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#### Welcome from the Chair of the Featherston

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the seventh Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival – where we celebrate books, storytelling and ideas. And welcome to vibrant and welcoming Featherston/Pae Tū Mōkai – Aotearoa New Zealand's only Booktown.

**Booktown Trust** 

This year, our highly popular Festival features 50 events and hosts 100 presenters and literary provocateurs, and 18 booksellers.

A warm welcome to our booksellers – including Featherston/Pae Tū Mōkai's seven bookshops. They are the heart of the Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival.

Featherston Booktown belongs to the Featherston community, many of whom generously volunteer their time and talents to ensure the Festival's success. And it also belongs to all those who love books, reading, storytelling and ideas – and who take delight in the artefact

# WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE

Hints for a New Writer with Joy Cowley

11:00 AM - MIDDAY, Greytown Library. \$15

Joy Cowley, our very own world-famous children's writer, discusses with **Dan Keane**, from Wairarapa Library Services, the highs and lows of being an author and offers some tips for aspiring writers.

# FRIDAY 10 JUNE

**Featherston Booktown Opening Night:** Supported by Creative New Zealand

# The Fish'n'Chip Supper Doors Open: 6:15 PM - 9:30 PM, Anzac Hall. \$40

After a warm welcome from Mana Whenua Kaumātua **Paora Ammunson** and children from Featherston schools, tuck into our famous Fish'n'Chip Supper. MC Liz Mellish will guide us through the evening - which includes a speech by **Witi Ihimaera**, one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most distinguished and prolific writers, making his

# SATURDAY 11 JUNE

### Who's on the Couch? 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Witi Ihimaera considers "the world I'm in as Māori, not European". In conversation with **Peter Biggs** he discusses how this has helped him create imaginative new realities that have resulted in some of Aotearoa New Zealand's most outstanding fiction.

# The Lighthouse Princess with Illustrator Rose Northey fr 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, St Teresa's School. FREE

Join award-winning illustrator **Rose Northey** for a reading of *The Lighthouse Princess* by Susan Wardell. Get involved in spotting penguins, butterflies and chocolate fish, and dress up – maybe as a princess or fisher boy. Ask Rose how she paints a story into life and have a go yourself. *Supported by the South Wairarapa District Council.* 

# Celebrating the Joy of Fandom with the One Room Fan Museum 🏠

# AROUND FEATHERSTON THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND

Featherston Saturday Market Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, 33 Fitzherbert St

Featherston Menzshed Squircle Market Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Featherston Town Square

Booksellers Stalls Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Anzac Hall

Country Tea & Cakes Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Supper Room, Anzac Hall Complex

Booktown Buskers Saturday & Sunday, Various Times & Places

Sign the Hand-Made Featherston Booktown Visitors Book Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM,

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I'd like to thank sincerely our sponsors, donors, supporters, Friends and volunteers – Featherston Booktown couldn't happen without your generous support.

A heartfelt "huzzah" to our Operations Manager, Mary Biggs, and her wonderful team. Thanks too, to the tireless and dedicated Featherston Booktown Board of Trustees – Liz Mellish, Noelle McCarthy, Cheryl Gallaway, Mary McCallum, Lesley Christian, Craig Linkhorn, Dave Adams and Darrin Goulding. We also recognise and celebrate our Patron, Joy Cowley, and Founding Kaumātua, Lincoln Gould.

Enjoy the 2022 Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival!

Ngā manaakitanga



**Peter Biggs, Chair** Featherston Booktown Trust, Registered Charity: CC52369 first appearance at Featherston Booktown.

# Late Nite Lit: Moana Leota and Her Band – Poets Before Me

#### 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Singing sensation **Moana Leota** and her band celebrate how poetry results in music that is rich, raw and relatable. Think of *Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen, *Redemption Song* by Bob Marley and *River* by Joni Mitchell.

# **Campfire Tales R13 (1)** 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM, The Royal Hotel. \$20 (includes a free zine, a glass of mulled wine or hot chocolate)

Come warm your bones by the fire as we chill you with a selection of sinister tales from Kiwi horror authors, including **Cassie Hart**, **Denver Grenell**, **Tabatha Wood** and **Daniel Eady**. *Produced by Beware the Moon Productions* 

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Rangatahi/focused on youngsters

#### 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Back of the Anzac Hall, entrance via Birdwood Street. KOHA

It's 20 years since *The Lord of the Rings* was turned into hit movies right here in Aotearoa New Zealand. If you're a fan, go to the next level and indulge in some dress-up fun with your kids, take in some mini re-enactments, and reminisce with a brilliant fan movie – a "perfect record of amazing times".

## Off the Page 10:10 AM - 10:50 AM, Dickensian Bookshop. KOHA

Spend 40 minutes experiencing the full wonder of Aotearoa New Zealand literature when extracts from books by our cherished authors, including Witi Ihimaera, Patricia Grace and Elizabeth Knox, leave the page and come to life. Performed by **Matthew Staijen** and **James Ladanyi**. Devised and produced by James Ladanyi.

## Book Binding Workshop 🗐 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, St Teresa's School. \$30

**Robyn Ramsden** shows you how to make a 4th century Nag Hammadi codex. Her design is reusable and the leather will last long after you fill your notebook, but with her written instructions you can make your own at home.

Supper Room, Anzac Hall Complex

Exhibition of Megan Campbell's Paintings at The Ferret Bookshop Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, The Ferret Bookshop

Mini Fell Engine Is On Track Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Clifford Square (weather permitting)

### Children's Treasure Trail on the Main Street 🏠 Throughout the weekend, pick up entry forms from bookshops and library

Collected Rockstars of South Wairarapa Art and The Busking Poet, David Merritt Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, The Miracle Room, Wakefield Street

The Old Court House Art Gallery: Exhibition - The Art of Books Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, The Old Court House

# SATURDAY 11 JUNE (continued)

### A Clear Dawn 11:00 AM - MIDDAY, Waimarie/RSA. \$15

The voices of Asian Kiwi writers are in the ascendancy right now. Angelique Kasmara, Melanie Kwang, Bernadette How and Saraid de Silva read some of their work and share their experiences as writers. Chaired by **Paula Morris**, editor of the groundbreaking *A Clear Dawn*. *Supported by Creative New Zealand*.

### Author Spotlight: Megan Dunn and Noelle McCarthy on Memoir 11:00 AM - MIDDAY, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Megan Dunn and Noelle McCarthy take Edmund White's advice about writing a memoir – "In a memoir, your main contract with the reader is to tell the truth, no matter how bizarre" - and share their experiences of writing *Things I* Learned at Art School and Grand.

#### **Stories Off the Beaten Track** 11:00 AM - MIDDAY, The Joy Cowley Room at the Royal Hotel. \$15

Short story master Owen Marshall (South Canterbury) joins debut author Kat Maxwell (Manawatu) and local writers **Don Farmer** and **Christine Daniell** (Wairarapa) to talk about their inspiration — the characters and yarns that could only come from outside the cities — and how they wrangle them onto the page. Chaired by Mary McCallum.

### Wood is Good **1** 11:00 AM - MIDDAY, St Teresa's School. FREE

Learn to love trees - meet a real forester, find out about wood, our forests, and what it's like to drive a log truck. Erica Kinder reads from her book *Fred the Forester* and the team from **Wood is Good** will give away woody prizes, and offer games and books for sale.

# Antiquarian Book Roadshow 🥔 11:00 AM - MIDDAY, St Teresa's Church Hall. \$15

Rudi Mack, an antiquarian bookseller with a taste for unusual and rare books of Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific, talks about the importance to our cultural heritage of private collections. Bring along your treasured books if you'd like advice about their value or where to find out more about them.

### **Carol Markwell on the Extraordinary** Unknown Life of Blanche Baughan. In a Tribute to Lydia Wevers (1950–2021). 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, the Joy Cowley Room at the Royal Hotel. \$15

In a tribute to Lydia, **Carol Markwell** – author of *Enough Horizon: the Life and Work of Blanche Baughan* – introduces a woman ahead of her time. Blanche (1870–1958) was a poet, travel writer, environmentalist and prison reformer.

### Alan Dingley: Story Builders Workshop for 8–12 Year Olds 🏚 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, St Teresa's School. FREE

How do we create stories? Join this workshop and learn to layer stories piece by piece, and build stories, plays, poems or films from nothing. *Supported by Chicken and Frog Bookshop*.

#### **Poems Against Sustainability** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Kauri Room, Featherston **Community Centre, Wakefield Street. FREE**

Join three Featherston artists to create playing cards and tackle sometimes uncomfortable discussions about climate change and our relationship to the land. There'll be games, seed bombs and a pop-up library with the **Tramping Gently Club** and **Pae Tū Mōkai o Tauira**. Jordan Hamel, editor of the Climate Change Anthology, joins the discussion. Supported by

### **50 Years of Feminism** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Famous first-wave feminists Sue Kedgley and Marilyn Waring discuss with Linda Clark their struggle and achievements for women's rights over five decades of protest and activism.

# Paper Making Workshop with Rob Kennedy 🟉

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM, St Teresa's School. \$20 Make the paper for next year's Featherston Booktown Visitors book! Learn an ancient craft and see what paper made from Aotearoa New Zealand native plants looks like. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Course materials provided.

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### Author Spotlight: Dame Fiona Kidman 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Dame Fiona Kidman in conversation with Owen Marshall about widowhood, and the griefs and joys of a writer's life that have inspired her new essay collection So Far, For Now.

### Let Me Tell You of My Country (1) 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Waimarie/RSA. \$15

A diverse range of writers and prominent Kiwis give their perspective on the state of the nation and where we're heading. Join Kim Workman, Alison Jones, Tim Higham and Linda Clark to exchange views on how we confront current issues and shape the future. *Supported by Creative New Zealand*.

# Sonya Wilson Spark Hunter 🎓 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, St Teresa's School. FREE

A childhood in the wilds of Southland inspired **Sonya Wilson**'s children's novel *Spark Hunter* – an adventure fantasy with a strong environmental message. Hear her talk about what spurred her to write it and the Fiordland wilderness where it's set. Supported by the South Wairarapa District Council.

### Publisher Spotlight: Roger Steele 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, St Teresa's Church Hall. \$15

**Roger Steele** is a publishing phenomenon, discovering and producing books by artists, activists, poets and the under-represented and dispossessed for 25 years. He is signing off Steele Roberts Aotearoa with poetry by literary pioneer Jacquie Sturm, which includes some new finds. Roger talks with **Mary McCallum**.

# The Lord of the Rings Quiz 🏫 🥏 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM, Featherston School Hall. \$10 per person, Middle Earth style snacks provided

Kathy Drysdale, LOTR fan girl, has curated a quiz for everyone who loves the books or has binge-watched Peter Jackson's movies. Gather a team, dress as your favourite character and come on an adventure with our quiz master and a guest celebrity, **Sir Richard Taylor**. *Generous* prizes sponsored by Weta Workshop and Middle Earth Wines.

# Navigating Self-Publishing 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Q&A session, the Joy Cowley Room at the Royal Hotel. \$15 5:40 PM - 7:00 PM, One-to-one interviews,

the foyer of the Royal Hotel. FREE Dave MacManus from The CopyPress has been helping authors publish their books for over 20 years. With guidance from local author **Denver Grenell** he'll answer your questions about self-publishing. If you need to know more, set up a one-to-one session with Dave by ameling macheting continence on us

# Saturday Evening at the **Property Brokers Sports Hub**

A night of poetry and wisdom from some of Aotearoa New Zealand's finest writers.

## Hear Me Roar!

# 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Property Brokers Sports Hub. \$15 (Nibbles provided and cash bar available)

Enjoy funny, provoking and uplifting poetry from Ash Davida Jane, Rachel O'Neill, Maggie Rainey-Smith, Kirsten le Harivel and Selina Tusitala Marsh, all refereed by Rebecca Hawkes. Contains provocative language and ideas

#### 50 Years of Read NZ Te Pou Muramura 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM, Property Brokers Sports Hub. \$35 (Nibbles provided and cash bar available)

To celebrate 50 years of Read NZ Te Pou Muramura, we've invited the esteemed presenters of the annual lecture Te Pou Muramura Pānui to reflect on their writing. **Peter Biggs** is in the chair and will also ask **Witi Ihimaera** (2015), **Selina Tusitala Marsh** (2016) Owarn Maershell (2017) Lev Cowley (2016), **Owen Marshall** (2017), **Joy Cowley** (2018) and **Ben Brown** (2020) what has changed in our literary landscape. Supported by Read NZ Te Pou Muramura.

#### Late Nite Lit: Poetry Unbound 10:00 PM - LATE, Property Brokers Sports Hub. \$15 (Nibbles provided and cash bar available)

Could a parliament of poets make us a better country? **Rose Northey** is speaker and **Rebecca Hawkes, Glenn Colquhoun, Tracey Slaughter** and Jordan Hamel will speak to the motion. Bring your own poem and make a contribution from the back benches. Curated by Jordan Hamel.

# Campfire Tales R13 (2)

10:00 PM - LATE, The Royal Hotel. \$20 (includes a free zine, a glass of mulled wine or hot chocolate)

Come warm your bones by the fire as we chill you with a selection of sinister tales from Kiwi horror authors, including Cassie Hart, Denver Grenell, Tabatha Wood and Daniel Eady. Produced by Beware the Moon Productions.

# SUNDAY 12 JUNE

### Who's on the Couch? 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Join **Patricia Grace**, literary pioneer, award-winning novelist, short story and children's writer, in compelling conversation with **Arihia** Latham. They'll delve into her extraordinary life as a writer and her place in the development of Māori fiction.

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# Comet the Red Bus with Christopher Candy 🏫

# 11:00 AM - MIDDAY, St Teresa's School, FREE

Children's picture book, Comet the Red Bus, is written by **Christopher Candy**, a wonderful Tranzit Coachlines bus driver. Join him to discover the joys of driving and riding in a

## War in the Motu 11:00 AM - MIDDAY, Waimarie/RSA. \$15

At last the stories of wars in our own country are being told. Paul Diamond explores the events, causes and consequences of these defining conflicts with writers and historians Vincent O'Malley and Ron Crosby.

## Women Go Wild 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Clit Lit - saucy fiction for women - is on the up, especially in the e-world. Join four writers who have pushed the boundaries exploring eroticism and sex in their work. Tracey Slaughter chairs this steamy session with Airini Beautrais, Fiona Kidman and Rebecca K Reilly. Proudly sponsored by Tess O'Rorke.

### Te Kupenga, 101 Stories of Aotearoa from the Turnbull 릗 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, St Teresa's Church Hall. \$15

Chris Szekely, Chief Librarian at the Alexander Turnbull Library, reveals treasures from the library's collection profiled in *Te Kupenga*, *101 stories of Aotearoa from the Turnbull*. He describes how the editorial team chose just 101 artefacts and divulges his favourites.

## Walking Towards Writing 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Waimarie/RSA. \$15

By taking journeys in challenging natural environments, authors Nic Low and Tim Higham changed their thinking. Mary McCallum moderates a discussion about how their experiences affected their world view and relationships with whanau.

# Story Craft Workshop with Melinda Szymanik for Ages 7–12 Adults welcome. 🏚

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, St Teresa's School. Free Melinda Szymanik is an award-winning author of picture books, short stories and

novels for children. Bring paper, pens and writing questions to her workshop. Learn to shape absorbing stories with great characters and terrific endings. Supported by the South Wairarapa District Council.

# Paper Making Workshop with Rob Kennedy 🧧

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM, St Teresa's School. \$20 Make the paper for next year's Featherston Booktown Visitors Book! Learn an ancient Actearoa New Zealand native plants looks like. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Course materials provided.

# Mrs Blackwell's High Tea: Love for the Garden 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM, Doors open at 2:30 PM, Property Brokers Sports Hub. \$50

Mrs Blackwell's Village Bookshop and Featherston Booktown invite you to a unique high tea where we explore love for gardens, books and growing things. Enjoy delicious home baking while listening to a fabulous line-up of writers – Lynda Hallinan and Arihia Latham in conversation with RNZ's Rob Kelly.

Enjoy complimentary Mimosas from our wine sponsor for this event, JOIY.

# War Stories 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Kiwi Hall. \$15

David B Hill and Neil Frances have published previously untold stories from Vorld War II a daring es sailors from Singapore in 1942, and a gunner's diary of the Italian campaign. Ron Mark, former Minister of Defence, leads the conversation about these tales of bravery and endurance.

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## Ulysses – The Story of a Book 🥏 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, St Teresa's Church Hall. \$15

It's 100 years since Ulysses was published and swiftly banned. **Marco Sonzogni** tells the fascinating story of how arguably the greatest piece of literature of the twentieth century even saw the light of day – and reveals an intriguing Aotearoa New Zealand connection.

### From Page to Screen 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Waimarie/RSA. \$15

Last vear **Patricia Grace's** novel *Cousins* was released on film, 29 years after she wrote it. Join and Christina Andreef from the New Zealand Film Commission to explore the transformation of the book to screenplay and film.

by emailing *marketing@copypress.co.nz* 

### Taking a Publishing Punt **a** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM, St Teresa's Church Hall. \$15

In the publishing world there are some brave souls who court failure by taking a risk on unknown writers. Roger Steele talks with publishing pals Chris Holdaway, Murdoch Stephens and Ash Davida Jane, who have thrown themselves and their publishing businesses full force at failure and triumphantly missed.

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bus. He may even take you for a ride in his bus, which will be parked up outside St Teresa's School. Sponsored by Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa.

# Chic City Crime 11:00 AM - MIDDAY, the Joy Cowley Room at the Royal Hotel. \$15

Two recent crime novels portray the streets of Auckland and Wellington in ways we've never seen before. Angelique Kasmara (Isobar Precinct) and Anne Harré (The Leaning Man) talk with Paula Morris about their stylish and provocative stories.

### **Politics and Prose** 11:00 AM - MIDDAY, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Judith Collins, Margaret Hayward and Marilyn Waring talk about their books on living a political life – what drove them, what they faced in public and behind closed doors. With Linda Clark mediating.

### Stories from Here and There with Moira Wairama and Tony Hopkins 🏚 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, St Teresa's School. FREE

Moira Wairama is a Wellington-based writer specialising in telling bilingual Māori legends. Tony Hopkins is an African American storyteller. Their show, Stories from Here and There, features Māori, African and Cherokee tales. Suitable for audiences of all ages. Supported by the South Wairarapa District Council.

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