



# CONFERENCE PROGRAM - Gold Coast 2021



<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<b>13 August 2021</b>		
7:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Registration Open</b>	
8:20am - 8:40am	<b>Welcome - Kristine Charles MC</b>	
8:40am - 10:10am	<b>Advanced Indie Workshop Session 1:</b> Facebook, Amazon & Bookbub Ads Best Practice for success with <b>Elana Johnson (v)</b>	<b>Workshop 2</b> - Introduction to Publishing, Agents, Contracts and Pitching your MS with <b>Alex Adsett</b>
10:10am - 10:40am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
10:40am - 12:10pm	<b>Session 2:</b> Making your backlist work for you with <b>Erin Wright (v)</b>	<b>Workshop 2</b> - continued
12:10pm - 1:10pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:10pm - 2:40pm	<b>Session 3:</b> Brand New You with <b>Ally Blake</b>	<b>Workshop 2</b> - continued
2:40 pm – 3:10 pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
3:10 pm – 4:40 pm	<b>Session 4:</b> Round Tables	<b>Workshop 2</b> - continued
4:40pm - 4:50pm	<b>Close for the Day</b>	
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	<b>Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Cocktail Party</b>	



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SATURDAY, 14 August 2021					
7:30 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>				
8:15 am - 8:30 am	<b>Official Opening and Welcome to Country MC - Kristine Charles</b>				
8:30am - 8:45am	<b>Sweet Treats &amp; Spicy Bites Presentation, and Presentation of First Sale Ribbons</b>				
8:45 am - 9:20 am	<b>Keynote Address - Alison Stuart accompanied by RWA Legends</b>				
9:20am - 9:30am	<i>Room Turnaround</i>				
9:30am - 10:30am	1 - In Conversation with <b>Anita Heiss</b>	2 - Top Tips for Fixing your Manuscript with <b>Leisl Leighton</b>	3 - The Business of Being an Author - The Hard Bits made Easy with <b>Jodie Spiteri-James</b> from ASA	4 - Undressing Historical Characters 1 - Georgian & Regency with <b>Bronwyn Parry</b>	5 - The Mid-Career Crisis: How to renew and adapt when years down the track writing isn't what you first dreamed with <b>Charlotte Nash-Stewart</b>
10:30am - 11:00am	<b>Morning Tea</b>				
11:00am - 12:00pm	6 - First Love - Pointers for Writing Teen Passion with <b>Josie Montano</b>	7 - 10 Tips when Submitting to a Publisher with <b>Kimberley Atkins</b> - Hodder & Stoughton (V)	8 - Sponsor's Workshop - <b>Ingram Spark</b>	9 - Undressing Historical Characters 2 - Victorian & Edwardian with <b>Bronwyn Parry</b>	5 - continued
12:00pm - 1:00pm	10 - Nip and Tuck your Saggy Middle with <b>AJ Blythe</b>	11 - Sponsor's Workshop - <b>HQ</b>	12 - Innovations in Romance with <b>Siobhan Fitzgerald &amp; Carol Battle</b>	13 - First National Arts Protocols with <b>Patricia Adjei</b> from Australia Council for the Arts	5 - continued
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>				
2:00pm - 3:30pm	14 - Whirlwind Romances. How to Turn Your Romantic Novel into a Page Turner with <b>Jan Andrew Henderson</b>	15 - Surprise and Delight Your Readers with <b>Anne Gracie</b>	16 - Newsletters Suck - but they Don't Have To with <b>Megan Mayfair</b>	17 - Writing Transgender Characters with <b>Jake Corvus</b>	18 - Real Life in the Country with <b>Kristin Murdock</b>
3:30pm - 4:00pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>				
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Panel 1 - Industry Professionals Panel - HQ		Panel 2 - Sponsor's Workshop - D2D		
5:00pm - 5:30pm					ARRA Signing
5:30pm - 6:30pm					
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	<b>Gala Awards Dinner</b>				
10:30 pm - 12:00am	<b>After party</b>				



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<b>SUNDAY, 15 August 2021</b>					
8:15am - 8:30am	<b>Welcome - MC Kristine Charles</b>				
8:30am - 9:00am	<b>AGM</b>				
9:00am - 9:20am	<b>30 Years of Legends - Tribute</b>				
9:20am - 9:30am	<i>Room Turnaround</i>				
9:30am - 10:30am	19 - Dual Timelines with <b>Christine Wells</b>	20 - Using Anthologies to Raise your Aspiring Author Profile Panel with <b>Ava January, Nancy Cunningham &amp; Sarah Fiddelaers</b>	21 - Sponsor's Workshop - <b>D2D</b>	22 - Love in Mind - Writing Well about Mental Health with <b>Anise Eden (v)</b>	23 - Supercharge your Scenes with <b>Rachel Bailey</b>
10:30am - 11:00am	<b>Morning Tea</b>				
11:00am - 12:30pm	24 - Virtual presentation with <b>Angela Ackerman (v)</b>	25 - So You Want To Write an Indigenous Character with <b>James Saunders and Rhianna Patrick</b>	26 - How to Write Book Blurbs that Sell with <b>Belinda Williams</b>	27 - Retellings of Fairy Tales in Romance Panel with <b>Renee Geelen &amp; Philippa Borland</b>	23 - continued
12:30pm - 1:50pm	<b>Lunch</b>				
1:15pm - 2:45pm	28 - Pain-Free Plotting with <b>Paula Roe</b>	29 - Your Opening Pages with <b>Barbara Hannay</b>	30 - Don't Let Social Media Suck the Life out of You with <b>Jacinta Rose</b>	31 - Rejections, Bad Reviews and Mean People with <b>Linda Mercury (v)</b>	32 - Writing Love Scenes that Work with <b>Kandy Shepherd and Cathleen Ross</b>
2:45 - 3:15pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>				
3:15pm - 3:30pm	<b>Launch of 2022 - Perth Conference</b>				
3:30pm - 3:45pm	<b>Raffles Drawn</b>				
3:45pm - 4:30pm	<b>Closing Keynote Address - from an RWA Legend</b>				
4:30pm	<b>Close of Conference</b>				

\*Please note the program is subject to minor change. (v) indicates Virtual presentation