

Celebrate
READING
National Conference



28 October - 29 October 2016
*Insights into Quality Australian
Literature for Young Adults*

Two Day Programme

Each day of the Conference - Gates open 8am. First session 9am. Lunch break 1.15pm-2pm (approx).
Tea breaks as advised. Last session ends 5.10pm. Sundowner drinks and canapés until 6pm.

DAY 1 – FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER

Keynote: Writing under the Influence by Libby Hathorn

Keynote: Dogs, Death and Bridge Builders by Markus Zusak

Panel Discussion: Dying is Literary but Falling in Love is Trashy? by Lili Wilkinson,
Maureen McCarthy, Dianne Touchell and Nick Earls

Solo Presentation: For Edification, not Sensationalism: Fictionalising Real Events
by Deb Fitzpatrick

Panel Discussion: Exploring the Darker Side by Scot Gardner, Markus Zusak, James Moloney
and Archie Fusillo

Solo Presentation: Small(ish) But Perfectly Formed by Nick Earls

Solo Presentation: Getting Personal by Scot Gardner

Panel Discussion: Divide and Conquer: Contemporary and Divisive Fiction by Dianne Touchell,
James Moloney and Libby Hathorn.

Panel Discussion: Publishing Secrets by all presenters

DAY 2 – SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

Panel Discussion: What I Wish Teenagers Knew by all presenters

Solo Presentation: The Universality of Themes that Underpin YA Fiction by James Moloney

Solo Presentation: Let's Talk About Sects by Lili Wilkinson

Special Drama Presentation

Panel Discussion: Reflective Moments: Five Influential Writers Discuss their Greatest Influences
by Markus Zusak, James Moloney, Libby Hathorn, Nick Earls and Maureen McCarthy

Solo Presentation: Is This Your Story? by Archie Fusillo

**Solo Presentation: Censorship: The so-called "Sick-Lick" epidemic in YA literature, an outrageous
characterisation** by Dianne Touchell

Panel Discussion: Origins of Writing: Where Does the Story Begin?
by Scot Gardner, Archie Fusillo, Deb Fitzpatrick and Lili Wilkinson

Solo Presentation: Digging Up the Dirt or Mining Family Stories by Maureen McCarthy

Panel Discussion: Living and Writing on the Road by all presenters

Plus Readings and Author in Action sessions and prizes galore both days!