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**23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May**

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# Thursday 23rd May

10:00–11:00AM **JULIA BAIRD: BRIGHT SHINING** Hear from broadcaster and *Phosphorescence* author **Julia Baird**, whose latest book *Bright Shining*, is a beautiful, timely exploration of that most mysterious but necessary human quality: grace. With Jacqueline Maley.

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**Shepparton Library**

12:00–1:00PM **VIET THANH NGUYEN: A MAN OF TWO FACES** Hear celebrated author **Viet Thanh Nguyen**, hailed as “a conscience of American literature” (*The New Yorker*), discuss his new work with writer and broadcaster Benjamin Law.

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2:00–3:00PM **SUZIE MILLER: PRIMA FACIE** Put the courts on trial with lawyer turned Olivier Award–winning playwright **Suzie Miller** as she discusses novelising her theatrical triumph about sexual assault cases. With Nicole Abadee.

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4:00–5:00PM **JULIAN BORGER: I SEEK A KIND OF PERSON** “I seek a kind person who will educate my intelligent boy, aged 11.” An extraordinary 1938 personal advertisement that started **Julian Borger’s** quest into his father’s past and the story of Holocaust survival.

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**Yarrowonga Library**

6:00–7:00PM **FANTASTICAL WORLDS** Imagine another world with popular fantasy authors **Garth Nix** (*The Old Kingdom* series), **Shelley Parker-Chan** (*The Radiant Emperor* duology) and **Samantha Shannon** (*The Roots of Chaos* series). Hosted by Aimée Lindorff.

**Shepparton Library**

7:30–8:30PM **QUEER LOVE AND LONGING** Swoon with **K Patrick** (*Mrs S*) and **Christos Tsiolkas** (*The In-Between*) in this beautiful discussion of romance, desire and the pleasures of writing queer love stories. With Madeleine Gray.

**Shepparton Library**

# Friday 24th May

10:00–11:00AM **A.C. GRAYLING: THE MEANING OF LIFE IN A TECHNOLOGICAL AGE** The quest for a life worth living has been the business of philosophers for millennia. How can we pursue answers to life's big questions in an increasingly unstable technological age? Join pre-eminent philosopher **A.C. Grayling** for this special talk.

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12:00–1:00PM **THE WAR ON JOURNALISTS** With conflict continuing in Ukraine, and the death toll of journalists in Gaza reaching alarming proportions, we look at the role of journalists in war. Featuring **Julian Berger, John Lyons, Alisa Sopova** and **Anastasia Taylor-Lind**. Hosted by Hamish Macdonald.

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2:00–3:00PM **ABDULRAZAK GURNAH: AFTERLIVES** Explore his writing and unpack the legacies of empire with acclaimed writer **Abdulrazak Gurnah**, whose 10th novel explores displacement, loss and love during and after German occupation of East Africa. With Sisonke Msimang.

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4:00–5:00PM **FEMINIST FIREBRANDS** Four waves in, the feminist fight for gender equality is far from over. Writers and activists **Hannah Ferguson, Sisonke Msimang** and **Jennifer Robinson** discuss the most pressing issues facing women today. With host Jo Dyer.

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6:00–7:00PM **5KM FROM THE FRONTLINE** Hear from journalist **Alisa Sopova** and photographer **Anastasia Taylor-Lind**, whose extraordinary documentary photography series offers a unique, personal and deeply affecting look at the Ukraine war. With ABC RN's Hamish Macdonald.

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**Euroa Library (Bookings essential)**



# Saturday 25th May

10:00–11:00AM **CELESTE NG: OUR MISSING HEARTS** Sit down with New York Times–bestselling author **Celeste Ng**, whose smash hit *Little Fires Everywhere* was adapted into a miniseries starring Reese Witherspoon. Listen in as she discusses her new dystopian novel with Claire Nichols.

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12:00–1:00PM **TRENT DALTON: FROM ELI TO LOLA** Trent Dalton, award-winning author of *Boy Swallows Universe* (now a hit Netflix series) returns with *Lola in the Mirror*, a big, beautiful novel about grappling with our past, present, and possible futures.

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2:00–3:00PM **STORYTELLERS: LEIGH SALES AND LISA MILLAR** ABC legends **Leigh Sales** (*Storytellers*) and **Lisa Millar** (*Muster Dogs*) unpack the craft of turning real life events into narrative, drawing from their recent books and a combined 65 years in journalism.

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# Sunday 26th May

10:00–11:00AM **BARRIE CASSIDY & FRIENDS: STATE OF THE NATION** Relive all the thrills and spills of the year in Australian politics with veteran journo **Barrie Cassidy** and his hand-picked squad of the country's sharpest pundits: **Bridget Brennan**, **Amy Remeikis**, **Niki Savva** and **Laura Tingle**

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**Euroa Library**

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11:30–12:30PM **PLAY LIKE A GIRL** Cheer on the athletes kicking goals for women's sport. Olympic rugby gold medallist **Chloe Dalton** (*Girls Don't Play Sport*), Australia's most decorated cycling Olympian **Anna Meares**, and world champion pro-athlete **Jana Pittman** (*Enough*) chat with host Tracey Holmes

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**Euroa Library**

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1:30–2:30PM **DAVID WENGROW: THE DAWN OF EVERYTHING** Transform your understanding of human evolution with professor of archaeology **David Wengrow**, whose groundbreaking work with the late David Graeber overturns theories on the origins of farming, cities, democracy, slavery and civilisation itself. In conversation with ABC RN's Richard Fidler

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