



Dame Fiona Kidman



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Kate De Goldi

Wanganui Literary Festival Fringe Festival

Saturday 12 September

The Cosy Literary Parish 10.30am – 12.00noon

Nationally esteemed Wanganui reviewer, **Peter Ireland**, will discuss C.K. Stead's remark that in New Zealand we have a 'cosy literary parish'. Peter will distinguish the difference between the crafts of reviewing, and critical enquiry and thus instil cultural confidence and literary professionalism.

Sponsored by **Community Education Service (CES)**

Venue: Sarjeant Gallery, Queens Park
Bookings: CES, Community Arts Centre, 19 Taupo Quay
Tel: 3454717

Admission: Gold coin

A Book in the Hand 2.00 – 3.30pm

Ed Boyd at **H & A Printers** has helped many writers realise their dream of a book in print. At H & A they are experts in layout, style and binding, and guide their writers through the process of getting a manuscript from sheets of paper to a book in the hand. Ed will talk about how to make your dream come true.

Once a book is in print how do you get people to buy and read it? Local author, **Alan Clay**, is a highly successful self-publisher. He will share his secrets for successful promotion and help you get the book in your hand into the competitive marketplace.

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The Language of Wine 5.00 – 6.00pm

This is a wine tasting with a difference. Wine writing has a language all its own. Wine writer **Warren Barton** demystifies this language and invites you to put your new found knowledge to the test. Taste some wines and decide if they're flabby, flinty, funky or forward.

Sponsored by **Villa Wines**

Venue: Community House, 53A Ridgway St
Bookings: CES, Community Arts Centre, 19 Taupo Quay
Tel: 3454717

Admission: \$10

Sunday 13 September

Literary Legends Walk 10.30 – 11.30am

Wanganui has been home or played host to many writers starting with the Rev. Richard Taylor in 1855. Mark Twain and George Bernard Shaw were visitors in the late 19th century. Among others Robin Hyde, Janet Frame, Ian Cross and James K Baxter all called Wanganui home at one time. Walk in their footsteps and find out about their Wanganui lives. Followed by coffee and cake at Paiges Book Gallery.

Venue: Meet at the Riverboat Centre, Taupo Quay
Bookings: Not required.
Admission: Gold coin

Baxter Stories 2.00 – 3.30pm

Many Wanganui people have stories to tell of James K Baxter's time in the city. If you have a Baxter story come and share it. Or come and listen as history is created before your eyes.

Venue: Sarjeant Gallery, Queens Park
Bookings: Not required
Admission: Gold coin

Wednesday 16 September

Theatre - Two for the Price of One *Nightly at 7.30pm until Saturday 19; Sunday matinee* **Wanganui Repertory Theatre** presents two one-act plays by Wanganui playwrights.

The Venetian Bride is adapted by **Robert Tripe** from a short story by Maurice Shadbolt and **P A Summer's Prelude in C# Minor** is a dark comedy.

Venue: Repertory Theatre, Ridgway Street
Bookings: Royal Wanganui Opera House
Admission: \$20

Main Events

Friday 18 September

Primary Schools Event 9.30 – 10.30am

Award winning children's writer, **Kate De Goldi**, talks to primary school children about how writers find ideas and mine experience, record it and transform it. She will also talk about reading and its importance. The public will be admitted if room.

Venue: Concert Chamber, Memorial Hall, Watt Street
Bookings: Essential. E-mail info@writersfest.co.nz
Admission: Gold coin

Secondary Schools Event 11.00am – noon

Internationally renowned graphic novelist, **Dylan Horrocks**, talks to secondary school students about his life and work. 'In recent decades,' he says, 'many writers and artists are choosing comics as a means to create serious fiction, autobiography and history.' Here, he will explain how.

Venue: Concert Chamber, Memorial Hall, Watt Street
Bookings: Essential. E-mail info@writersfest.co.nz
Admission: Gold coin

Dylan Horrocks 2.00 – 3.00pm

Dylan will speak to UCOL students and the general public.

Venue: C Block Lecture Theatre,
UCOL, Rutland Street
Bookings: Essential
E-mail info@writersfest.co.nz
Admission: Gold coin



Grand Opening 6.00 – 7.30pm

Hon Chris Finlayson, Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, will officially open the **2009 Wanganui Literary Festival**. The event will be held in conjunction with **Wanganui Festival of Glass**. It will be followed by a glass demonstration at Chronicle Glass Studio, Rutland Street.

Venue: Atrium, UCOL, Rutland Street
Bookings: Not required
Admission: Free

Saturday 19 September

Books by the River 10.00am

A fun-filled morning with clowns and balloons at the Riverside Market. Local children's authors join **Glenn Colquhoun** and **Diana Neild** reading from their work. Wet weather venue: River Room, 1st floor, Community Arts Centre, 19 Taupo Quay.

Saturday 19 September

Let's Talk About Food 11.00am – noon

Two stars of New Zealand's culinary elite share the platform and their gastronomic secrets. Celebrity chef, **Ray McVinnie**, is a food writer, judge and lecturer. His four popular cookery books celebrate the joy of home cooking. **Alexa Johnston's** first cookery book, *Ladies, A Plate* was so well received that she has written another, *A Second Helping: More From Ladies a Plate*. Ray and Alexa will discuss their love of food and the knack of writing about it with each other – and the audience.

Venue: Alexander Library, Queens Park
Bookings: Royal Wanganui Opera House
Admission: \$10

The Birth of a Novel 1.00 – 2.00pm

Popular fiction writer, **Nicky Pellegrino**, was the editor of New Zealand Woman's Weekly but swapped that role to become an author and freelance journalist. Her novels have been translated into several languages. She will talk about her career as a novelist and discuss her latest novel, *The Italian Wedding*.

Venue: Alexander Library, Queens Park
Bookings: Royal Wanganui Opera House
Admission: \$10

Self-portrait in a Straw Hat 2.30 – 3.30pm

Kevin Ireland is a New Zealand literary icon. A man of many parts - poet, novelist, memoirist, librettist and painter, he published his 18th book of poetry, *Table Talk* this year. Kevin will discuss his life and work.

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Queens Park
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Admission: \$10



The Art of Remembering 4.00 – 5.00pm

Dame Fiona Kidman has long been acclaimed as a novelist, and more recently received accolades for her memoir, *At the End of Darwin Road*. The sequel to that, *Beside the Dark Pool* was published this year, and Fiona will talk about memories and the art of committing them to paper.

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