



THE

York

REGIONAL WRITERS
WEEKEND

24 & 25 MAY 2025



Friday 23 May at 1.30pm
at The River Conservation
Society

WORKSHOP **River Write Ramble**

Join Ballardong Elder Dr Marion Kickett,
poet Nandi Chinna, and conservationist
John Crook for a reflective riverside
workshop along Gogulgar Bilya
(the Avon River)..





Friday 23 May at 7pm
Upstairs at The Imperial

MUSIC
Rose Parker and
Delilah Rose LIVE

An unmissable (and free!) night of stories, songs, sass, and soul as Rose Parker and Delilah Rose take the stage Upstairs at The Imperial, weaving heart and humour into every note and tale.





Sat 24 May and Sun 25 May
10am - 3pm
Gallery 152

EXHIBITION

The Black Dog Project

Drop into Gallery 152 to meet Janine Browne and explore The Black Dog Project — a heartfelt collection of art, stories and cards offering comfort, connection, and community.



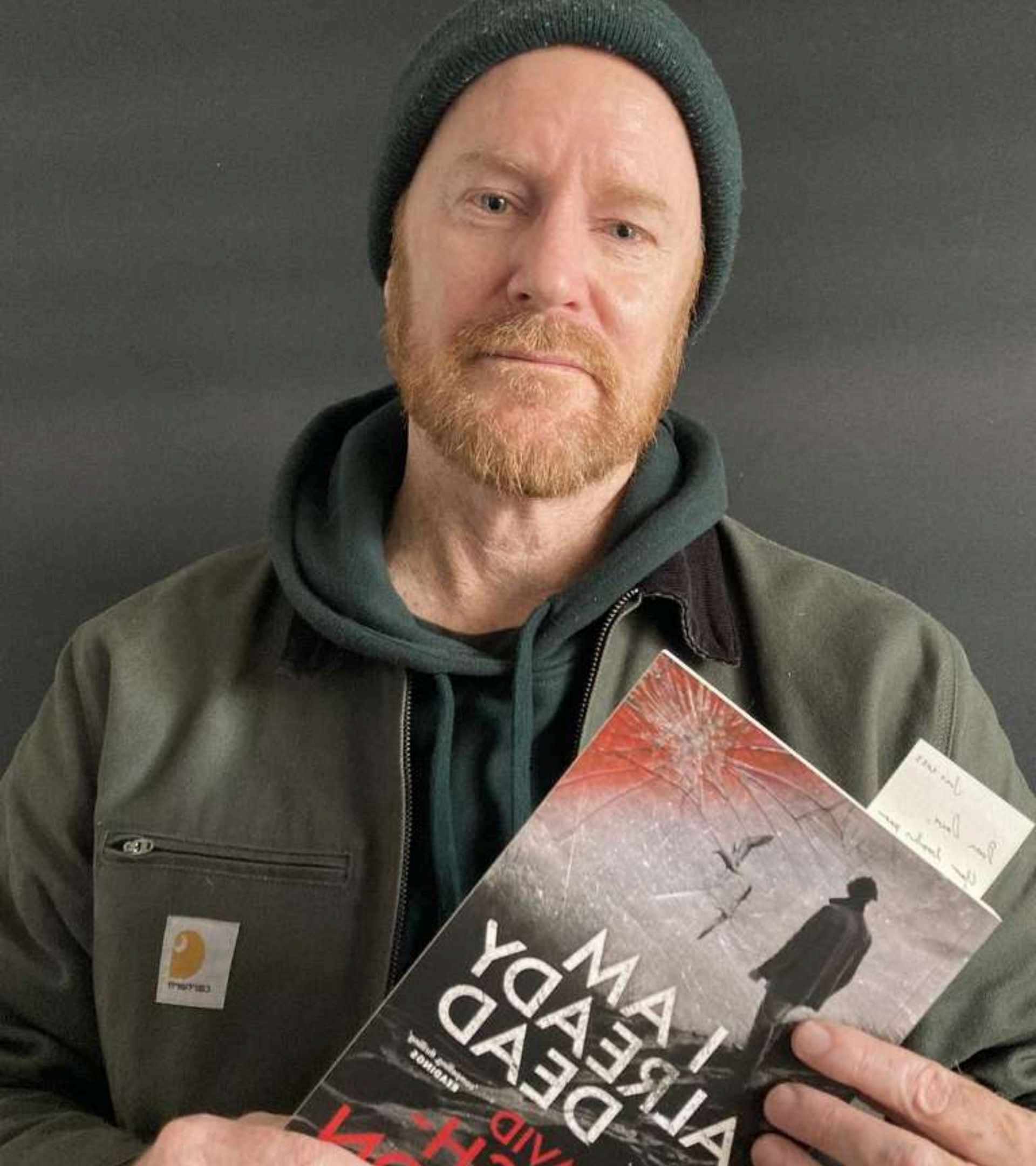


Saturday 24 May at 10am
at The Rookery

MEET THE AUTHOR Dr Marion Kickett Memoir

A powerful conversation with Noongar leader and academic Dr Marion Kickett as she shares insights from her deeply personal and culturally significant work.





Saturday 24 May at 11am
at The Rookery

MEET THE AUTHOR **David Whish-Wilson** **Crime**

Step into the gritty world of crime fiction with acclaimed novelist David Whish-Wilson. Expect intrigue, insight, and a few plot twists.





Saturday 24 May at 1pm
at The Rookery

MEET THE AUTHOR
John Kinsella & Shey Marque
Poetry

Two acclaimed poets in conversation —
from lyrical landscapes to political edge,
John and Shey explore the power of the
poetic voice.



21 HEARTS

Vivian Bullwinkel & the Nurses of the Vyner Brooke



Saturday 24 May at 2pm
York Town Hall

PERFORMANCE Theatre 180 presents 21 Hearts

21 HEARTS is a powerful, uplifting tribute to courage, compassion, and the enduring strength of women in wartime.

*An incredible show...brought me to tears while bringing to
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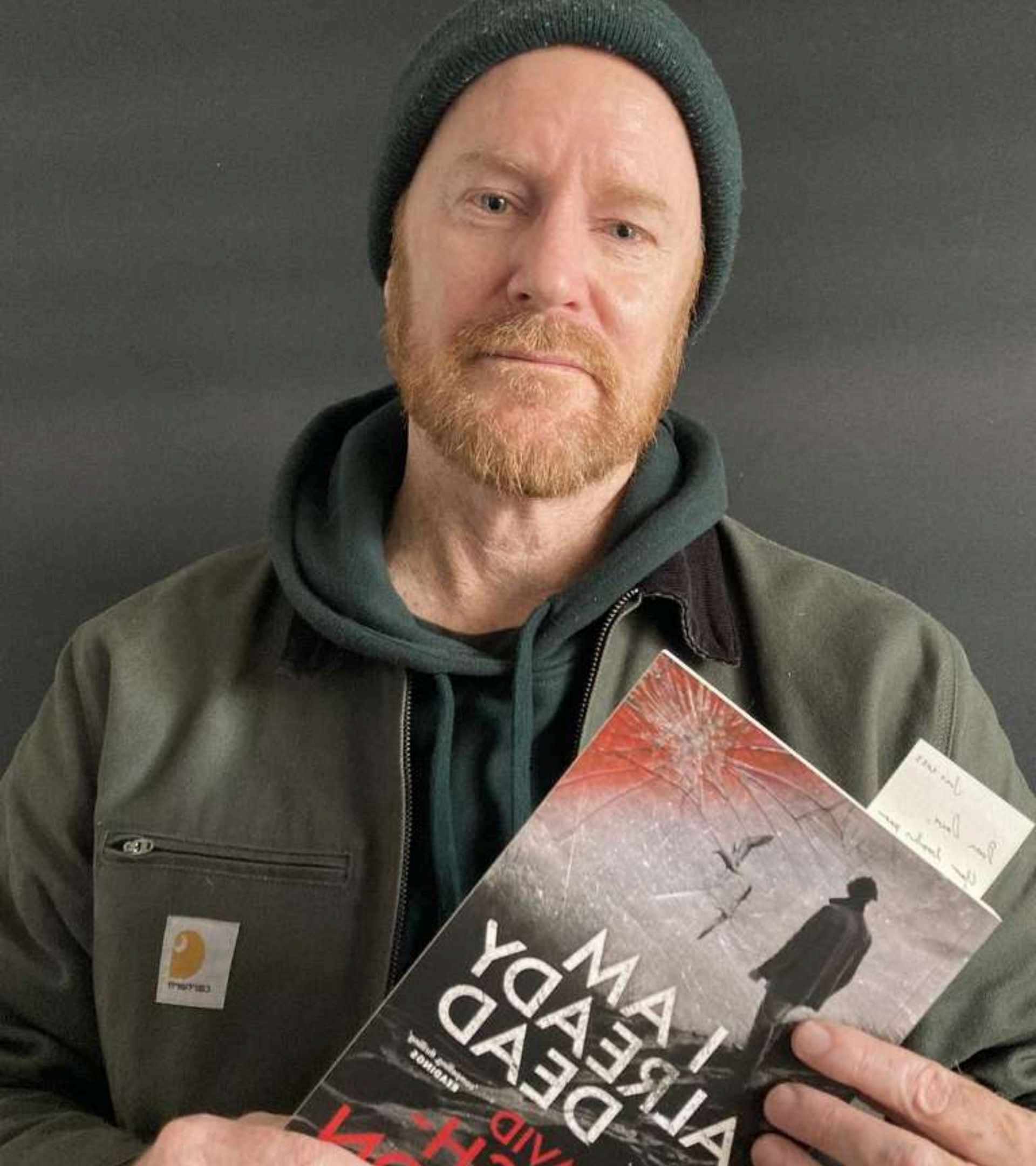


Saturday 24 May at 2pm
at The Rookery

MEET THE AUTHOR
Laura Keenan &
Alison Middleton
(the little journal)

Romance gets a refresh as we delve into
stories of love, longing and literary
connection.





Saturday 24 May at 2.30pm
at the Post Office Building

WORKSHOP
**The art of sketching
character and place with
David Whish-Wilson**

Learn to craft vivid characters and
settings that build atmosphere,
suspense, and story





Saturday 24 May at 3pm
at The Rookery

PRESENTATION 2025 York Short Story Competition

Come celebrate the power of storytelling
and cheer on the winners of the York
Short Story Competition!





Saturday 24 May at 5pm
Upstairs at The Imperial

BOOK LAUNCH
The Montegiallo School of
Swearing.

Join Andrew HC McDonald for side-splitting stories, swearing science, and a uniquely stamped book signing. Free!



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Sunday 25 May at 10am
at The Rookery

MEET THE AUTHOR
Sara Foster
Regional Fiction

Bestselling author Sara Foster talks
about capturing place, people and
mystery in her riveting narratives.





Sunday 25 May at 10.45am
at The CWA

WORKSHOP
Kaartdijin Bibool Boodja -
Knowledge & Understanding
of Paperbark Country

Connect with Country through poetry in this
sensory, eco-poetic workshop guided by
Noongar knowledge and spirit.





Sunday 25 May at 11am
at The Rookery

MEET THE AUTHOR
Rachael Johns
Romance

With a legion of fans across Australia,
Rachael Johns shares her approach to
storytelling, heartache and happily-ever-
afters.





Sunday 25 May at 11am
at The Post Office Building

WORKSHOP
Acting for Beginners
12 to 18 years

Join seasoned actor Alex Jones for a fun,
free workshop introducing teens to the
fundamentals of acting.





Sunday 25 May at 11am
at The Old Bank

WORKSHOP
The Fundamentals of Acting
(18+)

Join acclaimed actor Caitlin Beresford-Ord for a dynamic, hands-on introduction to the craft of acting.





Sunday 25 May at 1pm
at The Rookery

MEET THE AUTHOR
Bernice Barry
Historical Fiction

Go behind the scenes of history with
Bernice Barry as she uncovers the
research, passion and perseverance
behind historical fiction.





Sunday 25 May at 1.15pm
at The CWA

WORKSHOP

Writing Commercial Fiction with Rachael Johns

Bestselling author Rachael Johns shares
the secrets to crafting page-turning
fiction with heart and hook.





Sunday 25 May at 2pm
at The Rookery

MEET THE AUTHOR
Emily Bridget Taylor
Poetry

A rising voice in Australian poetry, Emily Bridget Taylor brings words to life through rhythm, reflection and raw emotion.





Find out more and book tickets

yorkfestival.com.au

