigation of Australia and Flinders described him as a "worthy and brave fellow" who saved the expedition multiple times.



Photo by Pia Johnson

Along with *Bungaree*, the Flinders Quartet will also perform Dvorak's *String Quartet No. 14 in A-Flat Major, Op. 105*.

Dvorak wrote his last chamber work at the very end of his time in America, when he found himself yearning to return to his homeland, the Czech Republic.

### Details

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Doors open 5.30pm, music from 6pm

Free for members, \$20 non-members

Book [here](#).

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## Music Event: Mick Harvey and Amanda Acevedo

Musician, singer-songwriter, composer and record producer Mick Harvey will be joined by Mexican singer and filmmaker Amanda Acevedo to perform songs from his recent albums on February 28.

Mick is best known for his long-term collaborations with Nick Cave and has released several albums and soundtracks as a solo artist.

### Details

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Doors open 5.30pm, music from 6pm

Free for members, \$20 non-members

Book [here](#).



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## Membership Details

In the coming weeks, library staff will be checking membership cards and members' details to ensure they are up to date.

We thank members in advance for your co-operation.

If you need a new card or your details have changed please speak to the library staff.



*Photo by Grace Petrou*

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## Gary Morgan Oration

Members are invited to attend the 2025 Gary Morgan Oration, *The Birrarung and Melbourne, art and images*, which will be delivered in the library by Dr Alisa Bunbury (pictured).

When Melbourne was established, the Birrarung (Yarra) river immediately became a feature in depictions of the developing city. This talk will explore changing visual representations of, and attitudes towards, the river in Melbourne's first century.

Dr Bunbury is the Senior Curator, Grimwade Collection at the Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne. She has curated many exhibitions, with a specialisation in Australian colonial art.



The Gary Morgan Oration was established by Rare Books Melbourne in 2024 to acknowledge the significant contribution made by Gary Morgan to the understanding and the preservation of Melbourne's early history, and to recognise his long-term support of Melbourne Rare Book Week.

### Details

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Doors open at 6pm, oration from 6.30pm

Free for members and guests but bookings required

Book [here](#).

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## Literary Festival

The Society of Women Writers Victoria will hold its *For the Love of Writing Literary Festival* later this month.

The festival includes a book launch on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, followed by two days of online events. These include a short story writing workshop with Cate Kennedy, a writing history workshop with Dr Wendy J Dunn, and a session exploring Ekphrastic poetry with poets Angela Costi and Anne M Carson.

Author talks include Vikki Petraitis, Kylie Orr and Trish Bolton. There are also sessions for writing from prompts and an Open Mic.

More information, including ticket prices, can be found [here](#).

