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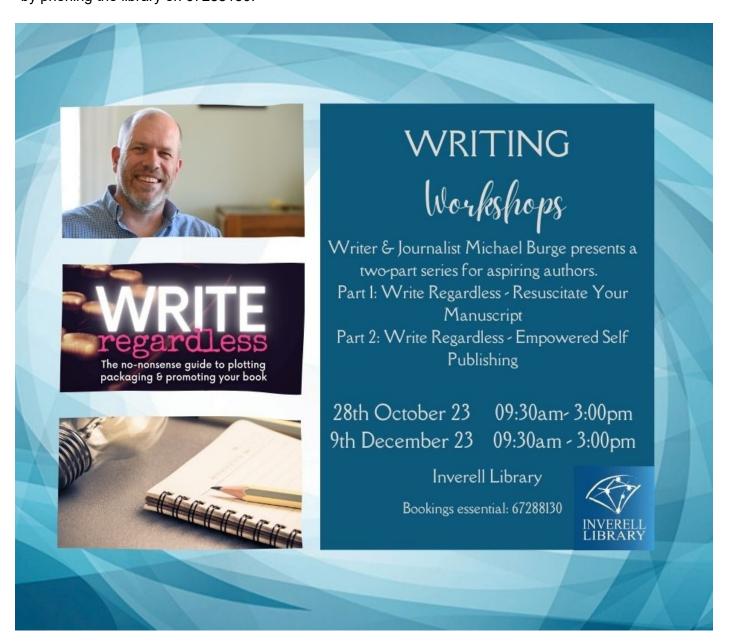


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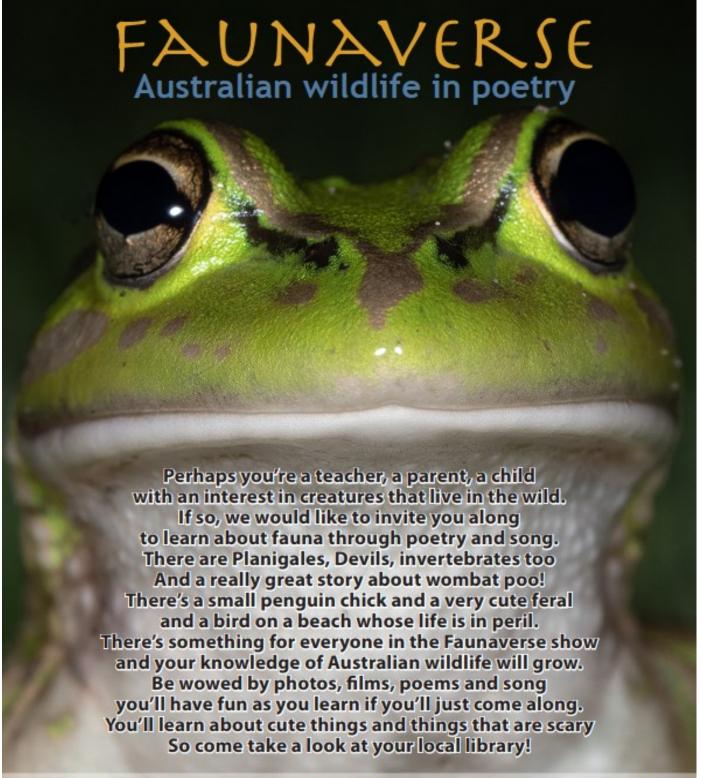
We are delighted to be hosting two free workshops for aspiring writers aged from 15 years old and over. This is a great opportunity to develop your writing skills and learn about self-publishing.

Michael Burge is a writer and journalist and will be hosting the two-part workshops. All participants will receive a copy of Michael's book "Write Regardless! A no-nonsense guide to plotting, packaging and promoting your book".

It is encouraged to participate in both workshops to gain the full benefits but if you are unable to attend both, please contact the library so we can make arrangements. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning the library on 67288130.



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Join Zoologists Alexander & Jane Dudley for a stunning visual presentation of their award-winning book "Faunaverse Wildlife in poetry Tasmania" & "Faunaverse Australian wildlife in poetry."

Inverell Library Monday 25th September 10.30-11.45am



For bookings contact: library@inverell.nsw.gov.au (02) 6723 3130

SEPTEMBER

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NEW FICTION

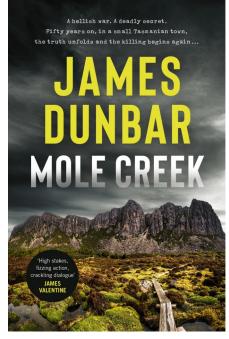
Mole Creek by James Dunbar (Australian Crime)

In the tiny Tasmanian town of Mole Creek, retired Australian cop and Vietnam veteran Pete McAuslan has retreated to his fishing cabin to write his memoirs. In Sydney, his grandson, journalist and trashy true crime author Xander, learns that Pete has taken his own life, begging for forgiveness in a suicide note.

Arriving in Mole Creek in the aftermath of Pete's death, Xander discovers that his grandfather's laptop is missing. He begins to suspect that something is wrong, refusing to accept the facts as presented. With the local police not interested in investigating an apparently open-and-shut suicide, Xander sets about uncovering the truth of what happened to his grandfather.

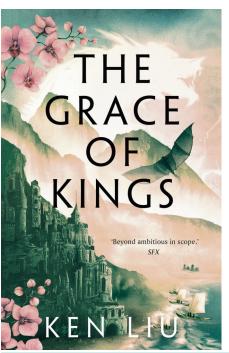
In the process, he discovers long buried secrets from Pete's time serving in the Vietnam War: secrets that Pete has withheld from him and everyone else for fifty years; secrets that powerful people would prefer to stay buried. Ensnared in a web of betrayals that began a generation before, Xander finds himself on the hitlist of a clinically violent assassin.

Now he must race to identify the connection between the seemingly unremarkable death of an old Australian solider and the imminent reactivation of the most powerful and potentially destructive 'sleeper' in the history of espionage - before the truth catches up with him.



"Books are a uniquely portable magic."

- Stephen King



The Grace of Kings by Ken Liu (Fantasy)

Emperor Mapidere was the first to unite the island kingdoms of Dara under a single banner. But now the emperor is on his deathbed, his people are exhausted by his vast, conscriptive engineering projects and his counsellors conspire only for their own gain.

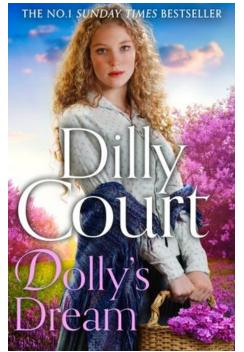
Even the gods themselves are restless.

A wily, charismatic bandit and vengeance-sworn son of a deposed duke cross paths as they each lead their own rebellion against the emperor's brutal regime. Together, they will journey to the heart of the Empire, witnessing the clash of armies, fleets of silk-draped airships, magical books and shapeshifting gods. Their unlikely friendship will drastically change the balance of power in Dara...but at what price?

'The Grace of Kings' is the debut novel by Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy Award-winner Ken Liu, and the first in the monumental epic fantasy series The Dandelion Dynasty.

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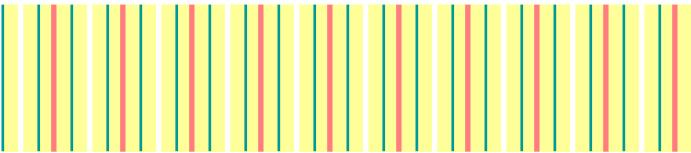
NEW FICTION



Dolly's Dream by Dilly Court (Romance)

Dolly Blanchard dreams of a bigger life. She wants to make a mark on the world, not simply wait for a husband to come along. So when an impoverished actress offers her a lifeline, Dolly flees to London, determined to make it on the stage and prove to her family - and herself - that she can strike out alone.

But the dark city streets are full of danger. With her dreams fading to dust, Dolly soon finds herself in peril. And with the family's future under threat at Rockwood Castle, and secrets tumbling out of the shadows, she faces a difficult choice.

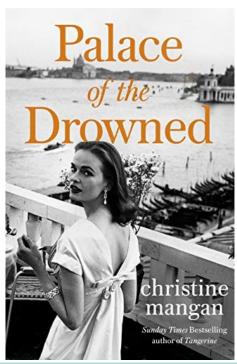


Palace of the Drowned by Christine Mangan (Historical/Mystery)

In Venice, Frances Croy is working to leave the previous year behind: another novel published to little success, a scathing review she can't quite manage to forget, and, most of all, the real reason behind her self-imposed exile from London - the incident at the Savoy.

Retreating to an ageing palazzo, Frankie finds comfort in the emptiness of Venice in winter, in the absence of others. Desperate to rediscover the success of her first novel, the one by which all her other work has been judged, she attempts to return to the page - ignoring the strained relationship with her best friend, the urgent phone calls from her editor and the growing fear that the end of her career is imminent.

Then Gilly appears. A precocious young admirer eager to befriend her favourite author, Gilly seems determined to insinuate herself into Frankie's solitary life. But there's something about the young woman that gives Frankie pause, that makes her wonder just how much of what Gilly tells her is the truth. Set against the catastrophic 1966 flooding of Venice, the encounters between these two women will lead to a series of lies and revelations that will tragically disrupt both of their lives.



Meet Annie Seaton

Award-winning author, Annie Seaton lives near the beach on the mid-north coast of New South Wales. Her career and studies have spanned the education sector, working as an academic research librarian, a high-school principal, and a university tutor until she took early retirement and fulfilled her lifelong dream of a full-time writing career.

Each winter, Annie and her husband leave the beach to roam the remote areas of Australia for story ideas and research. She is passionate about preserving the beauty of the Australian landscape and respecting the traditional ownership of the land. For those readers who cannot experience this journey personally, Annie seeks to portray the natural beauty of the

Australian environment - its spiritual locations, stunning landscapes and unique wildlife.

Readers can view her many books, and contact Annie through her website, www.annieseaton.net, or find her on Facebook and Instagram.



AWARDS

Book of the Year (Whitsunday Dawn) Ausrom Readers' Choice Awards 2018.

Finalist (Whitsunday Dawn) -ARRA romantic suspense 2018

Finalist - NZ KORU Award 2018 and 2020.

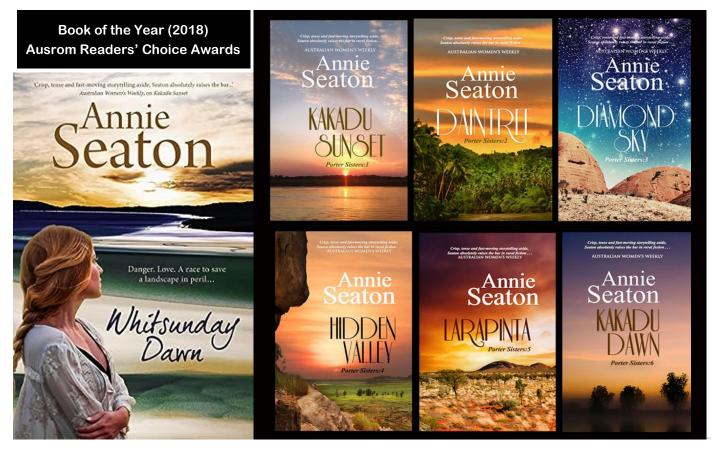
Winner - Best Established Author of the Year 2017 AUSROM.

Longlisted - Sisters in Crime Davitt Awards 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

Finalist (Kakadu Sunset) - Book of the Year, Long Romance, RWA Ruby awards 2016.

Winner - Best Established Author of the Year 2015 AUSROM.

Winner - Author of the Year 2014 AUSROM.



STAFF BOOK REVIEW

A Disappearance in Fiji by Nilima Rao Reviewed by Sonya - Manager Library Services

'A Disappearance in Fiji' is the debut novel of Fijian Indian Australian writer Nilima Rao. Set in the Colonial era Fiji of 1914, it is a delightful murder mystery, with well-drawn characters and a real sense of place. Sergeant Akal Singh is a Sikh officer in the Suva Police, posted to the colonial backwater after a professional disgrace in Hong Kong. His senior officer hates him, he is grudgingly tolerated by his Indian colleagues, and looked down upon by the members of British and Australian society as being a 'coolie' officer – coolies being the indentured Indian workers who labour in the canefields under slave-like conditions. His only real friend is the Fijian police officer Taviti – who, as the son of an important chief, is knowledgeable about Fijian society, and moves readily through various social strata.



Singh is assigned to work the dead-end case of a coolie woman missing from a sugar cane plantation. Normally, no-one would care,

but a nosy priest and a delicate political situation have focused unwanted attention on the case. Singh is dispatched to the plantation to sort it out, quickly, quietly, and without causing ripples. He is torn between a wanting to do a good job, and making his boss happy – which are mutually exclusive in this case. His presence is resented by the plantation owner and his politically ambitious wife, the local coolies want him to do something about the oppressive, filthy and dangerous conditions they are forced to work under, and the missing woman's daughter just wants to know where her mother is.

Finding out the truth (the real truth, not just a politically expedient truth) will challenge Singh's investigative skills, and force him to confront his own prejudices, and his own previous misjudgments. In the end, it may cost him his job and his life to do the right thing. This novel is a fantastic debut, with interesting characters, a plot with sufficient twists to keep the reader engaged, and an appealing setting. I don't think I have ever read anything else set in Fiji. The tropical setting and the historical time period were skillfully described. The heat, the verdant greenery, and the friendly and happy Fijian local characters all align with my memories of visiting Fiji.

I look forward to seeing more from this author.

Sonva

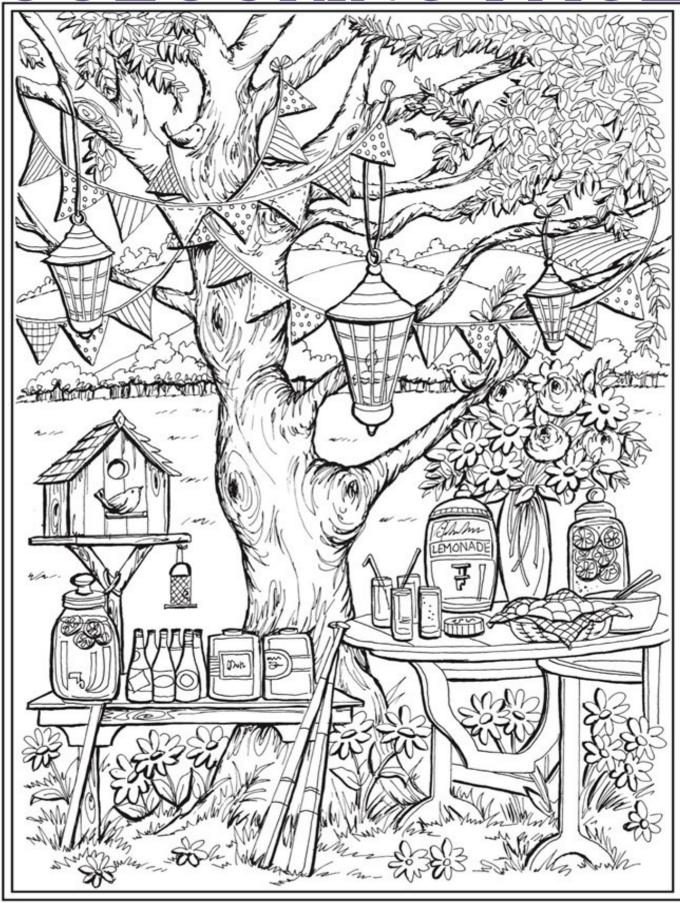
Manager, Library Services

As the library manager Sonya oversees and facilitates the operation of the library as a whole. Sonya has a range of responsibilities, most of which provides the framework of how the library functions. She is required to report to the Inverell Shire Council on a regular basis and give an update on what the library has achieved.

Sonya is an avid reader, so if you are looking for something new to read, she will happily assist you discover some new treasures.

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NEW BOOKS FOR YOUTH

Sweet & Bitter Rivals (Saddlehill Academy series) by Jessica Burkhart

(Junior Fiction)

Abby St. Clair is ready to make her mark this year at Saddlehill Academy. Along with her horse Beau, Abby can't wait to lead her elite riding team and try to put her disastrous last competition behind her.

But there are a few hurdles she will have to tackle first. Her biggest competitor, Selly, is determined to make Abby's life as tough as possible, in and out of the stables. Abby's classmate and teammate Emery is now her stepsister, and Emery turns out to be a lot tougher than she appears. Abby also has a big secret of her own, one that could end her season and her equestrian dreams. With another big competition coming up, a lot is riding on Abby and Beau having the perfect meet. But secrets don't make friends, and Abby is about to learn that the hard way.

Cara and Silverthief (Dragon Storm series) by Alastair Chisholm (Junior Fiction)

Cara has spent her life on the streets, relying on her wits - and a mysterious voice that seemed to live inside her head - for survival. She's amazed when she learns that the voice actually belongs to a dragon - her dragon - and she's invited to join a hidden society for other young dragonseers.

But Cara isn't used to having friends, and so when she and her dragon Silverthief uncover a dangerous secret, they must decide who they can trust...and their lives will depend on it.

The Island by Natasha Preston (Young Adult Fiction)

Jagged Island. A private amusement park for the very rich - or the very influential. Liam, James, Will, Ava, Harper, and Paisley, social media influencer with millions of followers, have been invited for an exclusive weekend before the park opens. They will create posts and videos for their channels and report every second of their VIP treatment.

When the teens arrives, they are stunned: the resort is even better than they imagined. Their hotel rooms are unreal, the park's themed rides are incredible, and the island is hauntingly beautiful. Their jam-packed scheduled seems to cover every moment of their visit. But soon they realise that something' missing: getting off the island alive.

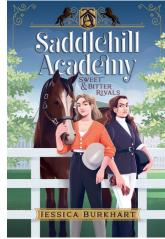
Dreams Bigger Than Heartbreak by Charlie Jane Anders (Young Adult Fiction)

Rachael Townsend is the first artist ever to leave Earth and journey out into the galaxy - but after an encounter with an alien artifact, she can't make art at all.

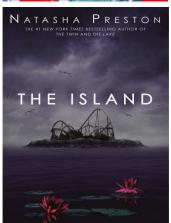
Elza Monteiro is determined to be the first human to venture inside the Palace of Scented Tears and become a princess - except that inside the palace, she finds the last person she ever wanted to see again.

Tina Mains is studying at the Royal Space Academy with her friends, preparing to save the universe - and she's not the badass space hero everyone was expecting.

These three young women are thrust into the hands of destiny, journeying into dark voids, navigating deadly spy missions, and facing impossible choices that could change all their lives forever. With the fate of the galaxy hanging in the balance, they must discover their strength, whatever form it takes.









SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday 25th September | 10:30am - 11:45am

SPECIAL EVENT: Australian Wildlife in Poetry

Zoologists Alexander and Jane Dudley present a stunning presentation of their award-winning book "Faunaverse Wildlife in Poetry Tasmania" & "Faunaverse Australian Wildlife in Poetry."

Learn about fauna through poetry and song.

Monday 25th Sept. | 2:00 - 4:00pm

MOVIE: The Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3

(144mins)

Rated M: Intense scenes of violence, science-

fiction themes and coarse language.

High School and above

FREE ~ BYO Snacks

Bookings Essential

Tuesday 26th Sept. | 3:00pm - 3:40pm

GEMSTONES READING CHALLENGE: Monthly

Activity

Decorate a tealight house

Year 3 - Year 6

\$3 child / \$7 family

Bookings Essential

Thursday 28th Sept. | 10:30am - 10:50am

SAND ART

Preschool (3-5 yrs)

\$3 child \$7 family

Bookings Essential

Thursday 28th Sept. | 11:00 - 11:30am

SAND ART: Mini Beasts

Kinder—Year 6

\$3 child \$7 family

Bookings Essential

Thursday 28th Sept. | 11:45am - 12:30pm

SAND ART/FOIL ART: Australian animals

Year 5 - Year 8

\$3 child \$7 family

Bookings Essential

Tuesday 3rd Oct. | 11:00 - 11:40am DECORATE A WOODEN BUTTERFLY

Kinder - Year 6

\$3 child \$7 family

Bookings Essential

Friday 6th Oct. | 3:00pm - 3:40pm

DECORATE A HANGING PLANTER & PLANT A SUCCULENT

Year 5 - Year 8

\$3 child \$7 family

Bookings Essential

BOOKINGS OPEN
9:30AM MONDAY

18TH SEPT.

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Digital Library

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The Knights of Atlantis by Andy McDermott and read by Simon Mattacks

Archaeologist Nina Wilde and her husband former SAS soldier Eddie Chase believe their globe-trotting adventures are over - the biggest worry being how their now-adult daughter Macy is going to spend her life. But after the violent theft of dangerous relics with the only surviving guard claiming his attackers were 'angels' Nina and Eddie are thrust back into action. Without their knowledge though Macy is approached by a mysterious group called the Knights of Atlantis - who want to recruit her. In a deadly race stretching from the glamorous French Riviera to the blistering heat of the Karakum desert Nina and Eddie must confront mercenaries secret societies and the machinations of the world's first trillionaire - with the fate of the world in their hands. . .

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RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES

The library has a battery bin which means residents are able to recycle household batteries sustainably and reduce toxic waste. Batteries are a hazardous waste as they contain heavy metals and toxic cadmium, mercury and lead which can harm the environment.

They should not be thrown into rubbish bins, wheelie bins or recycle bins. Recycling batteries properly enables the lead, acid and plastic to be recovered and re-used. Any brand of AA, AAA, C, D, 9V and button cell batteries (both rechargeable and non-rechargeable) are acceptable for recycling, and can simply be placed in the battery bin located in the foyer of the library.



How to Make Reading less boring

Pick the Book You Like

Don't force yourself to read certain book that you barely like. Read the one you like might help you to feel interested.

Stop When Tired

When you getting to get tired of reading, just stop. Don't force yourself to finish the book because reading meant to entertain yourself not to torture.

Start at Any Section

Do not feel obligated to read the book coherently. You can start at any section that you find interesting. This may help you to feel happy, free, and not forced.



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Tech Savvy @ Your Library

How to choose mobile phones for seniors written by Yara Khalife (for Be Connected)

If you need some help choosing your next mobile phone, you're in the right place. With so many options to choose from it can be overwhelming, so we've put together a guide on the things to keep in mind when buying a new mobile phone for seniors.

Mobile phone features to look out for

Camera: The image quality of smartphone cameras gets better with every release, but their specs do vary, so if taking quality pictures and videos is important to you then you may want to spend a bit more on a later model smartphone with higher specs.

Phone storage capacity: Your smartphone needs internal space to store data such as your photos, videos, apps and other things to help your phone run. Smartphone storage is measured in gigabytes, or GB (pronounced "gigs"), and the higher the storage, the more expensive the phone. Find out how much storage you currently have on your smartphone to give you an indication of whether you need more or less storage in your new phone. You can check on your iPhone by going to the Apple support page, or for Android phones, go to Settings and type 'storage' in the Android search bar. There are also cloud storage apps for when you need extra storage or back up for your photos, videos and documents.

Size: A large screen can make things easier to see, especially if you use your phone to browse the internet. But a large screen generally means a bigger phone, so you also need to consider how heavy it is and how it'll fit in your pocket or bag. The best thing to do is visit a store to test a selection of phones in person and get a feel for what works best for you.

Accessibility features

Accessibility features make your phone easier to use. While some of the big brand phones have built-in accessibility features to do things like increase the text size on your screen and convert voice to text, you can also find mobile phones designed for seniors. They include helpful features such as:

- * Hearing aid compatibility. Hearing aid compatible (HAC) phones have an M or T rating of 1 to 4. The higher the number the less interference you can expect when using your phone. The M rating refers to how well the phone works with hearing aids that use the Microphone setting, while the T rating refers to the Telecoil setting. You should look for a minimum M3 or T3 rating which is what most phones have.
- * Extra loud ringtone and speakerphone volume.
- * Big buttons to make the numbers easier to read.

Should I buy a mobile phone outright or on a plan?

Buying a mobile phone outright means you pay the full one-off cost of the handset so you have the freedom to choose from a wide range of providers for your data, calls and texts, known as SIM-only or BYO (bring your own) plans. The other option is to sign up to a contract which lets you pay off a handset over a fixed term (normally 12, 24 or 36 months) on top of your data, calls and texts. If you can afford to pay for a phone outright, it can keep your mobile plan costs down as there are very competitive BYO phone or SIM-only plans available.

If you need help choosing a mobile phone plan, the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) website has a helpful guide. You can also use comparison websites like WhistleOut and Finder to compare phone plans.

iPhone vs Android

Today's newer smartphones run on one of two operating systems: iOS (iPhone) or Android. iOS is made by Apple and only runs on Apple devices, whereas the Android operating system is made by Google and runs on a range of phones including Samsung, Google Pixel and Oppo. If you own other devices like a tablet or laptop that run on either system, it can make things easier to stick to the same system for your smartphone. Not only will you be more familiar with the features, but the devices generally do a better job of 'talking to each other'. It's also a good idea to talk to family and friends about their experience with their phone and visit a store so you can test a few models out for yourself.

Inverell Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library (FOL) are members of the community who recognise the importance of the library and wish to support its operations.

Membership is open to any over 18 years old.

The role of FOL

- Promote library services.
- Develop community support for the library.
- Make presentations on behalf of the library to Government bodies.
- Access non-government funding sources.
- Provide practical assistance with major library events and projects.

Past success include

- Provided bookcase display for Local History books.
- Arranged cultural events including author visits, poetry nights and film screenings
- Donated generous amounts of money towards library stock since inception
- Enrich the cultural life of the community
- Provide ongoing magazine subscriptions of popular titles.

The FOL meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am.

Meetings are a great opportunity for the FOL to plan events, determine how they assist in library projects and receive a report on library news from the Manager, Library Services. Meetings are open to all who are interested.



For more information or to join the Friends of the Library please see the staff at the library or phone (02) 67288130.

Home Library Service Are you temporarily or permanently housebound?

Every 3 weeks, library staff are able to deliver items of your choice to you.

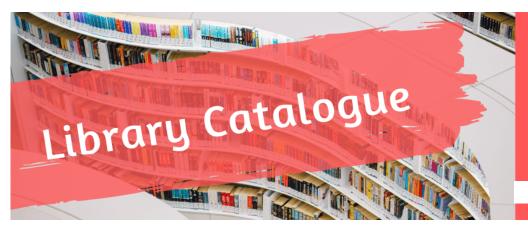
We have a wide range of items available, from books, music, DVD's, magazines, large print, talking books, mysteries, romance, westerns and more.

You can borrow as little or as many items as you like (within lending policy), depending on your needs and capabilities.

This highly personalised service is perfect for the elderly who are unable to drive, those in aged care facilities, or if you have recently become house bound due to medical issues. If this service would be helpful for yourself or someone you know, please contact the library on (02) 67288139.

Please Note: We can only provide Home Library Service to genuinely housebound people living within Inverell's town limits. We are unable to deliver out of town.





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We have an online public access catalogue.

Find your way to www.inverell.nsw.gov.au and click on the 'Public Library' tab.

*Please note that your library card number starts with a Capital Letter "I" for Inverell.

Getting the most from the Library Catalogue Renewing Your Items on the Catalogue

Go to www.inverell.nsw.gov.au Click on Public Library - Click on Library Catalogue

- Click on "Log in" at the top of the page.
- Enter your **Borrower Number** (remember the first letter of your Borrower Number is a capital "I" for Inverell) and your **PIN**.
- Click on the link that tells you how many items you have on loan/renew.
- Your current loans will display.
- In the column on the left side of the "Loan Date" you should see a faint box. Click in each box of the item/s you want to renew. This should put a tick in the box.
- Click on "Renew" on the right side of the page.

You will get a message on the bottom right side of your screen confirming if the renewal was successful or not.

You cannot renew items if; the items are overdue, the items are reserved, they have already been renewed twice before or if you have outstanding fines on your card.



Information from www.fodors.com

11 Most Unusual Libraries

Tête Carrée Nice, France

When is a library an art installation? When it is not only a piece of art by French Sacha Sosno (1937-2013), sculptor called Tête Carrée, but also a library building designed by architects Francis Chapus et Yves Bayard, creating a kind of inhabited artwork. On Esplanade Kennedy in the southern French city of Nice, stands what, from the distance, looks like a large cube of a building. Come closer, though, and you see that the cube is the top part of a gigantic head, raised from the ground by the neck and shoulders, standing some 100 feet tall. Inside it is a more-or-less normal library, but at night, the seemingly stone exterior is lit up by the windows of the building.