

2023 BOOKFEST PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Bookfest Ashburton is all about books; buying them, creating art with them, talking about them, writing them, performing stories from them, connecting over them. With over 5000 ex-library books on offer and a full program of FREE activities, there's something for everyone - we hope to see you there!



SATURDAY JULY 8 - 9AM TO 4PM

Ashburton Community Centre, 160 High Street Ashburton VIC 3147



SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

The main event at Bookfest is our second-hand book sale consists of over 5000 hard-cover and soft-cover ex-library books. There will be a huge mix of non-fiction and fiction, adult & children's books with prices starting from just \$1.

FOOD

Sausage Sizzle

Rotary Chadstone East Malvern will be cooking up a storm with their tasty sausage sizzle and egg & bacon rolls to fuel you for the event.

Devonshire Tea

Come and enjoy a Devonshire tea! We will be serving scones with jam & cream with a tea or coffee in our pop-up café to be enjoyed at café style tables inside and on the lovely deck (weather permitting).

ENTER OUR WINTER WARMER RAFFLE!

Purchase books at Bookfest and receive an entry into our Winter Warmer Raffle, worth over \$100. You'll find the entry box at the orange information table in the Centre foyer.

DRESS TO IMPRESS

Adults and kids alike are encouraged to dress up and get into the spirit of Bookfest! We encourage you to come dressed as your favourite book character (give that favourite Book Week costume another run!) we will have a fun 'magical book' back drop where you can take a pic and anyone who dresses up will receive a **bonus ticket** to our Winter Raffle when you dress in your favourite book-themed outfit or costume!



ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES

For all ages in the Creative Hub (Room 3 & 4)



All Day

Badges & Bookmarks

Give a book a second life by creating a fun book-themed badge or a laminated bookmark by using the pages of damaged books. Combine book images with stickers, or decorate with markers and create something unique!

Blackout Poetry

A blackout poem is created without writing any words. Using old book pages you black out parts of the original text until only certain words and phrases remain. A fun activity for all ages using pages from books that you choose. Take your poem home or leave it to form part of the display.



10am - 1pm

Printed Origami Gift Bags

Learn how to quickly turn pages from your unwanted books into attractive, practical gift bags, in this hands-on workshop with local artist Charmaine Macdonald.

For more details about Charmaine, visit www.charmainemacdonald.com

FREE BOOKFEST TALKS

10.30am - 11.15am

Can you wind back the clock? The truth about delaying the onset of ageing with Graham Ellis

Graham Ellis, a local Functional Ageing Exercise Specialist, personal trainer and published author of 'Renewed After 50', will discuss the following questions and other considerations around the aging process: Quantity or quality in the years ahead? How do we ensure Functional Longevity? Have we confused the process of ageing and illness as being a necessary part of ageing? What is your ageing trajectory? He will then offer some meaningful options and a way forward to a happier, healthier life. Graham also runs early morning fitness classes at the Centre, ask him about his intro offers.

11.30am - 12.15pm

Finishing Your book: Breaking through barriers to get that book done! with Pete Aldin

Published action and adventure author Pete Aldin shares nine barriers that prevent people from completing their writing project, along with thoughts for overcoming them. Includes self-reflection questions to help you achieve your breakthrough. Join Pete after the session for informal conversation and book signings in the Centre foyer.

12.30pm - 1.15pm

Olivia: Grace and Gratitude with Miranda Young

Join local Author Miranda Young, to discover a side of Olivia Newton John that is more than just her image as a golden-voiced songbird. Miranda will share stories and anecdotes that, as a biographer, she has unearthed from those who knew and loved Olivia personally. Plenty of opportunity for Q&A on Olivia and Miranda's unique experience of being a music and film researcher and local author.

1.30pm - 2.15pm

So you want to write? Where to now? How to take your writing from an idea to a publication with Caroline Carruthers

Learn about key elements of writing and the avenues for getting your writing project published. This session provides an engaging interactive overview from the beginning stages of being a writer to becoming a published author. Presented by Caroline Carruthers, a prize-winning local author, editor and convenor of Boroondara Writers.

Caroline is launching a Creative Writing course at the Centre, come along to the talk to find out how to attend the free trial session for this new course!

2.30pm - 3.15pm

Great first paragraphs and what makes them great with Barbara Boxhall

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."

Join passionate literature tutor, Barbara Boxhall, in analysing some of the most famous first paragraphs. Gain an appreciation and understanding of how the first few sentences can set the scene and draw you in to experience the rest of the book. Bring your favourite first paragraph to share or sit-back and learn to enjoy beautifully crafted first sentences.

Barbara is also the popular tutor of 'For the Love of Literature' at the Centre. A free trial voucher for Barbara's class is available to everyone who attends her talk.

Bookfest Talks are held in Room 2, no bookings required, but numbers are limited due to room capacity.



STORY TIME FUN

10am & 11am

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Our favourite storyteller is back! Enjoy a lively and engaging puppet play - 'The Three Bears' - with Goldilocks, Baby Bear, Father and Mother Bear, too much porridge and an unexpected guest! Performed by professional storyteller Charlotte Jowett together with some of her wonderful vintage and handmade puppets and sets. Suitable for anyone who loves a playful and entertaining story. For more about Charlotte you can visit www.charlottejowett.com

*Held in Room 5, no bookings required.
All children must be accompanied by a responsible person.*

BEYOND BOOKFEST

Connecting over books & writing

If you're looking to connect locally with people with similar book interests or writing interests, drop by Room 1 express your interest in what we offer, and what we'd like to offer in the future, at the Ashburton Community Centre including Book Clubs, Writing Club, Creative Writing and For the Love of Literature class.

11am - 11.30am

One Voice Choir Performance

Enjoy the beautiful vocals of the One Voice Choir Ashburton outside the front entrance to the Community Centre (*weather dependent*) singing a fun range of songs with a literary theme.