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Inverell Library News



Library Opening Hours Christmas and New Years

Thursday 19th December	9.30am – 4.30 pm
Monday 23rd December	9.30am – 4.30pm
Tuesday 24th December	9.30 am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 25th December	Closed
Thursday 26th December	Closed
Friday 27th December	Closed
Saturday 28th December	Closed
Monday 30th December	9.30 am – 4.30pm
Tuesday 31st December	9.30am – 4.30pm
Wednesday 1st January	Closed
Thursday 2nd January	Resume normal hours

The Inverell District Family History Group will be closed from Saturday 21st December and will re-open on Monday 6th January.



Message from the Manager

What a year!

2019 has certainly been a challenging year for the whole community – bookended by drought and fire, we have all felt the impacts of the tough conditions. As a community, we have rallied around those in need, raising funds, donating necessities and offering support. The Library has been able to play a role in this process, collecting donations of bottled water at the beginning of the year for the Bundarra community, and we are now collecting donations of food for local farmers.

As a library, one of our core reasons for being is to support and enrich the community, by offering unfettered access to information and resources for all, helping build early literacy, supporting life-long learning, bridging the digital divide, and proving a safe space for people to create connections, explore new ideas, and to just be. Where else in the community can you escape the weather, occupy a comfy chair, read the paper, study, chat, learn or just relax, with absolutely no expectation or requirement to spend any money?

This year public libraries across NSW came together to lobby the state Government to increase the funding they provide to libraries. Many thousands of people joined the campaign, sending a clear message to all political parties that libraries matter, and libraries change lives. As a result of this campaign, NSW public libraries have received the first increase in government funding in many years. The new funding will help libraries to better meet the needs of their communities. I want to thank all those members of the Inverell community who participated in the funding campaign, and ask that you be ready to pledge your support again, when the next phase of the campaign kicks off soon – it aims to secure sustainable funding by indexing the funding, and by updating the current legislation to reflect an appropriate level of contribution. If you want to learn more, head to <https://renewourlibraries.com.au/>

This year has seen the Inverell Library make a number of changes to modernise the way we work – new Library Management Software, a new online catalogue, new computer booking and print management software. It's been a big year for us, and for our users as well – thank you for embracing the changes with us.

For those of you who like statistics, in the 2018-19 financial year we had 68,000 visitors, loaned 147,000 items, and grew our collection to 63,000 items (both physical and digital).

We welcomed Maria & Belynda back from Parental Leave; farewelled Naomi, welcomed Kylie and Mia, and added another baby to the extended library family – Debbie's son Daniel.

As always, we want to thank you all for being a part of our library community, and sharing your love for libraries, knowledge and reading with us. Wherever you are, and whatever you do this festive season, take a little time to share the joy of reading with someone who matters to you.

Merry Christmas!

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DECEMBER 2019

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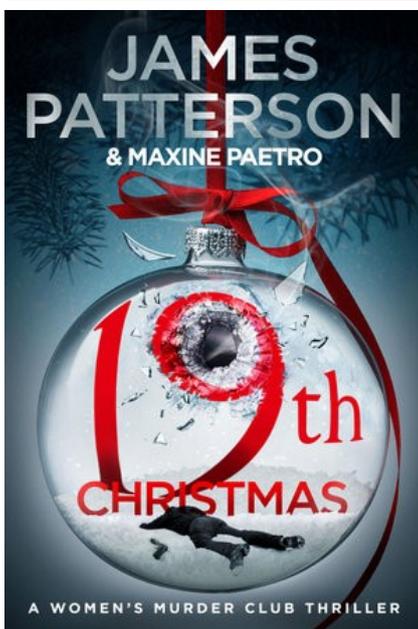
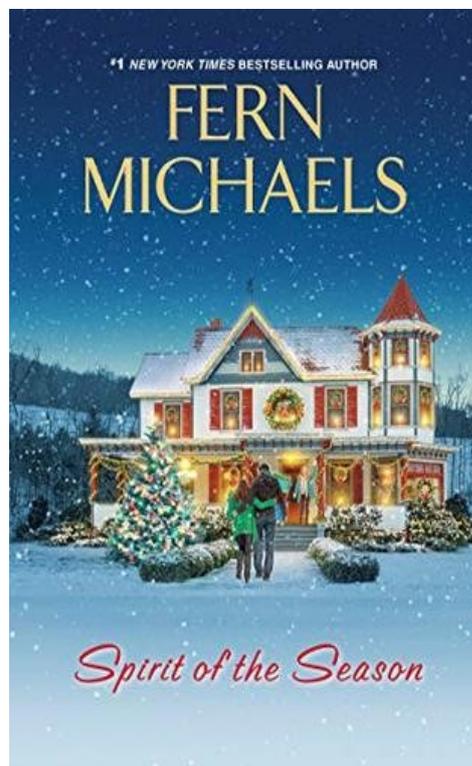
NEW CHRISTMAS BOOKS

***Spirit of the Season* by Fern Michaels (AF MICH)**

Joy Preston misses her beloved late grandmother dearly. But when she learns the terms of Nana's will, she's shocked - and more than a little irked. Joy moved to Colorado years ago and is now CEO of a successful nail polish company. Her life and career are in Denver. How can Nana have expected her to give that up, even temporarily, to take over a bed and breakfast in North Carolina for six months?

Yet there's no denying Heart and Soul's charm, especially at holiday time. The B&B is always elaborately decorated for the season, with themed guest rooms and dazzling lawn displays created for the annual Parade of Homes competition. The entire town takes part in the festivities, and soon Joy, too, is joining in the gingerbread house contest and letting her reservations melt away.

There's another special reason for Heart and Soul's popularity. Rumour has it that, during the holiday season, guests can be reunited with the spirit of a loved one who's passed on. Joy is skeptical, yet she feels her beloved Nana's influence all around her. Perhaps even indulging in a little matchmaking between Joy and handsome estate attorney Will Drake.



***19th Christmas* by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro (AF PATT)**

Sergeant Lindsay Boxer is looking forward to spending time with her family over the holidays. But when she receives a tip-off that the biggest heist ever to hit San Francisco is being planned for Christmas Day, everything changes.

The architect of the ambitious attack unleashes chaos across the city, laying traps and false alarms to distract Lindsay and the SFPD from his ultimate goal.

As time runs out, will Lindsay be able to save the people of San Francisco from a Christmas they'd never forget?

NEW CHRISTMAS MOVIES

Spotlight under the mistletoe

After music starlet Tess Stapleton's album sales keep dropping, her label forces her to record a Christmas album with ex-teen heartthrob and pop star, Derek Copeland in an attempt to resurrect her career. Reluctantly Tess agrees. At first they appear to be polar opposites; clashing over song styles and irritated that they were forced together. However, over time they find themselves growing closer over their shared appreciation of music. As they finish the album, sparks begin to fly and just in time for Christmas.



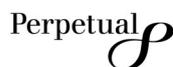
Memories of Christmas

After years of living under her mother's excessive Christmas obsession, Noelle swore off Christmas and started a new chapter in her life by moving to the city to focus on her career. Becoming a workaholic, her boss forces her to take a break to go home and enjoy the holiday season. Since her mother passed away a year ago, Noelle sees it as an opportunity to finally pack up her mother's belongings and sell the house. Returning home, Noelle meets Dave while putting up Christmas lights on her house. It is a part of a neighbourhood tradition that Dave embraced in addition to his taking over the annual Christmas gala, which Noelle's mother had previously managed. As Noelle spends more time with Dave to plan the gala, she begins to discover the Christmas joy that brought her mum so much happiness.

A Christmas coincidence

As Christmas approaches. Paula, an antique appraiser, reluctantly accepts a marriage proposal from her boyfriend Daniel. Sensing her hesitance, her Aunt Jane invites Paula to her Nantucket home. When Paula visits nearby Martha's Vineyard, she meets a charming inn owner, Gery. Throughout her stay, a series of coincidences keep bringing the two together, and when the weather gets bad, Gery offers her a room at his inn. Paula tries to stay her path, but as they celebrate holiday festivities together, she begins to realize that they were meant to be.



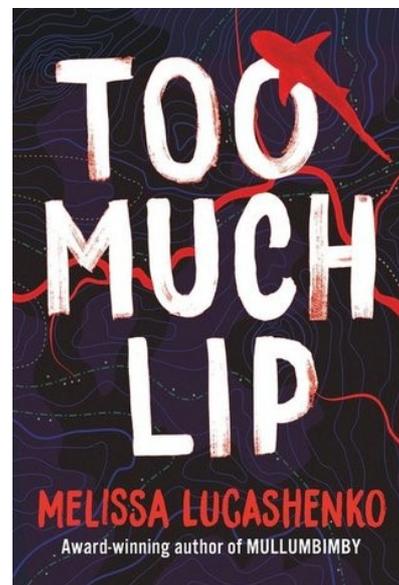


2019 Winner

***Too much lip* by Melissa Lugashenko (AF LUGA)**

Wise-cracking Kerry Slater has spent a lifetime avoiding two things - her hometown and prison. But now her Pop is dying and she's an inch away from the lockup, so she heads south on a stolen Harley.

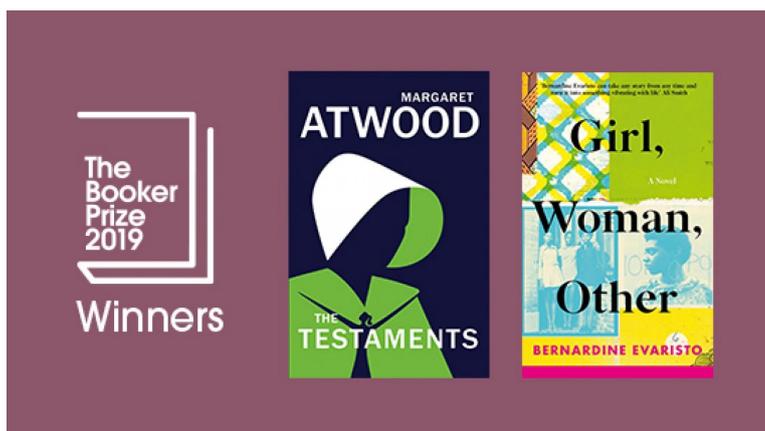
Kerry plans to spend twenty-four hours, tops, over the border. She quickly discovers, though, that Bundjalung country has a funny way of grabbing on to people. Old family wounds open as the Salters fight to stop the development of their beloved river. And the unexpected arrival on the scene of a good looking dugai fella intent on loving her up only adds more trouble - but then trouble is Kerry's middle name.



***Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernardine Evaristo**

Teeming with life and crackling with energy - a love song to modern Britain and black womanhood

'*Girl, Woman, Other*' follows the lives and struggles of twelve very different characters. Mostly women, black and British, they tell the stories of their families, friends and lovers, across the country and through the years. Joyfully polyphonic and vibrantly contemporary, this is a gloriously new kind of history, a novel of our times: celebratory, ever-dynamic and utterly irresistible



For the first time since 1992, there were two winners for the Man Booker Prize this year.

***The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood**

(Sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale*)

More than fifteen years after the events of '*The Handmaid's Tale*', the theocratic regime of the Republic of Gilead maintains its grip on power, but there are signs it is beginning to rot from within. At this crucial moment, the lives of three radically different women converge, with potentially explosive results.

Two have grown up as part of the first generation to come of age in the new order. The testimonies of these two young women are joined by a third voice: a woman who wields power through the ruthless accumulation and deployment of secrets.

As Atwood unfolds '*The Testaments*', she opens up the innermost workings of Gilead as each woman is forced to come to terms with who she is, and how far she will go for what she believes.

'Dear Readers: Everything you've ever asked me about Gilead and its inner workings is the inspiration for this book. Well, almost everything! The other inspiration is the world we've been living in.'

Margaret Atwood

For fans of Australian Rural Fiction



Meet Alissa Callen

When USA Today bestselling author Alissa Callen isn't writing she plays traffic controller to four children, three dogs, two horses and one renegade cow who really does believe the grass is greener on the other side of the fence. After a childhood spent chasing sheep on the family farm, Alissa has always been drawn to remote areas and small towns, even when residing overseas. Once a teacher and a counsellor, she remains interested in the life journeys that people take. She also is partial to historic homesteads and country gardens. Alissa currently lives on a small slice of rural Australia in central western New South Wales.

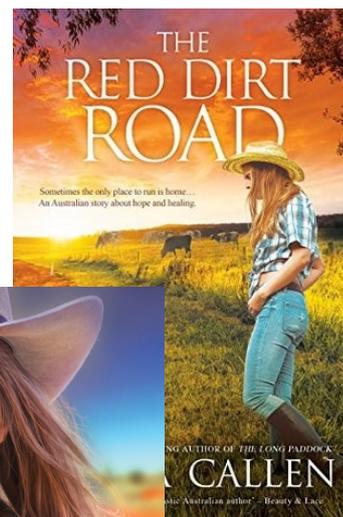
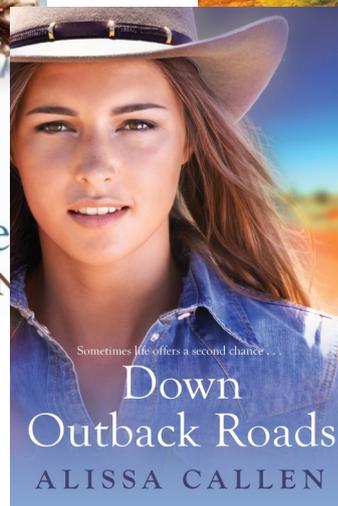
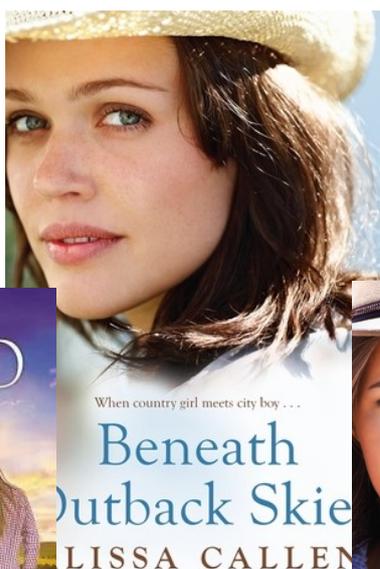
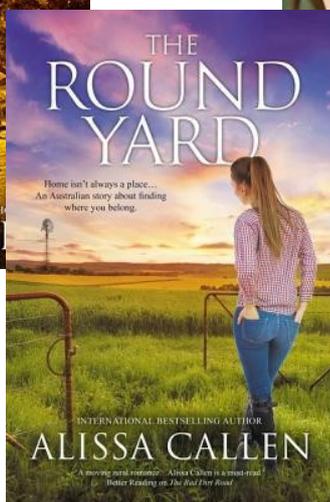
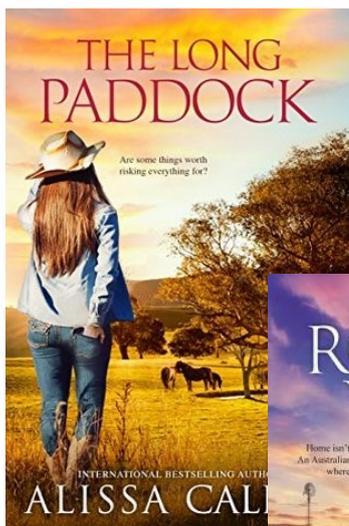
Alissa is the author of 'Town of Windmills' series, the 'Wildflower Ranch' series, and the 'Outback Dust' series. She won the 2017 Australian Romance Readers Awards, for "Strongest Heroine" with her book, "*The Long Paddock*" ('Town of Windmills' series).

Biography from www.alissacallen.com

Photo: Gabrielle Battistel



The library has the following books by Alissa available for loan

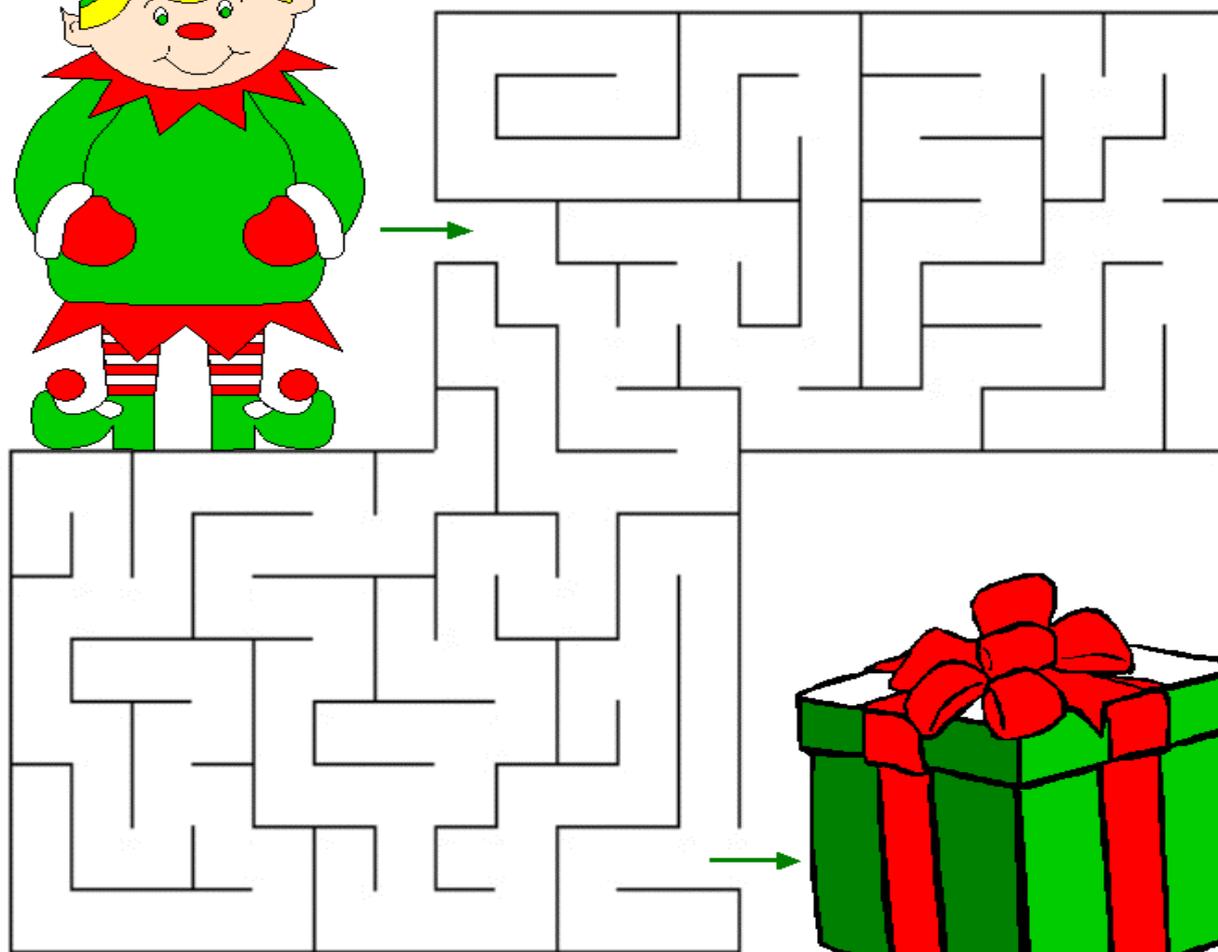




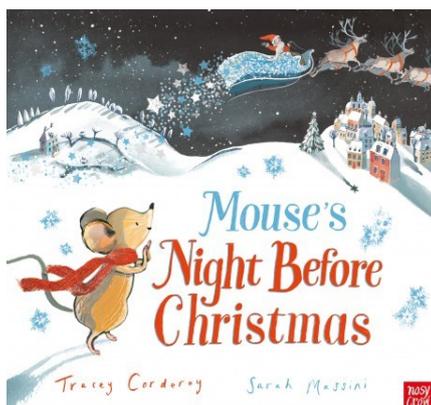


Christmas Maze

Help Jo Jo the elf find the missing Christmas present!



New Christmas Books for the Kids



Mouse's night before Christmas by Tracey Corderoy (E CORD)

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house, not a creature was stirring...

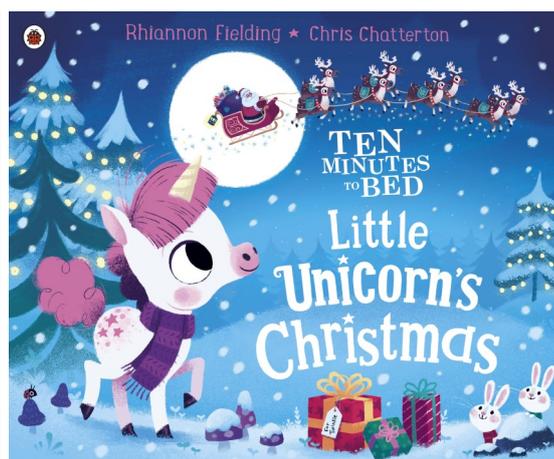
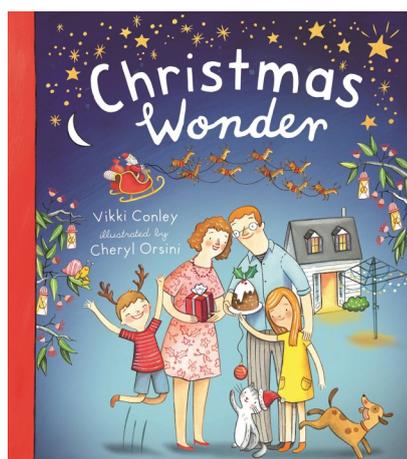
Except a lonely mouse who lives in the grandfather clock. So when Santa arrives, lost in a blizzard, Mouse is the only one who can save Christmas. Together they soar through the skies to deliver every present before Christmas Day dawns.

But could the most special gift of all be for Mouse himself?



Little Unicorn's Christmas by Rhiannon Fielding (E FIEL)

One cold winter evening that glittered so bright,
In a forest that sparkled with magical light,
Twinkle the unicorn pranced through the trees...
For that very night it would be Christmas Eve.
A magical bedtime adventure for little unicorns everywhere.



Christmas wonder by Vikki Conley (E CONL)

Crackers popping! Stars above. Christmas wonder. Peace and love.

The unique magic of an Australian Christmas is perfectly captured in this joyful celebration of love, pavlova and precious family moments.

Little Gems Wrap Up

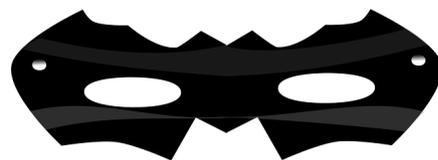
92 children commenced the Little Gems reading club and 66 were invited to our parties, having completed at least 1 badge which represents 110 books being read. In total 110 badges were awarded and between all 92 children who participated 11,610 books were read this year. This is a fabulous effort and sets these children up well for future learning and love of books. We are looking forward to our Super Hero parties this week.



Little Gems Party

The annual Little Gems Party will be on Wednesday 4th December, Thursday 5th December and Friday 6th December at 11:15am which is our normal storytime session. These parties are by invitation only, as it celebrates those children who have read over 110 books this year as part of the Little Gems Reading Challenge. It is advised to avoid these days if you wish to attend Storytime.

For those who are attending, the theme is **Superheroes**, so don't forget to get dressed up as your favourite superhero. There will be lots of games to play and fun to be had!



The library will have a very special guest during Storytime on the 11th, 12th and 13th December.

This will be a perfect opportunity to have a photo taken with him before he has to take off and get ready with his elves and reindeer to deliver presents all around the world.

No bookings necessary. Staff will be taking photos so feel free to bring a USB if you would like an electronic copy.



The Bah Humbug Literary Mocktail

Enjoy guilt-free fun during the festive season with this pomegranate mocktail.

BAH HUMBUG

DRUG INFO
@druginfo.nsw

RECIPE

Pomegranate juice

Juice of half a lime

Soda water

6 mint leaves

Ice

**Pomegranate seeds
and lime wedges**

**Muddle the mint leaves
in a glass. Add ice
and lime juice.**

**Half fill the glass with
pomegranate juice.
Top up with soda water
to taste. Garnish with
pomegranate seeds
and lime wedges.**

CLASSIC LITERATURE

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
BY CHARLES DICKENS WAS
ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN 1843.

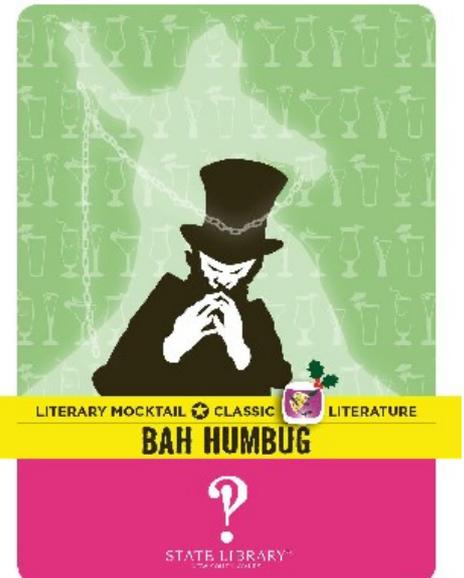
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**Current Australian
Guidelines recommend
no more than two standard
drinks per day for women
and men, in addition
to one or two alcohol free
days per week.**

How can you reduce your intake?

- Enjoy a mocktail!
- Drink water instead of alcohol and use it to quench your thirst.
- Sip alcoholic drinks slowly.
- Alternate alcoholic drinks with water.

**For more information
visit Drug Info
druginfo.sl.nsw.gov.au**



Standard drinks

A standard drink in Australia contains 10g of alcohol. This is always the same, no matter what type of alcoholic beverage or how it is served. As some drinks are stronger than others (for example, low-strength beer is around 2.7% whereas spirits are typically 40%), the higher the alcohol concentration of a drink, the less liquid it contains.

A serving of alcohol in a pub or club can often be larger than a 'standard' drink, for example a standard glass of wine is 100ml but a typical serve may be 150ml.

One Australian standard drink is equal to approximately:

- 285 mL of full strength beer (4.8% alc. vol)
- 375mL of mid strength beer (3.5% alc.vol)
- 425 mL of low strength beer (2.7% alc. vol)
- 100 mL of wine (red - 13% alc. vol, and white – 11.5% alc. vol)
- 100 mL of champagne (12% alc. vol)

Traditional fruit mince pies



- 1:00 Prep
- 0:25 Cook
- Makes 20
- Capable cooks

Keep the traditions of Christmas alive with these classic fruit pies.

From taste.com.au

INGREDIENTS

FILLING

- 40g butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- 3 teaspoons finely grated lemon rind
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Masterfoods Ground Cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- Pinch of ground nutmeg
- 1 egg, lightly whisked
- White sugar, to dust

PASTRY

- 300g (2 cups) plain flour
- 70g (1/3 cup) caster sugar
- 160g chilled butter, chopped
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons iced water

METHOD

Step 1

Finely chop half the mixed fruit. Place in a large bowl. Add the brown sugar, almond, apple, butter, brandy, lemon rind, lemon juice, cinnamon, mixed spice, nutmeg and the remaining mixed fruit. Stir until well combined. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside overnight, stirring occasionally, to macerate.

Step 2

Transfer the fruit mixture to a fine sieve over a bowl and stir to remove excess liquid.

Step 3

To make the pastry, place the flour, sugar and butter in the bowl of a food processor and process until mixture resembles fine bread-crumbs. Add the egg yolk and water, and process until the mixture just starts to come together (see tip 1). Turn onto a clean work surface. Shape into a disc. Cover with plastic wrap. Place in the fridge for 20 minutes to rest.

Step 4

Preheat oven to 180C. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface until 5mm thick. Use an 8.5cm-diameter round pastry cutter to cut 20 discs from the pastry. Use a 5cm-diameter star-shaped pastry cutter to cut 20 stars from the remaining pastry.

Step 5

Line twenty 80ml (1/3-cup) capacity muffin pans with pastry discs (see tip 2). Divide the fruit mince among the pastry cases. Top with pastry stars. Brush the stars lightly with the egg and sprinkle with white sugar. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until light golden. Set aside in the pans for 5 minutes to cool before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Christmas Carols

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with thee there.



Ding Dong Merrily on High

Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
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E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
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Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers,
May you beautifully rhyme
Your eve'time song, ye singers
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
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Hosanna in excelsis!!!

The First Noel

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!
Noel, Noel
Noel, Noel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel
Noel, Noel
Noel, Noel
Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel!
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Oh, come, all ye faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant!
 Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.
 Come and behold him,
 Born the King of angels;

Oh, come, let us adore him;
 Oh, come, let us adore him;
 Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation;
 Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
 Glory to God,
 Glory in the highest;

Oh, come, let us adore him;
 Oh, come, let us adore him;
 Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 Born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.
 Son of the Father,
 Now in flesh appearing;

Oh, come, let us adore him;
 Oh, come, let us adore him;
 Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord.

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out
 On the Feast of Stephen
 When the snow lay round about
 Deep and crisp and even
 Brightly shone the moon that night
 Though the frost was cruel
 When a poor man came in sight
 Gathering winter fuel

Hither, page, and stand by me,
 If thou knowst it, telling
 Yonder peasant, who is he?
 Where and what his dwelling?
 Sire, he lives a good league hence,
 Underneath the mountain
 Right against the forest fence
 By Saint Agnes fountain.

Bring me flesh and bring me wine
 Bring me pine logs hither
 Thou and I shall see him dine
 When we bear them thither.
 Page and monarch, forth they went
 Forth they went together
 Through the rude winds wild lament
 And the bitter weather

Sire, the night is darker now
 And the wind blows stronger
 Fails my heart, I know not how
 I can go no longer.
 Mark my footsteps, good my page
 Tread thou in them boldly
 Thou shall find the winters rage
 Freeze thy blood less coldly.

In his masters step he trod
 Where the snow lay dinted
 Heat was in the very sod
 Which the Saint had printed
 Therefore, Christian men, be sure
 Wealth or rank possessing
 Ye, who now will bless the poor
 Shall yourselves find blessing.



Library Catalogue

Welcome to our NEW
Online Library!

Search the Library's range of
books, magazines, CD's, DVD's,
CD ROMS, talking books and
much more.

We have a new online public access catalogue!

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www.inverell.nsw.gov.au and click on the 'Public Library' tab (see below)

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If you need extra time with your library items over the holidays, please contact library staff to see what we can do for you.

We can also help you find what to read next if you are looking for something new.

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.

What if Christmas...perhaps... means a little bit more!"

Dr. Seuss
[How the Grinch Stole Christmas!](#)



Merry Christmas