



FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

10:00AM – 11:00AM

Standard operating procedure

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2911

What went wrong at Abu Ghraib? **Philip Gourevitch**, **Julian Burnside** and **Gerry Simpson** discuss the systemic failures that led to failures of human decency.

Citizen Rupert

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2931

Bruce Dover, **Stephen Mayne** and **Sally Warhaft** examine that incredible expanding man, Rupert Murdoch. Chair **Peter Clarke**.

Braybrook launched!

FESTIVAL CLUB | FREE EVENT NO 2941

Emotive and witty, this student anthology reflects the multicultural melting pot that is Braybrook.

10:15AM – 11:15AM

Spotlight: Xavier-Marie Bonnot

ACMI 2 | EVENT NO 2921

Xavier-Marie Bonnot turned his hand to crime and made a killing. He speaks to **Shane Maloney**.

11:30AM – 12:30PM

Spotlight: Mark Billingham

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2912

Could the dry, dark vein of humour running through **Mark Billingham's** crime fiction have anything to do with his once being a stand-up comedian? Fellow crime writer **Michael Robotham** investigates.

How did you get THAT idea?

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2932

Winning Australian Book Designers **Olga Lavecchia**, **Reuben Crossman** and **Trisha Garner** share the inspiration behind their designs. -Sponsored by the Australian Publishers Association.

11:45PM – 12:45PM

Longing for Blanche d'Alpuget

ACMI 2 | EVENT NO 2922

The heart is a relentless hunter. In *On Longing*, **Blanche d'Alpuget** writes about desires that may never be fulfilled. She talks to **David Leser**.

12:00NOON – 1:00PM

Award Winning Australian Writing 2008 launch

FESTIVAL CLUB | FREE EVENT NO 2942

Join the authors of this inaugural collection of major short-story competition winners.

1:00PM – 2:00PM

Snap, crackle and porn

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2913

Catharine Lumby, **Emily Maguire** and **Gaylene Perry** discuss with **David McCooey** why our electronic society is so switched on to pornography. -Sponsored by Deakin University

Specialismus or Generalismus?

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2933

Michael Cathcart, **Ashley Crawford**, **Kate Darian-Smith** and **Phip Murray** discuss attitudes and anxieties and beliefs in contemporary art writing. -Supported by the Georges Mora Foundation and The Australian Centre, University of Melbourne.

1:15PM – 2:15PM

Crrrrrritic!

ACMI 2 | EVENT NO 2923

A contention of critics, **Andrew Riemer** and **Kate Mosse** discuss the criticism of literature and criticism as literature.

2:00PM – 3:00PM

The Alice Literary Award

FESTIVAL CLUB | FREE EVENT NO 2943

Presented by the Society of Women Writers the 2008 recipient is biographer **Brenda Niall**.

2:30PM – 3:30PM

Out of control

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2914

William McInnes, **Leigh Redhead** and **Anya Ulinich** let rip in their latest novels and tell us how humour allows them to say more than they'd normally dare.

Legacy or burden?

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2934

Melbourne's APG was the hippest place to be in the '70s. The impact on future generations is discussed by **Gabrielle Wolf**, **Julian Meyrick** and **Alison Croggon**. -Sponsored by Currency Press

2:45PM – 3:45PM

Great expectations – Lloyd Jones

ACMI 2 | EVENT NO 2924

With *Mister Pip* shortlisted favourite for the 2007 Man Booker Prize, NZ author **Lloyd Jones** has a world-wide reputation. He speaks to **Jason Steger**.

4:00PM – 5:00PM

Anna Akhmatova

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2915

Before the Soviet nightmare changed her song, Anna Akhmatova wrote some of Russia's finest love poetry. **Orlando Figes**, **Alison Croggon** and **Ellen Koshland** discuss her life and work.

The bleeding edge

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2935

Adrian McKinty, **Andrea Maria Schenkel** and **Michael Robothom** explain thier blood-splattered techniques. Chair: **Sue Turnbull**.-Sponsored by La Trobe University

Hail Caesar launch

FESTIVAL CLUB | FREE EVENT NO 2944

In her new book, **Caroline de Costa** asks why one in four births is by caesarean section.

4:15PM – 5:15PM

Beautiful one day, perfect the next?

ACMI 2 | EVENT NO 2925

Chloe Hooper and **Jeff Waters** tell us about the aftermath of **Mulrunji's** death in custody on Queensland's Palm Island.

5:30PM – 6:30PM

Where are the gatekeepers?

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2916

The internet allows everyone to have thier say, **Margaret Simons**, **John Quiggin** and **Antony Loewenstein** discuss with **John Lenarcic** if it is important that we have lost the authoritative voice.

Schnittpunkt

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2936

Thomas Wohlfahrt talks to **Lisa Gorton** about contemporary European poetry and its intersection with film.

Avoiding Mr Right launch

FESTIVAL CLUB | FREE EVENT NO 2945

The search continues. **Anita Heiss** launches the Melbourne-based *Avoiding Mr Right*, the chick-lit sequel to her popular *Not Meeting Mr Right*.

5:45PM – 6:45PM

How to get published

ACMI 2 | EVENT NO 2926

Professional advice and practical help from specialists with insider knowledge of the publishing industry including **Rodney Hall**, **Ian Syson**, **Michael Hyde**, **Enza Gandolfo** and **Jeff Sparrow**. -Sponsored By Victoria University

6:00PM – 7:30PM

These United States

Dennis Altman, Philip Gourevitch, Don Watson.

RMIT CAPITOL THEATRE | EVENT NO 2961

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7:00PM – 8:00PM

Alphabetical disorder

BMW EDGE | EVENT NO 2917

In this anecdotal monologue based on her new memoir, *The Lucy Family Alphabet*, **Judith Lucy** blows all the family secrets.

Eco-poetry

ACMI 1 | EVENT NO 2937

With climate change and environmental degradation has the symbolism changed for poets **Robert Gray**, **Susan Hawthorne** and **John Jenkins**? Chair: **Kevin Brophy**. -Sponsored by the Melbourne Poets Union Inc

8:00PM – 9:00PM

Blood and Rage - Michael Burleigh

RMIT CAPITOL THEATRE | EVENT NO 2962

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8:30PM – 10:30PM

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BMW EDGE | EVENT 2918

Slam Poet **Tracie Morris** in performance**Interval: the BMW Edge Bar is open**

Three spoken word performers, one musician, absolutely no interference! A collaborative poetic work to reach through the TV set of our minds into the unknown, the alien, the other. **Nathan Curnow**, **Sean M Whelan** & **alicia sometimes**, with musician **Quinn Stacpoole**. -Commissioned by Going Down Swinging.

SPECIAL EVENTS

1:00PM-3:00PM

Literary arcadia: Hidden Secrets**Booklovers Tour** EVENT 2991 | See P10

5:15PM-9:30PM

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

EVENT 2992 | SEE P10 FOR DETAILS

The Ned Kelly Awards

FREE EVENT 2946 | SEE P10 FOR DETAILS