

# NEWSLETTER



*Inverell Shire Library*

*September 2024*

## We Need You

Inverell Friends of the Library  
urgently need new members

**NEXT MEETING  
3:30PM  
11TH SEPT.**



### THE ROLE OF THE FOTL

- 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.



### THE INVERELL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library (FOTL) are members of the community who recognise the importance of the library and wish to support its operations. Membership is open to anyone over 18 years old.

Meetings are a great opportunity for the FOTL 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.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm

W E L C O M E  
N E W  
M E M B E R

### PAST SUCCESS

- Provided a 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.
- Provide ongoing magazine subscriptions of popular titles
- Purchased prizes and gifts for the participants of various reading challenges.

# EVENTS THIS MONTH

## TODDLER STORYTIME



Toddler Storytime has been pushed back one week this month and will be held on Friday 13th September at 10:30am.

This is a free session for children who are 2-3 yrs old. Bookings not required.

## UPCOMING PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Labour Day 7th October**



The library will be closed

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

### Friends of the Library meeting

Wednesday 11th Sept.  
3:30pm  
New members are welcome.



### Free Movie Screening

Friday 27th Sept.  
2:30pm  
See page 3 for more details.  
Bookings Required



### Home Library Deliveries Dates

Individuals/Cooinda  
17th Sept  
  
McLean Retirement Village  
18th Sept.



## REMINDER

### School Holidays

- The last day of school is Friday 27th Sept. Baby Bounce and Storytime will take a break during the holidays.
- Our school holiday program is further in this newsletter.

## R U OK DAY

**RU  
OK?**

10th Sept.

**A conversation could  
change a life**

GEMMA  
ARTERTON

SAM  
CLAFLIN

BILL  
AND NIGHY

# THEIR FINEST

MOVIE SCREENING @ THE LIBRARY

BOOKINGS OPEN  
FRIDAY 13TH SEPT.

A witty, romantic and moving portrayal of a young woman finding her way, and her voice, in the mayhem of war.... and the movies! Set in London in 1940, with the country's morale at stake, screenwriter Catrin (Gemma Arterton), and a makeshift cast and crew, work under fire to make a film to lift the nation's spirits - and inspire America to join the war.

FRIDAY 27TH SEPT. | 2:30PM

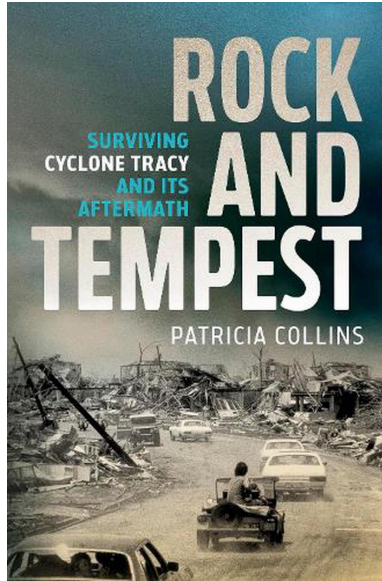
Bookings Essential  
(Limited Seating)  
Phone 67288130

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Films that matter

Rated M for mature  
themes, sex scene and  
coarse language

# NEW BOOKS



## Rock and Tempest by Patricia Collins

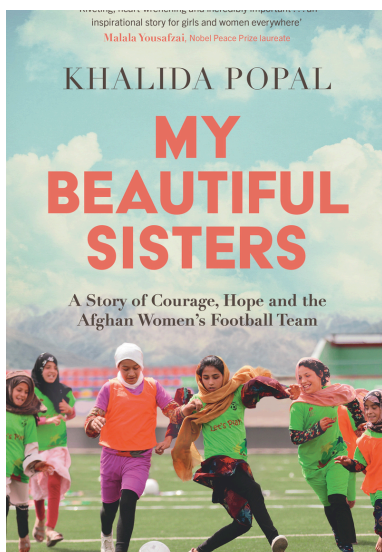
When Cyclone Tracy flattened Darwin on Christmas Day 1974, it was the worst natural disaster Australians had ever experienced. People sat huddled in doorways and bathtubs as the winds raged, lifting off roofs, picking up cars and sinking ships. Stationed in the city with the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service, Patricia Collins not only lived through Tracy but was part of the massive clean-up effort. This is her extraordinary story.



## The Consultant by Jay Malkoun

Jay Malkoun isn't the type of man who lets a little thing like being blown up slow him down.

In March 2019, a car bomb outside his gym detonated the Mercedes Jay was inside. It was an explosion heard around the world, as global media, law enforcement agencies and underworld cartels speculated on who had moved to assassinate the former gangster and retired leader of one of the world's most feared and powerful underworld organisations. There were hundreds of possible suspects. Jay has some ideas about it too.



## My beautiful sisters by Khalida Popal

August 2021: Kabul falls to the Taliban. Overnight life changes for women across Afghanistan. The national women's football team faces an imminent threat to their lives, just for playing sport. For Khalida Popal, the team's first captain and co-founder, this is not an unprecedented event. Born in Afghanistan, as a child she fled Taliban rule with her family and grew up in a refugee camp in Pakistan. Over the years Popal found herself as a refugee in Denmark, working to uncover widespread sexual abuse of players by the former president of the Afghanistan Football Federation, forcing FIFA and the government of Afghanistan to act. When Kabul falls, Khalida is safe but many of her teammates are left behind. Against all odds, she works with a small group of allies to orchestrate an international evacuation strategy to save them.

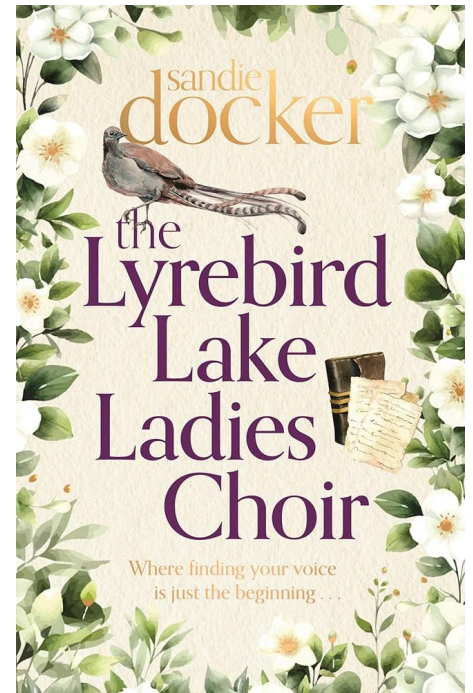


# NEW BOOKS

## The Lyrebird Lake Ladies Choir by Sandie Docker

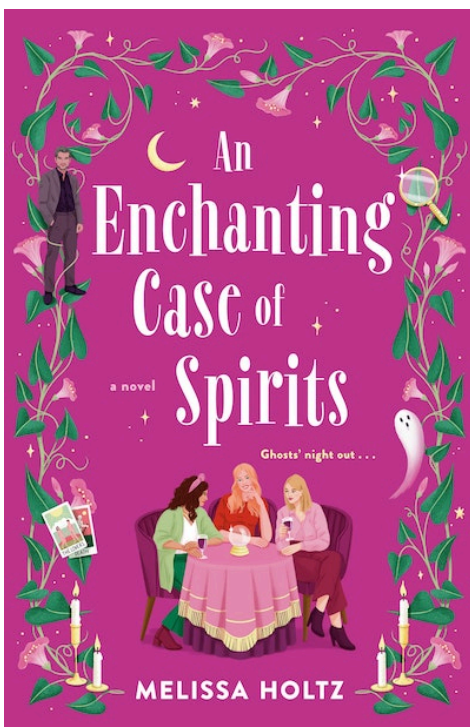
Sisters Eleanor and Maggie have been running the Lyrebird Lake Ladies Choir for fifteen years. It has become a haven for the lost and lonely women who have found their home in the stately federation house by the lake. When Eleanor enters the choir into the All Voices Championship, it offers them all a chance to make up for lost dreams.

Single mum Hannah arrives in Lyrebird Lake, homeless after being widowed and hoping for a new start with her son. With her angelic voice, Hannah could give the choir a winning edge. But when Eleanor hears her singing a long-forgotten lullaby, she is transported to her past, a traumatic time when two teenage girls were banished from their Irish homeland to a faraway country. Will Hannah's arrival mend old wounds, or will the secret she unknowingly carries tear the sisters apart?



## An Enchanting Case of Spirits by Melissa Holtz

Alyssa Mann isn't adventurous, not since her husband died and she found herself the single mom of a teenage daughter. But there's no way to avoid celebrating the big four-o, so when her best friends drag her out for drinks and a tarot reading, she throws caution to the wind and decides to see what the spirits have to say. It's all fun and games until she wakes up the next morning with a wicked hangover - and a ghost standing at the end of her bed. Sheer panic sends her running for help from Nick West, the (very) attractive detective who lives next door. When he finds no one in her house, Alyssa has to accept that she really did see a ghost. As the dearly departed keep appearing, Alyssa and her friends do their best to learn how to control her new-found power. Trading insults with ghosts, returning family heirlooms, and getting closer to the skeptical (but helpful) Nick is more fun than Alyssa imagined. But when looking into one ghost's past reveals unexpected - and unwelcome-facts about Alyssa's late husband's death, she discovers she just may be in over her head.



**SO MANY BOOKS,  
SO LITTLE TIME.**

**FRANK ZAPPA**



# CHRIS HAMMER

*Award-winning Author*

Chris Hammer is a leading Australian crime fiction novelist, author of the internationally bestselling Martin Scarsden series: 'Scrublands', 'Silver' and 'Trust'.

Chris's current award-winning series features homicide detectives Nell Buchanan and Ivan Lucic: 'Treasure & Dirt' (or *Opal Country*); *The Tilt* (or *Dead Man's Creek*); *The Seven* (or *Cover The Bones*); and now *The Valley* (or *The Broken River*).

'Scrublands' was an instant bestseller upon publication in 2018, topping the Australian fiction charts.

It was shortlisted for major writing awards in Australia, the UK and the United States. In the UK it was named the Sunday Times Crime Novel of the Year 2019 and won the prestigious UK Crime Writers' Association John Creasey New Blood Dagger Award.

'Scrublands', 'Silver' and 'Trust' all feature troubled journalist Martin Scarsden and his partner Mandalay Blonde, while the next four novels follow homicide detectives Ivan Lucic and Nell Buchanan.

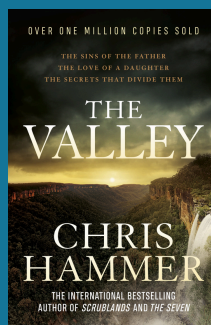
Chris's books are well known for their atmospheric Australian settings, a range of colourful characters, intricate plots, descriptive language and emotional depth.

Before turning to fiction, Chris was a journalist for more than thirty years. He reported from more than 30 countries on six continents for SBS TV. In Canberra, roles included chief political correspondent for The Bulletin, senior writer for The Age and Online Political Editor for The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald.

Chris has written two non-fiction books 'The River' (2010) – winner of the ACT Book of the Year – and 'The Coast' (2012), published by Melbourne University Press.

He has a bachelor's degree in Journalism from Charles Sturt University and a master's degree in International Relations from the Australian National University. He lives in Canberra, Australia.

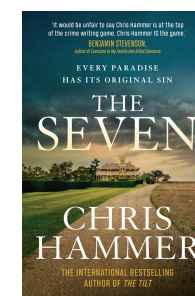
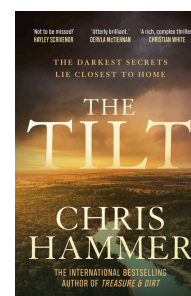
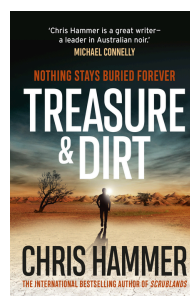
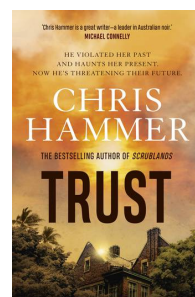
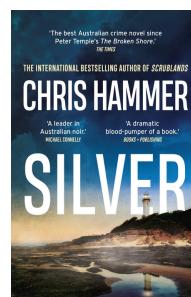
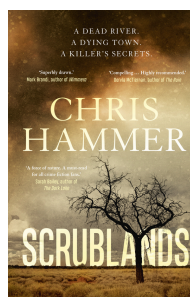
[www.chrishammerauthor.com](http://www.chrishammerauthor.com)



**Coming soon  
in 2024...**

The latest stunning thriller from the bestselling author of *Scrublands* and *The Seven*. Nell Buchanan and Ivan Lucic are back – and Nell is thrown into her most emotionally fraught investigation yet.

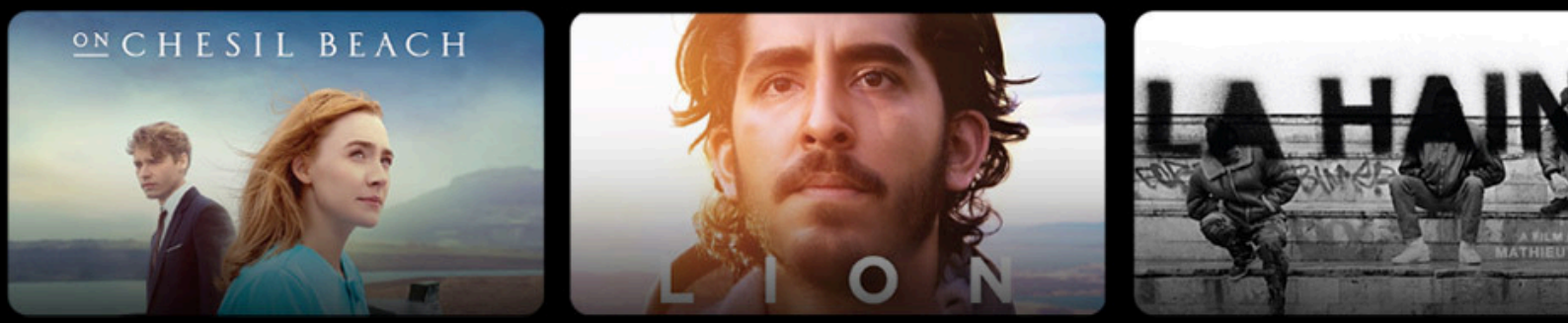
## Books available at the library



'Scrublands' is re-imagined for the screen! The four-part series from Easy Tiger productions is now available on STAN in Australia, BBC4 & iPlayer in the UK, SundanceNow in the USA & Canada, TV3 in New Zealand and Paramount+ in Germany, among international outlets.



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# COLOURING FUN





# WORD SEARCH FUN

## IT'S SPRINGTIME!

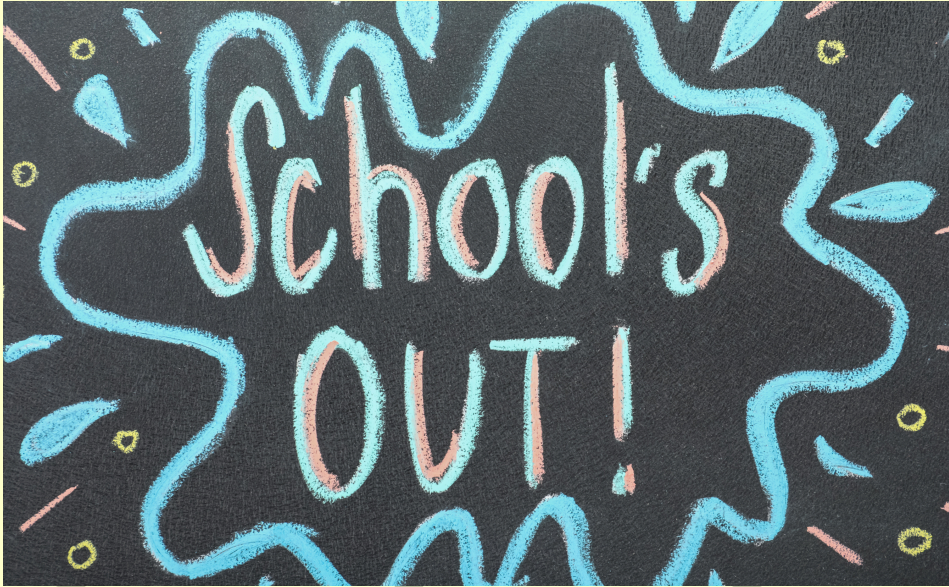
*Everything starts to come back to life in the Spring! From the birth of baby animals to the blooming of vegetation to the rebirth and revitalization of just about everything.*

ALLERGY  
BEES  
BLOOM  
BREEZE  
BUTTERFLIES  
CHIRPING  
DAFFODIL  
EARTHWORM  
FERTILIZE  
FRESHNESS  
FROGS  
GARDENING  
GRASS  
GREENERY  
GROWTH  
KITE  
NESTING  
POLLEN  
RENEWAL  
SEEDLING  
SHOWERS



SPROUT  
SUNSHINE  
TULIPS  
VERNAL  
VIBRANT  
WARMTH





**Bookings are essential for all activities. Bookings open Monday 23rd September at 9:30am either in-person or by phone. We do not accept bookings by email or Messenger.**

**Monday 30th Sept.**

**Sand Art**

**Preschoolers**

Lucky Dip

10am-10.30am

\$3 child/\$7 family

**K-Yr 4**

Mandal/Australiana

10.30am-11.10am

\$3 child/\$7 family

**Yr 5-Yr 8**

Collaboration Puzzle/Fish

11.30am-12.10pm

\$3 child/\$7 family

**Tuesday 1st Oct.**

**Wooden Butterfly**

**Kinder-Yr 6**

10.30am-11.15am

\$3 child/\$7 family

**Wednesday 2nd Oct.**

**Hanging Porcelain Planters**

(an adult & child activity with 2 planters to be decorated.)

**9yrs old and above**

2.30pm-3.20pm

\$3 per person

**Friday 4th Oct.**

**Movie: The Garfield movie**

Rated PG: very mild themes, slapstick violence and coarse language.

**3yrs old and above**

10am-11:36am

Free ~ BYO snacks

**Tuesday 8th Oct.**

**Velvet Trinket Box**

**Yr 3-Yr 6**

2.30pm-3.15pm

\$3 child/\$7 family

**Wednesday 9th Oct.**

**Movie: Despicable Me 4**

Rated PG: mild themes, animated violence, some scenes may scare young children.

**Kinder and above**

10am-11:30am

FREE ~ BYO snacks

**Thursday 10th Oct.**

**Wooden Bird/Fairy House**

**Kinder-Yr 4**

10am-10.40am

\$3 child/\$7 family

**Yr 5-Yr 8**

2.30pm - 3.20pm

\$3 child/\$7 family

# Gemstones 2024



## K - 2 Reading Challenge



# Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Gemstones Reading Challenge participants who have read and logged at least 4 books during August. Your names have been added to the August Achievers list which is now displayed in the library.

16 children were successful in meeting the requirements of the challenge. We would like to acknowledge them here and encourage them to continue to keep up the great work.

The August achievers were:

Elsie, Amelia, Jackson, Charlotte, Theo, Indi, Henry, Satya, Joey, Elara, Spencer, Reuben, Axel, Emmett, Lawrence, and Stacey. All participants can start logging your reading for September via the Beanstack app.

It's not too late to join the Gemstones Reading Challenge. Please see library staff for more information.

# STAFF BOOK REVIEW



## Science Comics

BY VARIOUS AUTHORS

A new graphic novel series has just hit the shelves in our junior collection. *Science Comics* is a wonderfully colourful series containing so much humour and fun so you don't realize you are learning. This collection would be fantastic for the reluctant reader, graphic novel connoisseur or even an adult wanting to learn while having fun.

A complete sucker for anything dinosaurs, I had to read the *Science Comics 'Dinosaurs'*. I devoured it in one sitting, it was a wonderful history of paleontology and discovery of dinosaurs over 150 years.

Wanting to read more of this series I picked up '*Frogs*' and discovered the fascinating world of amphibians from the fun to the gross.

There are so many in this collection to entertain anyone: '*Dinosaurs*', '*Frogs*', '*Volcanos*', '*Electricity*', '*Rocks and Minerals*', and '*Spiders*' are all ready to borrow from our junior graphic novel collection with more to come.

Reviewed by Belynda K.  
Collection Services  
Officer



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## 03

10:00am

### Useful Tips for Using Your Android Phones

**Tuesday 3rd Sept. | 10am**

Smartphones are more than a way to stay connected with others through text and calls. They can make your life easier by providing access to important information, online services and entertainment. Get the most out of your Android phone by exploring its settings and discover more features and useful tips to help you do more with your phone.

Note: this presentation is for people with an understanding of how to use an Android phone and want to learn more about their device.

Join our 1-hour presentation to discover:

- Android phone features, settings and shortcuts
- ways to access, view and delete notifications
- how to change your passcode and block nuisance calls
- accessibility features and how to adjust them
- how to share photos with others.



## 05

3:00pm

### Protecting Your Personal Information Online

**Thursday 5th Sept. | 3pm**

Nearly every app, social media platform or website asks you for some personal information. Personal information includes your name, email address and phone number. It's important to always think twice about sharing personal information. Learn why protecting your personal information is so important and steps to take to protect your data.

Join our 1-hour presentation to discover:

- why information privacy matters
- how to keep your information secure
- impersonation scams to look out for
- where to go for help.





# INTERLIBRARY LOANS

Our interlibrary loan service means we can borrow an item we don't have in our collection, from another library on your behalf. You then borrow from our library as normal. Great if you need an item sooner than ordering for our own collection. Fees may apply.

**ENQUIRE NOW**



Inverell Library staff always do our best to provide you with what you want.

If there is an item we don't have we can try and find another library who may lend the item to us. It can be a book, DVD, magazine, talking book or a bulk loan of books in a different language.

You can request either in-person, over the phone, by email or even online through our catalogue. Fees may apply.

If you are temporarily or permanently housebound and live within the town limits we are able to deliver library items directly to you. Every 3 weeks you can borrow items of your choice and have them delivered by our friendly library staff who will also collect items you are finished with. If this service would suit you or a family member please feel free to contact library staff.

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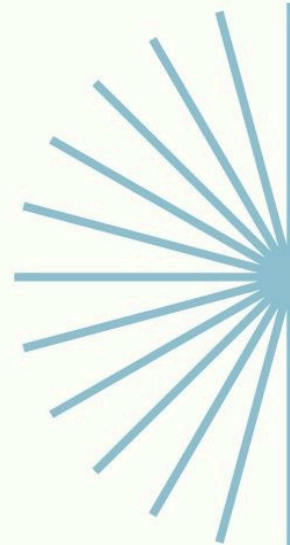
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