

Chris Hammer
Karen Viggers
Fred Smith
Jane Caro
Hugh Mackay
Sue Williams
Michael Brissenden
Andra Putnis
David Hardaker
Joanna Nell
Fiona Weir
Kirsten Bradley
Craig Castree
Sue Turnbull



KIAMA
READERS' FESTIVAL
19-20 JULY 2024



PROGRAM

FRIDAY 19 JULY

BOOKS IN THE GARDEN

BURNETTS ON BARNEY

10:00 - 10:40 am: Fiona Weir

11:00 - 11:40 am: Kirsten Bradley

12:00 - 12:40 pm: Craig Castree

FESTIVAL LAUNCH

KIAMA LIBRARY

6:00 - 9:00 pm: Fred Smith

SATURDAY 20 JULY

BOOKS BY THE SEA

THE PAVILION KIAMA, NORFOLK ROOM (UPSTAIRS)

10:00 - 10:45 am: Sue Williams

11:00 - 11:45 am: Hugh Mackay

1:30 - 2:15 pm: Karen Viggers

2:30 - 3:15 pm: David Hardaker

3:30 - 4:30 pm: BAD Sydney Crime Writers Festival presents - panel discussion with Chris Hammer, Michael Brissenden & Sue Turnbull

THE PAVILION KIAMA, SADDLEBACK ROOM (DOWNSTAIRS)

10:00 - 10:45 am: Chris Hammer

11:00 - 11:45 am: Joanna Nell

1:30 - 2:15 pm: Michael Brissenden

2:30 - 3:15 pm: Andra Putnis

GALA DINNER

KIAMA LEAGUES CLUB

6:00 - 9:00 pm: Jane Caro

FRIDAY 19 JULY

FIONA WEIR: FROM SCRATCH 10:00 - 10:40 AM, BURNETTS ON BARNEY

Homemade crackers are never just crackers, says Fiona Weir, owner of Buena Vista Farm in Gerringong, whose book, *From Scratch*, is a particularly cheerful and simple guide to making delicious food and pantry staples. It's a cookbook with a lot of story and heart along with handfuls of encouragement to leave industrialised packaged goods behind.



KIRSTEN BRADLEY: PERMACULTURE 11:00 - 11:40 AM, BURNETTS ON BARNEY

Author of *The Milkwood Permaculture Living Handbook*, Kirsten will show us how we can each use our daily habits and actions to put more goodness into our lives, to not only design a more meaningful life but also create more biodiversity, more justice, and edge us towards the worlds we need. Kirsten joins us from Tasmania.



CRAIG CASTREE: EDIBLE GARDENS 12:00 - 12:40 PM, BURNETTS ON BARNEY

Should you grow your vegetables in neat rows? No, says Craig Castree, award-winning Victorian Horticulturalist and author of *Edible Gardens*. Craig says that companion planting, or placing different plants next to each other that enhance each other's growth and protect each other from pests, is the most productive and satisfying way to grow.



FESTIVAL LAUNCH: FRED SMITH 6:00 - 9:00 PM, KIAMA LIBRARY

Fred Smith is a raconteur, a songwriter, an author (*The Dust of Uruzgan*), subject of an ABC *Australia Story* doco, and formerly a diplomat. Wit, story and melody run rife through Fred's sometimes sad, sometimes happy songs, which capture the human complexities of the countries he worked in – Afghanistan, PNG, the US and Australia.





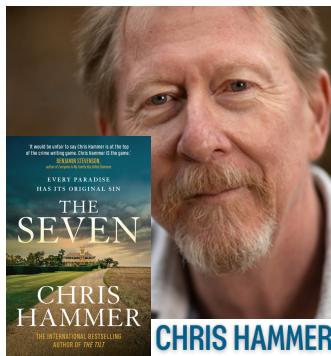
SATURDAY 20 JULY



SUE WILLIAMS

10:00 - 10:45 AM, NORFOLK ROOM, PAVILION KIAMA

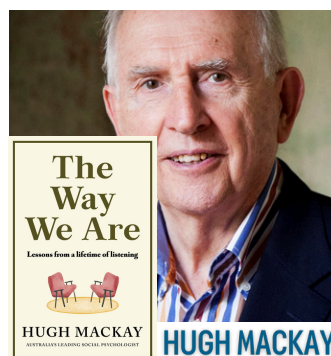
From Red Terror to Outback Horror, award-winning journalist and columnist Sue Williams tells the true story, in her latest book *Run For Your Life*, about the British family who fled to the Australian outback to escape Putin's Kremlin. This is a tale so astounding and bizarre, it's hard to believe it's NOT fiction!



CHRIS HAMMER

10:00 - 10:45 AM, SADDLEBACK ROOM, PAVILION KIAMA

Chris Hammer is one of Australia's most well-known crime fiction authors. His novels have been praised for their sense of place, their intricate plots, their colourful characters and their emotional depth. His first book, *Scrublands*, winner of the UK Crime Writers Association's New Blood Dagger, has been adapted for TV. His latest book is *The Seven*.



HUGH MACKAY

11:00 - 11:45 AM, NORFOLK ROOM, PAVILION KIAMA

Social psychologist, researcher and bestselling author of 24 books, Hugh Mackay describes *The Way We Are* as 'lessons from a lifetime of listening'. It examines the major trends that are shaking the Australian foundations of life. Inspiring and provocative, his book will encourage you to reflect deeply on the question: What kind of society do we want to become?



JOANNA NELL

11:00 - 11:45 AM, SADDLEBACK ROOM, PAVILION KIAMA

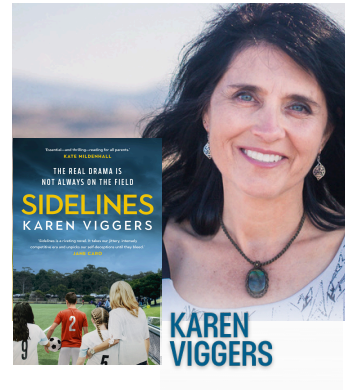
GP and author, Joanna Nell, rewrites the narrative on ageing. Joanna will tell us how she became an accidental advocate for positive ageing by writing novels featuring older characters who refuse to be defined by their years. What does society get wrong about ageing?, she asks, as she looks at the proliferation of recent novels featuring, in particular, older women.

SATURDAY 20 JULY

KAREN VIGGERS

1:30 - 2:15 PM, NORFOLK ROOM, PAVILION KIAMA

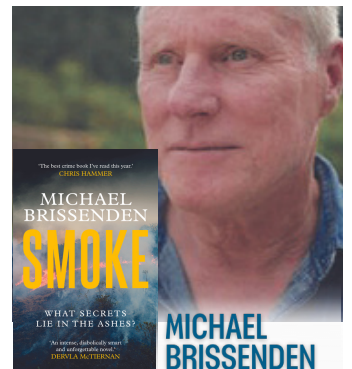
Sidelines is an exciting, unpredictable family drama set on the junior sporting field. Ambitious teens who want to play for Australia. Parents doing their best to support them. Sometimes things can get out of hand. Karen Viggers is an internationally bestselling author, veterinarian and retired soccer mum. *Sidelines* is her fifth novel.



MICHAEL BRISSENDEN

1:30 - 2:15 PM, SADDLEBACK ROOM, PAVILION KIAMA

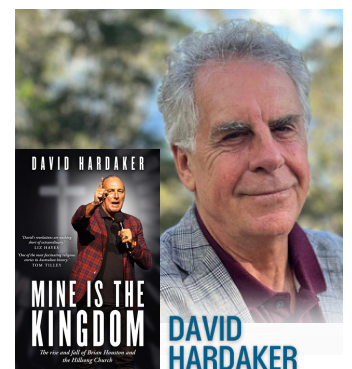
Smoke, a thrilling tale of crime, corruption, friendship and the everyday challenges of small-town life everywhere, is Michael Brissenden's third crime thriller after *The List* and *Dead Letters*. Michael was an ABC Walkley Award-winning journalist and foreign correspondent for 35 years. *Smoke* was only published in May this year but has received much acclaim already.



DAVID HARDAKER

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM, NORFOLK ROOM, PAVILION KIAMA

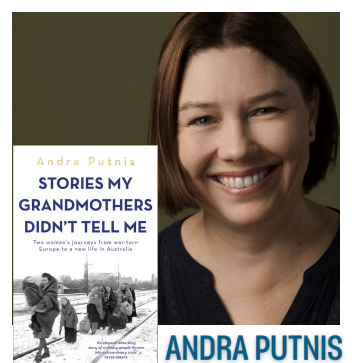
Mine is the Kingdom is David Hardaker's exploration of power, politics and friends in high places. David is a journalist who has worked on ABC flagship programs such as *Four Corners* and *7.30*. While working for *Crikey*, he broke several major stories on the Hillsong Church and pastor Brian Houston. David will be interviewed by Nick Hartgerink.



ANDRA PUTNIS

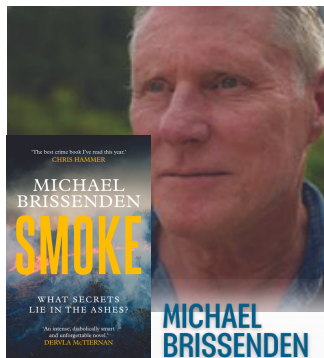
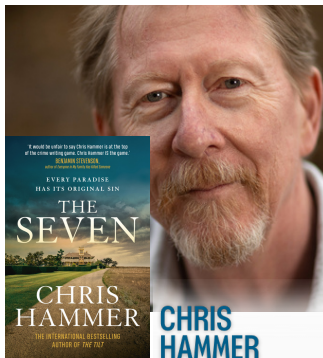
2:30 - 3:15 PM, SADDLEBACK ROOM, PAVILION KIAMA

Stories my Grandmothers Didn't Tell Me is Andra Putnis' debut non-fiction book and reveals the stories of how her two Latvian grandmothers lived through the terror of World War II and survived to immigrate to Australia. Andra says we need these stories of important family members to better understand where we come from and who we want to be.



SATURDAY 20 JULY

BAD SYDNEY CRIME WRITERS FESTIVAL AND KIAMA READERS' FESTIVAL PRESENT **CHRIS HAMMER, MICHAEL BRISSENDEN & SUE TURNBULL** **3:30 - 4:30 PM, NORFOLK ROOM, PAVILION KIAMA**



Cri-fi and cli-fi: When crime fiction meets environmental and political corruption

Chris Hammer and Michael Brissenden both had extensive careers as journalists before turning to crime fiction. Their novels are not just murder mysteries – whodunits - but gain much from the skills and insights they acquired in the field, covering stories about environmental, political and personal corruption. Sue Turnbull will lead these writers in a wide-ranging discussion of what kinds of crime concerns them most and how they have tried to shed light on such issues in their crime fiction.

GALA DINNER **JANE CARO**

6:00 - 10:00 PM, KIAMA LEAGUES CLUB



Jane Caro AM is a Walkley Award-winning columnist, author, novelist and social commentator. She appears regularly on *Today Extra*, and ABC Radio Western Plains, writes for *Sunday Life* and the *Saturday Paper*. She has written 13 books including a trilogy on Elizabeth Tudor. A collection, *Accidental Feminists*, is about the life story of women over 50. Her latest novel, *The Mother*, is a bestseller and she is hard at work writing the next one.

Join us for an entertaining evening of good food and even better company. Tickets include a two-course meal (entree and main), and tea, coffee and cake.

TICKETS

FRIDAY 19 JULY

BOOKS IN THE GARDEN

HALF-DAY TICKET (MORNING), BURNETTS ON BARNEY

\$35 (THREE AUTHOR TALKS)

FESTIVAL LAUNCH

WITH FRED SMITH, KIAMA LIBRARY

\$40 (INCLUDES LIGHT REFRESHMENTS)

SATURDAY 20 JULY

BOOKS BY THE SEA

HALF-DAY TICKET (MORNING), THE PAVILION KIAMA

\$35 (TWO AUTHOR TALKS)

HALF-DAY TICKET (AFTERNOON), THE PAVILION KIAMA

\$40 (THREE AUTHOR TALKS)

FULL-DAY TICKET, THE PAVILION KIAMA

\$70 (FIVE AUTHOR TALKS)

GALA DINNER

WITH JANE CARO, KIAMA LEAGUES CLUB

\$65 (INCLUDES TWO-COURSE MEAL)

TICKETS AND MORE INFO

 www.library.kiama.nsw.gov.au/krf

 02 4233 1133

 Kiama or Gerringong Library



VENUES

Burnetts on Barney Garden Centre
80 Barney Street, Kiama

Kiama Library
7 Railway Parade, Kiama

The Pavilion Kiama
2 Bong Bong Street, Kiama

Kiama Leagues Club
109 Terralong Street, Kiama