



# CONFERENCE PROGRAM - Gold Coast 2021



<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<b>10 December 2021</b>		
7:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Registration Open</b>	
8:20am - 8:40am	<b>Welcome - MC</b>	
8:40am - 10:10am	<b>Advanced Indie Workshop Session 1:</b> <b>NEW!</b> Facebook, Amazon & BookBub Ads for authors with <b>Kim Lambert</b>  (Zoom live)	<b>Workshop 2</b> - Introduction to Publishing, Agents, Contracts and Pitching your MS with <b>Alex Adsett</b>  (in person)
10:10am - 10:40am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
10:40am - 12:10pm	<b>Session 2:</b> Making your backlist work for you with <b>Peter M Ball</b>  (in person)	<b>Workshop 2</b> - continued
12:10pm - 1:10pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:10pm - 2:40pm	<b>Session 3:</b> Boost Your Author Brand with <b>Ally Blake</b>  (in person)	<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> Q&A panel with indie authors - <b>AK Leigh, Catherine Bilson &amp; Anna Campbell</b> . Moderated by: <b>Christine Wells</b>  (in person)	<b>Workshop 2</b> - continued
4:40 pm - 5.40 pm	<b>'In Conversation'</b> with <b>Kylie Scott - (interviewer) Sara Hartland</b>  (in person)	
5:40 pm - 5:50 pm	<b>Close for the Day</b>	
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	<b>Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Cocktail Party –</b> Sponsored by D2D <b>with presentations of First Sale Ribbons</b>	

SATURDAY, 11 December 2021				
7:30 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>			
8:15 am - 8:30 am	<b>Official Opening and Welcome to Country by Uncle John Graham - (in person)</b>			
8:30am - 8:45am	<b>Sweet Treats &amp; Spicy Bites Presentation - Tracey Rosen - (in person)</b>			
8:45 am - 9:20 am	<b>Keynote Address - Alison Stuart - (Zoom live)</b>			
9:20am - 9:30am	<i>Room Turnaround</i>			
9:30am - 10:30am	1 – Don't Let Social Media Suck the Life out of You with <b>Jacinta Rose</b> (in person)	2 - Top Tips for Fixing your Manuscript with <b>Leisl Leighton</b> (Zoom live)	3 - <b>NEW!</b> The Power of the Verb with <b>Kate Cuthbert</b> (Zoom live)	4 - The Mid-Career Crisis: <b>Charlotte Nash</b> (in person)
10:30am - 11:00am	<b>Morning Tea</b>			
11:00am - 12:00pm	5 - First Love - Pointers for Writing Teen Passion with <b>Josie Montano</b> (in person)	6 - <b>NEW TIME!</b> Real Life in the Country with <b>Maya Linnell</b> (Zoom live)	7 - <b>NEW TIME!</b> Women's Fiction - A publishers perspective with <b>Kimberley Atkins</b> Hodder & Stoughton (pre-recorded)	4 - continued
12:00pm - 1:00pm	8 - <b>NEW!</b> Let's talk Research (and travel) with <b>Anna Campbell</b> (in person)	9 - First National Arts Protocols with <b>Patricia Adjei</b> - Australia Council for the Arts (Zoom live)	10 - Nip and Tuck your Saggy Middle with <b>AJ Blythe</b> (pre-recorded)	4 - continued
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>			
2:00pm - 3:30pm	11 - Whirlwind Romances. How to Turn Your Romantic Novel into a Page Turner with <b>Jan Andrew Henderson</b> (in person)	12 - <b>NEW TIME!</b> Two Authors and a Mic - Sponsor <b>Ingram Spark</b> with <b>Debbie Lee, Keri Arthur &amp; Alicia Leigh</b> (Zoom live)	13 - The Mother of Reinvention - <b>Maisey Yates</b> (pre-recorded)	14 - Cancelled
3:30pm - 4:00pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>			
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Panel 1: 'What is Love?'</b> - a cross genre perspective - <b>Hugh Breakey, Jake Corvus, Yen-Reng Wong, Sara El Sayed</b> - Moderator <b>Alex Adsett</b> (In person)			
5:00pm - 5:30pm			ARRA Signing	
5:30pm - 6:30pm				
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	<b>Gala Awards Dinner – Hosted by Amy Andrews - LIVE STREAMED</b>			
10:30 pm - 12:00am	<b>After party</b>			



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SUNDAY, 12 December 2021				
8:15am - 8:30am	<b>Welcome - MC</b>			
8:30am - 9:00am	<b>AGM</b>			
9:00am - 9:20am	<b>30 Years of Legends - Tribute presented by Rachel Bailey (in person)</b>			
9:20am - 9:30am	<i>Room Turnaround</i>			
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>15 - Dual Timelines with Christine Wells</b>  (in person)	<b>16 - Using Anthologies to Raise your Aspiring Author Profile Panel with Ava January, Clare Griffin, Nancy Cunningham &amp; Sarah Fiddelaers</b>  (pre recorded)	<b>17 - Indie Author Blueprint - Sponsor's Workshop - Draft2Digital</b>  (pre-recorded)	<b>18 - Supercharge your Scenes with Rachel Bailey</b>  (in person)
10:30am - 11:00am	<b>Morning Tea</b>			
11:00am - 12:30pm	<b>19 - NEW TIME! Writing Transgender Characters with Jake Corvus</b>  (in person)	<b>20 - Retellings of Fairy Tales in Romance Panel with Renee Geelen &amp; Philippa Borland</b>  (Zoom Live)	<b>21 - How to raise the stakes (without killing anyone) with Angela Ackerman</b>  (pre-recorded)	<b>18 - continued</b>
12:30pm - 1:50pm	<b>Lunch</b>			
1:15pm - 2:45pm	<b>22 - Your All Important Opening Pages with Barbara Hannay</b>  (in person)	<b>23 - NEW TIME! How to Write Book Blurbs that Sell with Belinda Williams</b>  (Zoom live)	<b>24 - Tools of the Trade - Sponsor's Workshop with Draft2Digital</b>  (pre-recorded)	<b>25-Rejections, Bad Reviews and Mean People with Linda Mercury</b>  (pre-recorded)
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 – Meredith Webber with Amy Andrews (in person)</b>			
4:30pm	<b>Close of Conference</b>			

\*Please note the program is subject to minor change.