



CONFERENCE PROGRAM - Gold Coast 2021



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



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SATURDAY, 11 December 2021				
7:30 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Open			
8:15 am - 8:30 am	Official Opening and Welcome to Country by Uncle John Graham - (in person)			
8:30am - 8:45am	Sweet Treats & Spicy Bites Presentation - Tracey Rosen - (in person)			
8:45 am - 9:20 am	Keynote Address - Alison Stuart - (Zoom live)			
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 Jacinta Rose (in person)	2 - Top Tips for Fixing your Manuscript with Leisl Leighton (Zoom live)	3 - NEW! The Power of the Verb with Kate Cuthbert (Zoom live)	4 - The Mid-Career Crisis: Charlotte Nash (in person)
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea			
11:00am - 12:00pm	5 - First Love - Pointers for Writing Teen Passion with Josie Montano (in person)	6 - NEW TIME! The Romance of Country Living - and how to write about it with Maya Linnell (Zoom live)	7 - NEW TIME! Women's Fiction - A publishers perspective with Kimberley Atkins Hodder & Stoughton (pre-recorded)	4 - continued
12:00pm - 1:00pm	8 - NEW! Let's talk Research (and travel) with Anna Campbell (in person)	9 - First National Arts Protocols with Patricia Adjei - Australia Council for the Arts (Zoom live)	10 - Nip and Tuck your Saggy Middle with AJ Blythe (pre-recorded)	4 - continued
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch			
2:00pm - 3:30pm	11 - Whirlwind Romances. How to Turn Your Romantic Novel into a Page Turner with Jan Andrew Henderson (in person)	12 - NEW TIME! Two Authors and a Mic - Sponsor Ingram Spark with Debbie Lee, Keri Arthur & Alicia Leigh (Zoom live)	13 - The Mother of Reinvention - Maisey Yates (pre-recorded)	14 - Cancelled
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Afternoon Tea			
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Panel 1: 'What is Love?' - a cross genre perspective - Hugh Breakey, Jake Corvus, Yen-Reng Wong, Sara El Sayed - Moderator Alex Adsett (In person)			
5:00pm - 5:30pm			ARRA Signing	
5:30pm - 6:30pm				
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Gala Awards Dinner – Hosted by Amy Andrews - LIVE STREAMED			
10:30 pm - 12:00am	After party			



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SUNDAY, 12 December 2021				
8:15am - 8:30am	Welcome - MC			
8:30am - 9:00am	AGM			
9:00am - 9:20am	30 Years of Legends - Tribute presented by Rachel Bailey (in person)			
9:20am - 9:30am	Room Turnaround			
9:30am - 10:30am	15 - Dual Timelines with Christine Wells (in person)	16 - Using Anthologies to Raise your Aspiring Author Profile Panel with Ava January, Clare Griffin, Nancy Cunningham & Sarah Fiddelaers (pre recorded)	17 - Indie Author Blueprint - Sponsor's Workshop - Draft2Digital (pre-recorded)	18 - Supercharge your Scenes with Rachel Bailey (in person)
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea			
11:00am - 12:30pm	19 - NEW TIME! Writing Transgender Characters with Jake Corvus (in person)	20 - Retellings of Fairy Tales in Romance Panel with Renee Geelen & Philippa Borland (Zoom Live)	21 - How to raise the stakes (without killing anyone) with Angela Ackerman (pre-recorded)	18 - continued
12:30pm - 1:50pm	Lunch			
1:15pm - 2:45pm	22 - Your All Important Opening Pages with Barbara Hannay (in person)	23 - NEW TIME! How to Write Book Blurbs that Sell with Belinda Williams (Zoom live)	24 - Tools of the Trade - Sponsor's Workshop with Draft2Digital (pre-recorded)	25-Rejections, Bad Reviews and Mean People with Linda Mercury (pre-recorded)
2:45 - 3:15pm	Afternoon Tea			
3:15pm - 3:30pm	Launch of 2022 - Perth Conference			
3:30pm - 3:45pm	Raffles Drawn			
3:45pm - 4:30pm	Closing Keynote Address – Meredith Webber with Amy Andrews (in person)			
4:30pm	Close of Conference			

*Please note the program is subject to minor change.