

Yarns in Barns: Festival of Reading

12-26th
October
2024

**YARNS
IN BARNs**
WAIRARAPA FESTIVAL OF READING

4-6PM, SAT 12 OCT / NZ BOOKSHOP DAY

Paul McLaney: Bookshop Prayers

An afternoon of rhyme and song with musician and poet, Paul McLaney of Gramsci and Fly My Pretties fame. Paul will read verse from his new book, Bookshop Prayers and perform songs from his back catalogue of music.

Hedley's Books, Masterton – \$10

7-9PM, THU 17 OCT / GALA NIGHT EVENT

Paddy Gower: This is the F#\$%ing News

This Festival's Gala Night event is sure to be funny, brutally honest and packed with incredible yarns from a man who has had a huge and varied career in the media. Journalist Paddy Gower has spent decades telling our stories. Now he's telling his. *In conversation with Noelle McCarthy.*

Cophthorne Solway, Masterton – \$25

10-10.30AM, FRI 18 OCT / INSPIRE A CHILD TO READ

Te reo Māori storytime with Roimata e hoa (& friends)

Join Roimata Smail, the creator of Wai Ako, a website of resources for teachers & children to learn about te reo & Te Tiriti, e hoa for a storytime to inspire tamariki to use te reo.

Masterton District Library – Free

12-1PM, FRI 18 OCT

Roimata Smail: Understanding Te Tiriti

Leveraging her two-decades of legal expertise in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Roimata presents the facts and distils the essentials in her handbook, Understanding Te Tiriti for a foundational understanding for work or everyday life.

Masterton District Library – Free

THE YARN IN THE BARN / DAY 1

12-1PM, SAT 19 OCT

Hannah Rose-Watt: Wild Walks

Clip together your waist strap and tighten your boots for an adventure with trumper, TikTok star & author of Wild Walks, Hannah-Rose Watt. Inspiring stories & tips for anyone interested in exploring Aotearoa's wilderness.

'The Barn' Strang's Woolshed – Adults \$12 / Under 18s Free / Attend all 3 events on Sat in 'The Barn' \$25

2-3PM, SAT 19 OCT

Sam the Trap Man: Cracking Yarns & Tall Tales from the Bush

A bushman through and through, with cracking yarns, hilarious tales and antics to rival Barry Crump. Sam the Trap Man is a modern outdoorsman, passionate about protecting our unique habitats – and with an inspiring life story to tell.

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4-5PM, SAT 19 OCT

Jamie Pennell: Siege and Survival in the NZ SAS

Following the 2011 Taliban siege on Kabul's Intercontinental Hotel, an SAS soldier identified only as Serviceman J was awarded NZ's second highest military honour by showing outstanding gallantry in the face of danger. After eighteen years in the NZ SAS, ex-commander Jamie Pennell is now ready to tell his story.

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Saturday in the barn hosted by Gareth Winter.

THE YARN IN THE BARN / DAY 2

1-3PM, SUN 20 OCT / POEMS IN THE BARN

Harry Ricketts: First Things

Harry Ricketts, one of NZ's most celebrated poets and scholars, shares poems and musings from his memoir First Things and tells us about the influence poetry has had on his life.

Jan Gerritsen Poetry Awards

Judge Harry Ricketts will then announce the winners in each age category – children, students & adults – who are invited to share their winning poems and kick off the Open Mic Poetry session. Learn more about the poetry competition at yarnsinbarns.co.nz/poetry

Open Mic Poetry Afternoon

Take to the woolshed stage and share a favourite poem, or something you've written, in a friendly environment. All ages welcome. Please register ahead for priority. *Hosted by Michael Wilson of Arrow FM.*

'The Barn' Strang's Woolshed – Free

4-5PM, SUN 20 OCT

Jude Dobson: The Last Secret Agent

In her bestselling book, The Last Secret Agent, TV personality, Jude Dobson tells the incredible life story of Pippa Latour – a woman who showed incredible bravery as an undercover spy during World War II, conveying crucial information about German Troops in the lead up to D-Day. Until now, no one, not even her own children, knew her remarkable story. **'The Barn' Strang's Woolshed – Adults \$12 / Under 18s Free**


TAKE THE YARNS HOME!

Books will be available to buy from Hedley's & have signed by the author after each event. Or pick up a copy from your local library.



3.30PM, TUE 22 OCT / INSPIRE A CHILD TO READ

James Russell and Sam Smith

An afternoon of tall tales & hilarious gags to give kids a jump start into these junior fiction series. 

3.30pm – Go dragon hunting then back in history to the NZ Gold Rush with dragon master, **James Russell**

4.30pm – comedian **Sam Smith**, invites you to join Amelia Miles and Shackleton Jones as they struggle to break the evil curse placed on their local park by an ultra villain **Masterton District Library – Free**

7.30PM, TUE 22 OCT

Cristina Sanders: Murder & Mayhem in Colonial NZ

Cristina's new historical novel draws the real Ōkiwi Brown into the mystery of the missing Hare of the Burke and Hare Edinburgh body snatchers and dark deeds in early colonial Wellington. *In association with Wai Word.* **Carterton Courthouse – Koha**

12-1PM, WED 23 OCT

Liam Dann: BBQ Economics



From interest rates to the price of cheese and everything in between. NZ Herald Business Editor, Liam Dann breaks down how the economy works and why it matters in BBQ Economics. *In conversation with Carissa Fairbrother & sponsored by RIVAL Wealth.* **Carterton Events Centre – \$10 (incl. refreshments)**

12-1PM, THU 24 OCT

Nicky Pellegrino: Fiction in Love

Enjoy the divine escapism of fiction by joining one of NZ's best loved novelists for a lunchtime escape in the rolling hills of Italy celebrating Marry Me in Italy. *A special Hedley's Book Club hosted by Read by Reid.* **Hedley's Books, Masterton – \$8 (incl. refreshments)**

7PM, THU 24 OCT

Fraser Books: Celebrating 40 Years

Celebrate 40 years of local publisher, Fraser Books who have published 40 books of Wairarapa history and more than 150 others with authors around the motu.

Masterton Library – Free (incl. refreshments)

11AM-12PM, SAT 26 OCT

Louise Ward: Bookshop Detectives

A delightful mix of 'The Diary of a Bookseller' and 'Thursday Murder Club', Louise tells Mary Biggs about the inspiration behind Bookshop Detectives, her colourful life past and present and the quirky side of bookselling. *In association with Featherston Booktown.* **The Royal Hotel – \$20 (includes a welcome drink)**



PADDY GOWER



SAM THE TRAP MAN



HANNAH ROSE-WATT



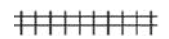
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ABOUT YARNS



Yarns in Barns: Wairarapa Festival of Reading is a celebration of stories and books designed to inspire a love of reading in our community.

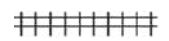
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