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## Saturday at La Trobe University Package \$60

Includes 5 sessions and lunch

Arts Mildura acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country on which our festival takes place and wishes to pay respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may attend our festival events.



This year marks our twentieth annual festival so it seems appropriate to pause and take stock. What have we accomplished? I think we (by which I mean the organisers, sponsors, writers and, above all, the audiences) have established a superb event that every year meets and exceeds our expectations. Those expectations have grown, as each year seems to surpass



the one before for the sheer delight, stimulus and intellectual enhancement we experience. Everyone who attends, in whatever capacity, contributes to the success of the festival, and I would like to thank you for your interest, support and gracious conviviality. It has been a marvellous two decades!

### Paul Kane

Artistic Director, Mildura Writers Festival

On behalf of the Mildura Writers Festival committee it is a pleasure to welcome this year's writers, old and new friends, and regular festival attendees to Mildura.

We are fortunate to work with Paul Kane whose 20 year commitment to our festival has ensured its fine reputation and longevity. The team at Arts Mildura, which includes Paul Lambeth, Danielle Hanifin and Kerry Thompson, works diligently on five festivals throughout the year, including ours. All logistical, marketing and promotional aspects are attended to graciously and we are appreciative.

We are all eager for another weekend that will engage us with those who devote themselves to the practice of writing and remind us why we love words and ideas so much. And, to the readers out there, we thank you, too.

### Donata Carrazza

Chair, Mildura Writers Festival

Welcome



It is not difficult to feel positive about contributing to the Mildura Writers Festival. A more difficult task is to understand the contribution this festival makes to our region and nation. Mildura has an identity as an oasis, thanks in part to the Murray River. Mildura has also developed a reputation for quality cultural activity, another form of oasis making. In an overt way, we understand the contribution of the Murray River in

maintaining Mildura as an oasis. More diffusely perhaps, we also understand the contribution the Mildura Writers Festival makes to our lives in this far North West corner of the State. In this twentieth year of the festival, I thank the writers, artistic director, audiences, committee, volunteers, sponsors and staff for contributing to maintaining our oasis life.

**Paul Lambeth**  
Executive Director, Arts Mildura

## Calendar of Events

**Thursday 17 July**  
7.30pm

**Facts and Truth**  
**Opening night with Gideon Haigh and Helen Garner**

The Mildura Club  
85-91 Deakin Ave, Mildura  
Tickets: \$15, Conc. \$10, Students FREE  
\$20 cheese platters are available for pre-order. Please call (03) 5022 9542 to place order.

**Friday 18 July**  
9.30am

**The Art of Fiction with Alex Miller**  
ADFA Building  
31 Deakin Ave, Mildura  
Tickets: \$15, Conc. \$10, Students FREE

12.00-2.30pm

**What Springs to Mind**  
**Lunch with Helen Garner moderated by Craig Sherbourne**  
Mildura Brewery  
20 Langtree Ave, Mildura  
Tickets: \$35

Friday 18 July

2.45-3.45pm

**The Art of Poetry with Lisa Gorton and Robert Adamson**

ADFA Building

31 Deakin Ave, Mildura

Tickets: \$15, Conc. \$10, Students FREE

4.00-5.00pm

**Writing Lives**

**Literary non-fiction with Alice Pung, Christina Thompson and Bruce Pascoe**

ADFA Building

31 Deakin Ave, Mildura

Tickets: \$15, Conc. \$10, Students FREE

7.30pm

**Philip Hodgins Memorial Medal Dinner**

Gallery 25

25 Deakin Ave, Mildura

Tickets: \$75

Saturday 19 July

**La Trobe University Sessions**

Brian Grogan Theatre

471 Benetook Ave, Mildura

Tickets: \$10 at the door (per session),  
\$60 package (includes \$15 lunch  
by 27 Deakin)

10.00am

**In Conversation with Lisa Gorton and Chris Wallace-Crabbe**

11.30am

**Readings with Helen Garner and Alex Miller**

1.30pm

**Poetry Readings with Chris Wallace-Crabbe and Robert Adamson**

2.45pm

**The Writing Life with Alex Miller and Will Eaves**



4.00pm

**The Writer as Editor with Christina Thompson and Alice Pung**

7.30pm

**Books v Cigarettes:**

**The Rematch with Gideon Haigh**

The Setts

110 - 114 Eighth St, Mildura

Tickets: \$85 (includes a drink on arrival  
and 3 course dinner by Jim McDougall)

Sunday 20 July

11.00am

**Black Seeds  
by Bruce Pascoe**

A La Trobe University Lecture

courtesy of PEN Melbourne

Brian Grogan Theatre

471 Benetook Ave, Mildura

FREE

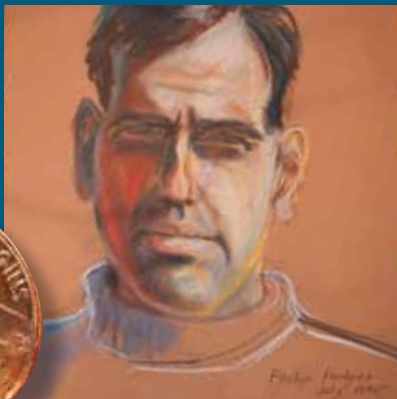
12.30pm

**Finale Lunch**

Seasons Restaurant

Cnr Langtree Ave and Seventh St, Mildura

Tickets: \$65



## PEN Melbourne

PEN International is the leading voice of literature and represents writers in 104 countries. The Melbourne PEN Centre is one of 145 centres worldwide. Members are united in a common concern for the art of writing and freedom of expression. PEN was established in England in 1921. Each centre acts independently but maintains strong links with headquarters in London and with other centres. The organisation works locally, regionally and internationally to understand the needs of writers and to protect them.

The Melbourne PEN Centre focuses on writers in prison, reconciliation, women writers and international work especially in the Asia and Pacific region. It campaigns on behalf of persecuted writers and lets them know they are not alone. A quarterly newsletter keeps members up to date with PEN events and provides a forum for members to publish relevant works.

## Philip Hodgins Memorial Dinner

The Philip Hodgins Memorial Medal is awarded annually to an Australian writer whose work best reflects the high standards and distinguished literary accomplishments that Philip Hodgins consistently advocated and exemplified in his poetry.

The 2014 judge is Chris Wallace-Crabbe, who will present the winner with a

unique medal created by Mildura artist Jim Curry and a cash prize of \$3000. The evening includes remarks by the winner and readings of Philip Hodgins' poetry by his daughters Anna and Helen.

**Friday 18 July**  
**7.30pm**  
Gallery 25  
25 Deakin Ave, Mildura

Wine provided by Chalmers Wines.  
Other drinks are available at bar prices.  
Limited seating, please book early.  
Tickets: \$75

- Medal Winners**
- 2013 Frank Moorhouse
  - 2012 Robert Gray
  - 2011 Gail Jones
  - 2010 Don Watson
  - 2009 Peter Steele
  - 2008 Sonya Hartnett
  - 2007 Inga Clendinnen
  - 2006 Stephen Edgar
  - 2005 Judith Beveridge
  - 2004 Luke Davies
  - 2003 Clive James
  - 2002 Chris Wallace-Crabbe
  - 2001 Carmel Bird
  - 2000 Peter Porter
  - 1999 Alan Gould
  - 1998 Kate Jennings
  - 1997 Bruce Dawe



## Black Seeds

by Bruce Pascoe

La Trobe University Lecture  
courtesy of PEN Melbourne

Hunter-gatherers do not build houses, plant seeds, till the soil, irrigate it or preserve food surpluses. But that's exactly what our Australian explorers observed in all Australian districts: houses capable of housing up to 50 people, stone constructions which are probably the oldest in the world, food preservation techniques and the ability to produce grain and tuber crops over thousands of acres. Charles Sturt was fed on roast duck and cake in the very



centre of Australia when saved by the Aborigines who lived there. Thomas Mitchell rode through miles of stoked grain and villages with populations of over a thousand people. Why weren't we taught this in school?



## Writer Profiles

### Robert Adamson

Robert Adamson, one of Australia's leading poets, is the author of numerous collections of poems, including *The Golden Bird* which won the CJ Dennis Prize for Poetry, and *The Goldfinches of Baghdad*, which won The Age Book of the Year Award. In 2004, he published a memoir, *Inside Out*, which was shortlisted for The Age Book of the Year Award, the NSW Premier's Literary Award, and the State Library of NSW Biography Award. He has edited *The Best Australian Poems 2009* and *2010*, and is the inaugural CAL Chair of Poetry at University of Technology, Sydney. His most recent book is a volume of poems, *Empty Your Eyes* (2013).

### Helen Garner

Helen Garner, the well-known and prize-winning writer and journalist, is the author of four novels: *Monkey Grip*, *The Children's Bach*, *Cosmo Cosmolino* and *The Spare Room*; three collections of short stories; three screenplays; and four non-fiction works, including *The First Stone* and *Joe Cinque's Consolation*. She has won numerous



awards, including the New South Wales Premier's Prize (twice), the Victorian Premier's Literary Award, the Melbourne Prize for Literature, and the Barbara Jefferis Award. She attended the first Mildura Writers Festival in 1995.

### Lisa Gorton

Lisa Gorton won the inaugural Vincent Buckley Poetry Prize, went on a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford; where she completed a Masters and a Doctorate in Renaissance Literature. An acclaimed poet, her first book, *Press Release*, won the Victorian Premier's Prize for Poetry; her second collection, *Hotel Hyperion*, was published last year by Giramondo. As an essayist and reviewer, her work appears in British, American and Australian journals, and she is also the author of the popular children's book, *Cloudland*. Her novel, *The Life of Houses*, is forthcoming in 2014.



### Gideon Haigh

Gideon Haigh, a journalist for more than thirty years, has contributed to scores of newspapers and magazines, written thirty books and edited seven others. *On Warne* won numerous awards, including the British Sports Book Best Cricket Book of the Year, the Cricket Society and MCC Book of the Year, and was shortlisted for the Australian Book Industry Biography of the Year, the Victorian Premier's Awards, and the Adelaide Festival Awards. *The Office* won the NSW Premier's Awards Prize for Non-fiction. Other recent titles include *Uncertain Corridors: Writings on Modern Cricket*; *End of the Road?* on Australia's automotive industry; and *The Deserted Newsroom*, about media in a digital age.

### Paul Kane

Paul Kane, the festival's artistic director, has published thirteen books, including five collections of poems, and a poetry and music CD. His awards include a Fulbright Grant and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Bogliasco Foundation. He has taught at Yale University and Monash University, and is presently Professor of English at Vassar College. In 2013, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by LaTrobe University in Mildura for his contributions to Australian culture. Together with his wife, Tina, he splits his time between New York and rural Victoria.



### Will Eaves

Will Eaves is the author of three novels, one work of experimental fiction and a volume of poetry. From 1995 to 2011 he was the Arts Editor of the *Times Literary Supplement*. He is Associate Professor in the Department of English at the University of Warwick, and currently lives in Melbourne, where he is writing a novel about the possibility of artificial intelligence.

### Alex Miller

Alex Miller is the author of eleven novels, including most recently, *Coal Creek*, which won the Victorian Premier's Literary Award. Among his many other awards, he has won The Miles Franklin Literary Award twice, the New South Wales Premier's Prize twice, the Commonwealth Writers Prize, *The Age* Book of the Year Award, and in 2012 the Melbourne Prize for Literature. In addition, he is a recipient of the Centenary Medal for services to Australian Society and the Manning Clark Medal for outstanding contributions to Australian culture. He lives in Castlemaine, Victoria, with his wife Stephanie.



### Bruce Pascoe

Bruce Pascoe is a professional writer who also works on Aboriginal language recovery. He has been a publisher, editor, teacher, farmer, fisherman, Aboriginal community secretary and curriculum designer. He has two children, lives at Gipsy Point with his wife Lyn and is of Bunurong and Tasmanian descent. Among his novels are *Shark*, *Bloke*, *Ocean* and *Earth*, and his non-fiction titles include *Convincing Ground*, *Little Red Yellow* and *Black Book* and *Dictionary of Wathawoorroong*. He has won numerous awards, including the Fellowship of Australian Writers' Literature Award, and is presently Secretary of the Bidwell-Maap Aboriginal Nation.

### Alice Pung

Alice Pung is a Melbourne writer, lawyer and teacher; and the author of the bestselling *Her Father's Daughter* and *Unpolished Gem*, and the editor of *Growing up Asian in Australia*. *Unpolished Gem* won the 2007 Australian Book Industry Newcomer of the Year Award. *Her Father's Daughter* won the 2012 Western Australia Premier's Literary Awards for Non-Fiction. Alice has had stories and articles published in *Good Weekend*, *Meanjin*, *The Monthly*, *The Age*, *The Best Australian Stories* and *The Lifted Brow*. In 2008, Alice was the Asialink writer-in-residence at Peking University, and in 2009, the Australian representative at the Iowa International Writing Program. In 2010, she was a judge for the Walkley Awards for Journalism, and the 2011 Australian representative to the US Department of State 'Fall and Recovery' writers' tour of disaster and conflict sites of America. Alice is currently the Artist in Residence at Janet Clarke Hall, Ambassador to the 100 Story Building and the Room to Read program.



### Christina Thompson

Christina Thompson is the editor of *Harvard Review* and a former editor of *Meanjin*. The author of a memoir, *Come on Shore* and *We Will Kill and Eat You All*, which was shortlisted for New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards and the William Saroyan International Prize for Writing, she is the recipient of fellowships from the Australia Council, Arts Victoria, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Her work has appeared in various publications, including *Vogue*, the *Paris Review*, and the *American Scholar*. She lives near Boston, Massachusetts, and teaches in the Writing Program at Harvard University Extension.

### Chris Wallace-Crabbe

Chris Wallace-Crabbe AM is the current judge of the Philip Hodgins Memorial Medal. A renowned poet and critic, his most recent book of verse is *New and Selected Poems* (Carcanet, 2013). He has chaired Australian Poetry Limited and is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Melbourne. A public speaker and commentator on the visual arts, he specialises in "artists' books." *Read It Again*, a volume of critical essays, was published in 2005. Among other awards he has won the Dublin Prize for Arts and Sciences and the Christopher Brennan Award for Literature, and the Philip Hodgins Memorial Medal. In 2015, a selection of his work will appear in the U.S. as part of The Braziller Series of Australian Poets.



## Wallflower Photomedia Gallery Curated exhibition from the La Trobe University Museum of Art

Opening: 5.00pm, Friday 11 July  
Exhibition: 11 July - 11 August 2014  
41 Deakin Ave, Mildura

Wallflower Photomedia Gallery aims to present the lens-based work by local, national and international artists.



Image: Las minas de San Jose - Test Site #2 Shigeru Takato

## Perimeter Bookstore Pop-Up Event

Hours: 10.00am - 4.00pm  
17 - 20 July 2014  
41 Deakin Ave, Mildura

The gallery will once again feature a weekend pop-up bookstore presented in association with Perimeter Books. Perimeter is a bookstore, art space and platform for various art publishing endeavours located in Melbourne.

## The Art Vault Home Grown

Opening: Wednesday 2 July  
Exhibition: 2 - 21 July 2014  
43 Deakin Ave, Mildura

An exhibition featuring art by artists born or currently residing in Mildura.



Image: Riverbank at Gol Gol, Anne Spudvilas 2013

## Our Village in the Sky

Official Launch: 3.00pm, Saturday 19 July

This children's book written by Janeen Brian features artwork by Mildura artist, Anne Spudvilas.



## Gallery 25 The Beautiful Mush Paintings by Ralph Bristow

Opening: 6.00pm, Thursday 17 July  
Exhibition: 16 July - 13 August 2014  
25 Deakin Ave, Mildura

Artist Ralph Bristow's 'The Beautiful Mush' exhibition is a diverse collection of his most recent works.

Working with gouache on paper, this vibrant medium is full of energy, a passionate blend of landscape, colour and emotion - the Beautiful Mush that is life.

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resulting in semi-abstract paintings with sophisticated use of both colour and composition.



Image: First Shine  
Ralph Bristow  
Gouache on paper, 46 x 61cm

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Artwork: Asia Pacific Stack – Kerryn Sylvia, La Trobe University Student

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Self Portrait etching 2013 Graeme Drendel



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[wallflowerphotomediagallery.blogspot.com.au](http://wallflowerphotomediagallery.blogspot.com.au)

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### Murray River International Music Festival

20 - 26 January 2015

### Mildura Wentworth Arts Festival

6 - 15 March 2015

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## Committee

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Hilary Thiele

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