

WRICE 2016
MELBOURNE RESIDENCY

PUBLIC EVENTS

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SATURDAY 27 AUGUST

Muslim Feminism PANEL

1pm Footscray Community Arts Centre (FCAC)

How are Muslim women fighting sexism and working for change? Eliza Vitri Handayani and Shakira Hussein explore the subject in their writing, while psychologist Monique Toohey helps patients access culturally appropriate services. In this session, they dissect the intersection of feminism and Muslim identity.

<http://mwf.com.au/session/muslim-feminism/>

Westside Storytelling Live Event: Change

5:30pm Footscray Community Arts Centre (FCAC)

Some of life's most interesting things happen when we're on the brink of change. In this night of live storytelling, writers and performers from around the world – including Alan Brough, Larry Lacambra Ypil and Alice Pung – will share their stories of transformation.

<http://mwf.com.au/session/westside-storytelling-live-change/>

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST

Chinese Writer's Festival

10am-4pm Richmond Library
KEYNOTE SPEECH

A bilingual celebration of Chinese and Chinese-Australian writing from the mountains to the sea. Featuring Lei Tao (Xi'an), Xu Xi (New York and Hong Kong), Alice Pung, Ouyang Yu, Belinda Jiang, Wang Ruobing and more.

<https://writersvictoria.org.au/civicrm/event/info?id=120&reset=1>

MONDAY 29 AUGUST

LAUNCH of WRICE 2016 Celebration and Readings

6pm-8pm

RMIT Design Hub, Long Room, Level 9
Alice Pung, Michele Lee, DAI Fan (China), Eliza Vitri Handayani & Maggie Tiojakin (Indonesia), Larry Ypil (Philippines) and more. Celebrate the launch of WRICE 2016 with an intercultural collage of readings, hosted by RMIT University.



THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Castlemaine Theatre Royal Public Event

6.30pm

Acclaimed writers from Australia, China, Indonesia and the Philippines will share their work and experiences, inspired by their immersion in new cultures through the Writers Immersion and Cultural Exchange Program (WRICE). This event will feature Fan Dai, Eliza Vitri Handayani, Michele Lee, Alice Pung, Maggie Tiojakin, Xu Xi and Larry Lacambra Ypil, plus emerging writers Mia Wotherspoon, Peter Clynes and Ara Sarafian. Australian writers Francesca Rendle-Short and David Carlin will host the event, which will highlight all the panelists' shared experience at the WRICE China collaborative residency.

<http://theatreroyalcastlemaine.com.au/>

FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Protest & Rebellion, featuring Eliza Vitri Handayani

1pm ACMI the Cube

Artist Molly Crabapple came to prominence when she was arrested during the Occupy movement. Eliza Vitri Handayani's *From Now On Everything Will Be Different* caused controversy in Indonesia for its critical stance on the government. They discuss the power of art as a protest tool.

<http://mwf.com.au/session/protest-rebellion/>

Writers Across Borders

5:30pm ACMI the Cube

How does cultural exchange in writing and ideas work? Fan Dai, Eliza Vitri Handayani, Michele Lee, Alice Pung, Maggie Tiojakin, Xu Xi and Larry Lacambra Ypil share their experiences of WRICE, an immersive intercultural program. See WRICE in action in this lively, performative session.

<http://mwf.com.au/session/writers-across-borders/>

SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Asia Pacific Narratives

5.30pm ACMI the Cube

What does it mean to live in the Asia Pacific in a literary context? Join Briohny Doyle, Cath Ferla, Lawrence Lacambra Ypil and Rajith Savanadasa as they discuss how connections between Asia and Australia – including proximity, travel and migration – have influenced their narratives and voices in writing.

<http://mwf.com.au/session/asia-pacific-narratives/>

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Book Launch: The Near and Far

3pm Beer Deluxe, MWF

The Near and The Far collects new and previously unpublished works from established and emerging writers across Australia and the Asia-Pacific, including Maxine Beneba Clarke, Cate Kennedy, Xu Xi and Omar Musa. Join editors David Carlin and Francesca Rendle-Short at the launch of this exciting anthology.

<http://mwf.com.au/session/book-launch-the-near-and-far/>

<http://fedsquare.com/eatdrink/beer-deluxe>

Queer Literary Salon (featuring Larry Ypil and Francesca Rendle-Short)

5:30pm Bella Union, MWF

Come out with us and celebrate queer culture in a literary salon that combines revelation with revelry. Join special guests Adolfo Aranjuez, Ivan Coyote, Amy Middleton and Rebecca Shaw for interviews, readings, true tales and live illustrations. Hosted by Geraldine Hickey.

Note: Doors and bar open at 5pm for pre-event drinks; limited seating with plenty of standing room available. 18+ event so ID may be requested.

<http://mwf.com.au/session/queer-literary-salon/>