



MARCH NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Library closure

The library will be closed for the Labour Day public holiday on Monday 9th March. It will reopen at 10am on Tuesday 10th March.

Congratulations Kevin Quigley OAM

Heartfelt congratulations to our Treasurer and long-time member Kevin Quigley, who was recently honoured with a Medal of the Order of Australia.

Kevin was acknowledged for his service to the community through a range of organisations, including the Melbourne Athenæum where he has been Treasurer since 2011, a member of the Management Committee since the 1970s, and a prolific book borrower since the 1960s.



Kevin has also served on, or continues to serve on, management committees at the State Library of Victoria, the Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, the Department of Justice, Federation Training, Dental Health Services of Victoria, Merri-bek City Council, University of Ballarat and the Association of Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Inc.

Congratulations Kevin Quigley OAM on a well-deserved honour.

Renewal Notices

We are transferring our business systems, including membership renewals, to Xero.

We hope it will be seamless and not impact renewals but if you have any issues with your renewal please speak to the library staff.

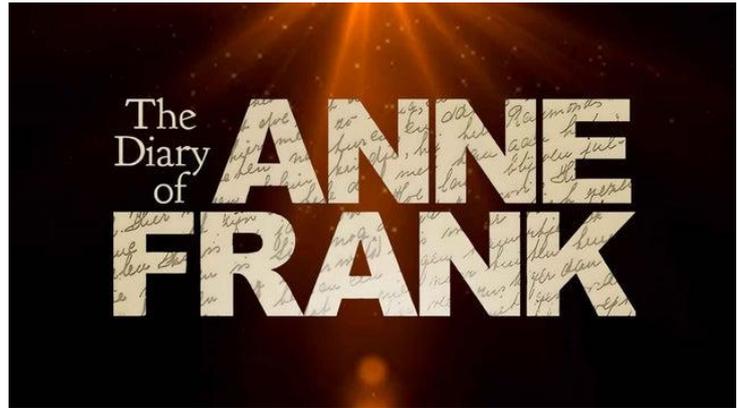


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Win Tickets to Anne Frank

A stage adaptation of the powerful book *The diary of a young girl Anne Frank* is coming to the Athenaeum Theatre in March and we have two double passes for members to win.

The stage show, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, will run from March 4 to 14 and presents a young girl's inspiring true story of resilience and hope in the face of unimaginable adversity.



We have a double pass for the 1pm matinee performance on Wednesday 11 March and a double pass for the 7.30pm performance on Thursday 12 March. To enter the draw, please email library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au and let us know which performance you would like to attend. Winners will be randomly drawn and notified by March 3.

Event: Understanding Cryptic Puzzles

We have a late addition to our events timetable. After the success of last year, we have persuaded writer, dictionary expert, crossword creator and radio host David Astle to return to the library to run another session on cryptic crosswords.

David will run a 75-minute interactive session explaining the eight basic formulas of cryptic clues, with participants working on a sample puzzle. There will be a Q&A throughout and the session is open to all levels of puzzlers.

Details

Saturday 7th March
Doors open at 2.45pm
Event from 3pm
Free for members and non-members
Book [here](#).





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Music Event: Art Songs through the Ages

From Medieval Scottish kingdoms and the court of Queen Elizabeth I to Australian beachscapes and stories, join us for over 500 years of song featuring the perennial combination of voice and guitar.

Christelise de Graaf (soprano) and Meredith Connie (classical guitar) are coming together in concert to share their love of the Art Song. This year sees the release of their first joint recording, featuring works by Australian female composers. They are passionate about bringing the stories in the songs to life and enjoy bringing wonderful but neglected repertoire to new audiences.



Details

Friday 13th March
Doors open 5.40pm
Performance begins 6pm
Free for members, \$25 non-members
Book [here](#).

Book Launch: *IDES*

In ancient Rome the ides denoted the middle of each month. In a modern-day adaptation of the ides, two poets, Marg Malloch and Joe Pascoe, swapped poems mid-month for almost two years.

Their works, which balance and teeter on many of life's eternal questions, have been collated in a book titled *IDES*, which will be launched in the library. Members are invited to attend. Marg and Joe are both members of the library's Tuesday Writers Group.

Details

Thursday 19th March
Doors open at 6pm
Book launch from 6.30pm
Free for members and non-members
Book [here](#).

IDES



Marg Malloch
& Joe Pascoe



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Music Event: Catherine McQuade's Bossa Noir

Catherine McQuade's work creates an evocative world, which explores '60s film scores, jazz, classical, Latin and electronica.

The theme for this library concert is *BOSSA NOIR*, taken mainly from Catherine's three solo albums. Catherine will be joined by Sydney-based guitarist/pianist singer Linley Hindmarsh, cellist Talulah CM (fresh in the country from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra), Michael Davis and Leo Dale.



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Details

Friday 20th March
Doors open at 5.40pm
Performance begins 6pm
Free for members, \$25 non-members
Book [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Here are a few dates to add to your diaries. Check upcoming eNews for details and booking links.

- Thursday 23rd April, talk by author Samuel Thawley (pictured)
- Friday 1st May, Tulliah Goldsworthy (contemporary)
- Friday 15th May, Ultrafox
- Thursday 28th May, talk by Susannah Fullerton
- Friday 29th May, Ash Davies (contemporary).

The Athenæum Theatre and Ath 2 have plenty of shows on for the Comedy Festival, which kicks off in March. For more details click [here](#).





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Annual General Meeting

NOTICE OF 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1pm, Monday 13 April 2026, Melbourne Athenaeum Library

BUSINESS

- To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 April 2025
- To receive and adopt the 2025 Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
- The Election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Members.

Notice to members:

- Should you require a copy of the 2025 Statement of Accounts, please contact the Library to ask for a copy to be emailed to you. The audited accounts will be available one week prior to the meeting.
- 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 2 April 2026**. Nomination forms can be emailed and require a proposer and seconder. If you wish to discuss committee roles and responsibilities, please contact Sophie Arnold by emailing president@melbourneathenaeum.org.au

Please RSVP (for catering purposes) before **Thursday 9 April** by emailing library@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 Thursday 9 April 2026**.

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