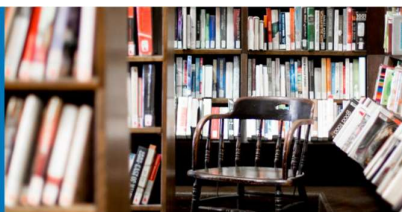




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Library Closure

The library will be closed on Friday 26th September for the Grand Final eve public holiday. It will reopen at 10am on Saturday 27th September.

Event: Music and Storytelling

Evocative and enchanting, The Village Square is a captivating combination of live music performance and storytelling.

Set in an imagined town some years ago (as all good fairy tales are), The Village Square presents stories of love and loss, misfortune and mirth, the graceful and grotesque.

Featuring renowned cellist Zoe Knighton, guitarist/composer Robbie Melville, and the charismatic

and much-loved Richard Piper as The Narrator, the memoirs sparkle with the magic of traditional mythology.



Travelling through environments of contemporary classical, folk and jazz, Knighton and Melville weave disparate elements into a unified world.

Details

Friday 12th September

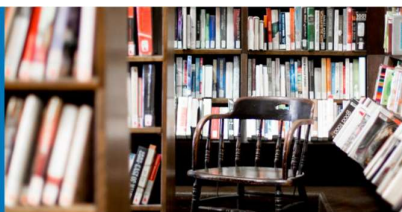
Doors open 5.40pm, music from 6pm

Free for members, \$20 non-members

Book [here](#).



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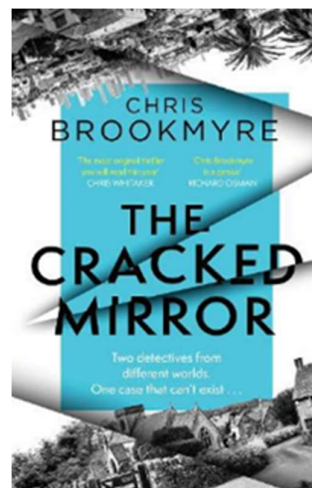
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Book Recommendations

Library manager Fiona Malcolm reads *a lot* of crime novels (244 last year) so she is the ideal candidate to recommend a book or two. Here are two of her top picks.

Her favourite international crime novel last year was *The Cracked Mirror* by Chris Brookmyre. The publisher's blurb describes the novel as a cross-genre hybrid of Agatha Christie and Michael Connelly and reads: "You know Penny Coyne. The little old lady who has solved multiple murders in her otherwise sleepy village, despite bumbling local police. A razor-sharp mind in a twinset and tweed.

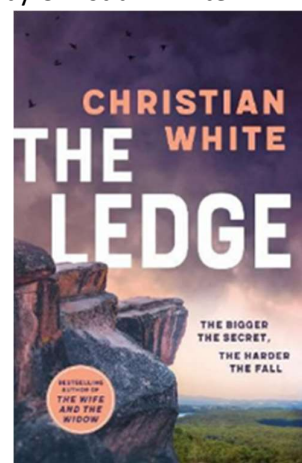
"You know Johnny Hawke. Hard-bitten LAPD homicide detective. Always in trouble with his captain, always losing partners, but always battling for the truth, whatever it takes. Against all the odds, against the usual story, their worlds are about to collide. It starts with a dead writer and a mysterious wedding invitation. It will end with a rabbit hole that goes so deep, Johnny and Penny might come to question not just whodunnit, but whether they want to know the answer."



If you'd like to read an Australian crime author, Fiona's pick is *The Ledge* by Christian White. According to the publisher: "When human remains are discovered in the forests of regional Victoria, the police are baffled, the locals are shocked, and one group of old friends starts to panic. Their long-held secret is about to be uncovered. It all began in 1999 when sixteen-year-old Aaron ran away from home, dragging his friends into an unforeseeable chain of events that no one escaped from unscathed."

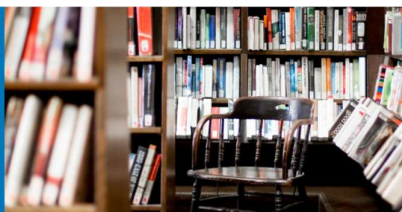
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Crime Fiction Awards

Calling all crime fiction buffs. The shortlists have been announced for the prestigious Ned Kelly Awards and the books in the categories below are on our shelves (or on order).

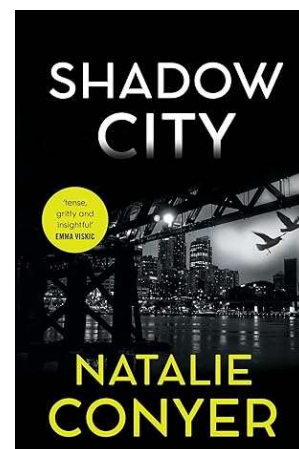
The Ned Kelly Awards are run by the Australian Crime Writers Association and the winners will be announced in September.

The shortlist for Best Crime Fiction is *Shadow City* by Natalie Conyer, *Sanctuary* by Garry Disher, *Unbury the Dead* by Fiona Hardy, *The Creeper* by Margaret Hickey, *Cold Truth* by Ashley Kalagian Blunt, *Highway 13* by Fiona McFarlane, *17 Years Later* by JP Pomare and *Storm Child* by Michael Robotham.

In the Best International Crime Fiction category, the shortlist is *Return to Blood* by Michael Bennett, *Leave the Girls Behind* by Jacqueline Bublitz, *The Waiting* by Michael Connelly, *A Case of Matricide* by Graeme Macrae Burnet, *Moscow X* by David McCloskey and *Home Truths* by Charity Norman.

To search for the shortlisted books on our catalogue click [here](#).

For more information on the Ned Kelly Awards and the other shortlists click [here](#).



Upcoming Events

More details will follow in our upcoming eNews but some dates to add to your diaries are:

- Friday 10th October, contemporary music, Phil Manning and Mark Ferrie
 - Saturday 11th October, talk by artist Alissa Duke
 - Saturday 18th October, talk and sculpture unveiling by artist William Eicholtz
 - Thursday 23rd October, talk by author/literary historian and Jane Austen expert Susannah Fullerton
 - Friday 24th October, Ysaye and Schulhof: violin and cello masterpieces performed by violinist Jaso Sasaki and cellist Rosanne Hunt
 - Friday 14th November, contemporary music, Shuffle Club
 - Thursday 20th November, author talk by Setken
 - Friday 21st November, classical music, Partridge Quartet.
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