WriteUp Festival
21–23 June 2013
Welcome to the Festival

I am delighted to welcome you to the City of Kingston’s first literary festival. Join us for three days of inspiring panel discussions on writing, food and culture; workshops for emerging and practicing writers; and an evening of readings by local playwrights and writers. I hope you will enjoy the festival.

Cr Ron Brownlees, OAM
MAYOR

Meet the Locals
FRIDAY 21 JUNE

Join us at Play On for an evening of short plays and readings including up to four of Kingston’s best short listed ten minute plays not previously performed; Open mic is your chance to perform or read at the beautiful Kingston Arts centre; be engaged by local playwright Kieran Carroll who will read from his latest play; and meet local writers in a relaxed and informal setting at the Writers’ Club. Bookings essential.

The Craft of Words
SATURDAY 22 JUNE

Saturday 22 June offers a choice of four workshops for emerging and professional writers. Each workshop is held in a different venue and you will need to book your ticket through the Kingston Arts Centre.

Food for Thought
SUNDAY 23 JUNE

Join us for a winter’s Sunday afternoon of food and discussion at the Kingston Arts Centre. The afternoon includes two lively panel discussions on books, food and culture featuring the acclaimed Lead Pencils and the Food of Thought panel. Light lunch provided with drinks at bar prices.

Bookings essential for all events. Limited places available. Please note no cash payment at the venues; all patrons must present a ticket.

BOOKINGS

t 9556 4440
a Kingston Arts Centre
979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin

Food For Thought
Bookings close Thursday 20 June (or when full).

All other programs
Bookings close Friday 21 June (or when full).

VENUES

Kingston Arts Centre
a 979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin
t 9556 4440

Chelsea Activity Hub
a 3-5 Showers Ave, Chelsea

Mentone Public Library
a 36 Florence Street, Mentone

Parkdale Library
a 96 Parkers Road, Parkdale

Shirley Burke Theatre
a 64 Parkers Road, Parkdale
Play On

Join us to hear up to four of Kingston's best short listed ten minute plays not previously performed. The works have been selected by our Festival panel for a special reading and performance at the Kingston Arts Centre. *Play On* provides a supportive atmosphere for up and coming playwrights with an insightful critique from an expert panel to assist in creative development.

Spotlight on Kieren Carroll

Kieran Carroll has written thirteen plays, four of these have appeared at La Mama Theatre, Melbourne and three at The Old Fitzroy Theatre, Sydney. Recent plays include *The Giraffe’s Uncle – The Les Robinson Story*, *3XY OR I DIE!* and *Sons of Sun – The Sam Phillips Story*. Two plays: *For The Love of Fritz* and *Ladders By the Sea* appeared at the Shirley Burke Theatre in Parkdale. Of recent works, *The Giraffe’s Uncle* was accepted as part of the Australian National Script Centre Collection and *A Fitzroy Romance* was shortlisted for Playwriting Australia’s National Script Workshop 2010. Kieran holds an MA in Playwriting from QUT Brisbane.

Open Mic

Come on the night and signup to read or perform your short story, poetry or hip hop composition. Original works only.

Writers’ Club

The Writers’ Club is an opportunity to meet local writers in a relaxed and informal setting. Local writers are invited to sell their books. Come along and meet the locals.

Meet the locals

**DATE:** Friday 21 June  
**TIME:** 6.30 - 9.30pm  
**VENUE:** Kingston Arts Centre  
979 Nepean Hwy Moorabbin  
**COST:** Free  
**BOOKINGS:** 9556 4440  
**BAR OPEN:** from 6:30 pm

*Meet the Locals* will present four programs throughout the evening with short plays, public readings and a chance to meet others in the literary arts scene in Kingston and beyond.
Writers Online
A Hands-on Primer

DATE: Saturday 22 June
TIME: 10:30am – 12.30 pm
VENUE: Parkdale Library
96 Parkers Road, Parkdale
COST: $10
BOOKINGS: 9556 4440

Are you a writer curious to know what the Internet's got in store for you? Want to know the difference between an e and i-book? Do you need a website or will social networks suffice? And what's with podcasting – should you get excited about being heard online?

Join long time Internet media producer, film-maker and writer Andrew Garton for a two hour primer covering these and more juicy topics for writers online. Bring your laptop, tablets and questions. Minimum age 18 years.

Andrew has 30 years experience as a community focused new media producer, Information Communication Technologies Consultant, a composer for stage and screen, sound designer, song-writer and performer. He has a Master of Arts research in interactive media, RMIT University, Australia.

Haiku writing Workshop

DATE: Saturday 22 June
TIME: 1 – 2.30 pm
VENUE: Shirley Burke Theatre
64 Parkers Road, Parkdale
COST: $10
BOOKINGS: 9556 4440

Learn the art of writing haiku, one of the most beautiful and simple forms of poetry with poet Marisa Fazio.

Originating in Japan, haiku consists of a maximum of 17 syllables only. This workshop will begin by teaching you some of the techniques used to write haiku today. There will then be time for a ginko – a short walk - where you will be encouraged to jot down notes about what you observe around you. You will learn how to develop these notes into haiku and also how to display and read your poems to an audience.

Marisa is a writer and a teacher. Her poetry and prose have been widely published in anthologies and journals in Australia, Europe and North America. Through the Australian Poetry Café Poet Program, Marisa is currently poet-in-residence at The Terrace in Melbourne’s Royal Botanic Garden where she is designing a poetry installation. Her verse novella A Leopard’s Kiss was published in 2011.
Off the Rails and Other Anthologies

DATE: Saturday 22 June
TIME: 3 – 4:30pm
VENUE: Mentone Public library
        36 Florence Street, Mentone
COST: $10
BOOKINGS: 9556 4440

Founder and coordinator, Mairi Neil, together with a selection of writers from the Mordialloc Writers Group, will entertain with readings from their eight anthologies, discuss the anatomy of a local writers’ group and demonstrate the value of local literary groups within community.

Script writing

DATE: Saturday 22 June
TIME: 3 - 4:30pm
VENUE: Chelsea Activity Hub
        3-5 Showers Ave, Chelsea
COST: $10
BOOKINGS: 9556 4440

Join Kieran Carroll for a creative workshop where you will learn playwriting techniques on how to begin and plan a play, how to keep building your ideas, editing tips and how to take the play from the page to the stage.

Designed for those who want to begin writing for the theatre and those who have plays they would like to take further. Suitable for all ages.

Local playwright Kieran writes dramas, comedies and biographical works. The Giraffe’s Uncle was accepted as part of the Australian National Script Centre Collection and A Fitzroy Romance was shortlisted for Playwriting Australia’s National Script Workshop 2010.
Food for Thought

**DATE:** Sunday 23 June  
**TIME:** 12.30 - 3.30pm  
**VENUE:** Kingston Arts Centre  
979 Nepean Hwy Moorabbin  
**COST:** $25  
**BOOKINGS:** 9556 4440

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**The Lead Pencils Talk Food**

Dianne Dempsey will argue that it is not the actual travel and food experience but the books we take with us that is important; Kathy Hunt will explore why Ian Fleming’s James Bond is the first great gastronome; Jane Sullivan will speak about food and drink in Charles Dickens’ novels and Judith Armstrong will discuss her two books, *The Cook and the Maestro: the Story of Stefano & Sergio de Pieri* and *The Maestro’s Table*.

**Judith Armstrong**’s most recent academic book *The Christesen Romance*, was short-listed for The Age Book of the Year. She writes full-time and reviews for The Age, The Australian, Australian Book Review, and for international scholarly journals. Her most recent novel is *War & Peace and Sonya* (2011).

**Dianne Dempsey** reviews for The Age newspaper and has been a regular contributor for the past 25 years. She has also reviewed and written for Sydney Morning Herald, The Australian, The ABR, Kill Your Darlings, The Courier Mail and Australian Author. Dianne has written for television, including Neighbours, and has produced several short films.

**Kathy Hunt** writes for Times on Sunday, Herald Sun, Rolling Stone, Vogue, Independent Monthly, Australian Literary Review, Sydney Ideas Quarterly, and American Review. Her poems and short stories have appeared in many collections and Modern Australian Short Stories. Her TV scripts include Fast Forward, the Big Gig and Kittson Fahey.

**Jane Sullivan** is a Melbourne novelist and writer specialising in literary journalism. She writes the Turning Pages column about books in the Saturday Age. Her latest novel is *Little People*.

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**Food for Thought Panel**

Our Food for Thought panel includes two well recognised, inspiring and thought provoking food writers; Tony Tan and Giselle Wilkinson. Each panellist will discuss their personal approach to the importance of food and its influence on culture and vice versa.

**Tony Tan** was born on the east coast of Malaysia and completed his formal training as a chef in Australia and in France at La Varenne and at Leith’s in London. Tony was a presenter on the SBS television series *The Food Lovers’ Guide to Australia*, and coordinated the Asian Food Festival Awards in Melbourne. He writes regularly on Asian food and culture, and established his own cooking school in 2001. He also hosts culinary tours to explore the food and customs of countries around the world.

**Giselle Wilkinson** is author of *The Conscious Cook - Sustainable Cooking and Living* and *Accelerating Sustainability*. Giselle is a public speaker on sustainability issues and is currently undertaking a doctorate on— Mobilising Whole Communities to Restore a Safe Environment. Giselle co-founded The Sustainable Living Foundation, Safe Climate Australia, The Transition Decade to Restore a Safe Climate; and Earth Housing Coop.
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Kingston Arts presents a diverse and dynamic annual program of theatre, film, music, visual arts, literary arts, public art, markets, art competitions and public programs.

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