



10:00AM – 11:00AM

Australia Felix

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2211

Mark Davis argues that the Australian dream of a pluralist society was betrayed under the 10 years of Howard's government. With **Judith Brett** he discusses how best to rebuild that dream.

The asylum-seeker's tale

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2231

The Afghani man running the Prahran rug store, **Najaf Mazari**, astonished novelist **Robert Hillman** with his story of danger, escape and rebirth, now retold in their book *The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif*.

The Voyage of the Shuckenoor launch

FESTIVAL CLUB | FREE EVENT NO 2241

A tale of innocence lost on the 'blackbirding' ships plying the waters between Queensland and Melanesia. Debut author **Erica Bell**, who grew up in Melanesia, will give a reading with pictures.

11:30AM – 12:30PM

History is but a fable agreed upon

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2212

Bonaparte defined history in an easy aphorism but two of Australia's eminent historians **Geoffrey Blainey** and **James Boyce** explain why 'agreement' is so very hard to achieve.

Stray thoughts with David Francis

& Jane Turner

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2232

David Francis and Kath & Kim's **Jane Turner** trace their friendship back to the early eighties when they were both in Moscow, the setting for David's latest novel *Stray Dog Winter*.

12:00NOON – 1:00PM

Pendulum launch

FESTIVAL CLUB | FREE EVENT NO 2242

It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing. The latest editions of literary showcases, *Pendulum* and *Fly*, are released by the Chisholm Institute of TAFE.

1:00PM – 2:00PM

Towards oblivion

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2213

Debra Adelaide and **Alessandro Piperno** discuss their novels' black humour which has grown out of death, family dysfunction, war, betrayal and the Holocaust.

-Alessandro Piperno's visit is supported by the Italian Institute of Culture

The guiding spark of instinct

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2233

A.D. Hope lived long and faded slowly. **Catherine Cole** and **David Brooks** still have vivid recollections of the man and deep responses to his poetry. Chair **Lisa Gorton**

2:00PM – 3:00PM

Full Dress Publishing launch

FESTIVAL CLUB | FREE EVENT NO 2243

A new performing arts publisher specialising in innovative Australian voices bumps in plays by **Lally Katz** and **Ross Mueller**.

2:30PM – 3:30PM

Inside Muslim minds

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2214

Allah is one; Islam is many. Sociologist **Riaz Hassan** discusses with **Waleed Aly** the varieties of Islamic consciousness in the twenty-first century.

Rewriting the Jew

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2234

Contemporary literature has taken the traditional depiction of Jews in literature, which has been sustained since the middle-ages, and turned it on its head. Setting us to rights are the experts **Naomi Ragen**, **Fania Oz-Salzberger** & **Leah Garrett**. Chair **Dvir Abramovich**.

-Naomi Ragen's visit is supported by the Zionist Federation of Australia.

4:00PM – 5:00PM

What's funny about America?

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2215

Do **David Rakoff**, **David Sedaris** and **Don Watson** have their perspectives on America skewed at the same angle?



David Rakoff



Debra Adelaide

4:00PM – 5:00PM

From hot copy to hardcover

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2235

Chris Masters was the 2007 Walkley winner for his expose on Allan Jones, *Jonestown*. He will be joined in conversation by **Malcolm Farr**, Chief political reporter for *The Daily Telegraph*.

-Presented by the Walkley Foundation with support from the Copyright Agency Limited.

DROUGHT launch

FESTIVAL CLUB | FREE EVENT NO 2244

Join artists and writers as the artist's books connected with the *DROUGHT - Creative Cultural Collaborations Exhibition* are launched. Curated by **Lella Cariddi**.

7:00PM – 8:30PM

Keynote Address & Age Book of the Year Awards

On Rage: Germaine Greer.

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL | EVENT NO 2293

See P4 for more details.

9:30PM – 10:30PM

Wolf Music: Augusten Burroughs

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL | EVENT NO 2294

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SPECIAL EVENTS

10:00AM – 5:00PM

EVENT NO 2221

The Whole Shebang - seminar
See P21 for more detail

12:30PM – 2:30

EVENT NO 2291

First Tuesday Book Club

ABC TV STUDIO | ELSTERNWICK

Join **Jennifer Byrne** and regular guests **Jason Steger** and **Marieke Hardy** in this special festival taping of the popular television book club, with special guests **Germaine Greer** and **Augusten Burroughs**.

FREE but bookings are essential on 03 9626 1866

5:15PM – 9:30PM

EVENT NO 2292

Bottega Restaurant - Beyond Cuisine**EAT DRINK READ LIVE**

With **Jane Clifton**, **Reg Evans**, **Suzanne Shubart** and **David Tredinnick**.
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