

Media Release



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Northern Rivers Community Gallery & Ignite Studios

Writers on the Road to visit Ballina

Writers on the Road, the free Byron Writers Festival touring program, is exploring the new normal this year with a crew of literary mavericks. Acclaimed authors and artists onboard include Bigambul illustrator **Dub Leffler**, writer and teacher **Gabbie Stroud**, author and filmmaker **Benjamin Gilmour** and Yuwaalaraay author and musician **Nardi Simpson**.

The series of free events will start off in the evening on Monday 30 November on the Cafe lawns at **Northern Rivers Community Gallery**.

"COVID-19 has made us all pause and reflect on what is important. We believe that connecting readers with emerging writers is more important now than ever," said tour manager Zacharey Jane. "Writers on the Road is all about sharing the power of storytelling, up close and personal, and reminding ourselves of what is real and what is valuable."

Now in its seventh year, Writers on the Road takes award-winning Australian authors, illustrators and poets to regional towns in northern NSW for free school workshops and community events. It boasts alumni of renowned writers including Kristina Olsson, Michael Robotham, Jock Serong, Lian Hearn, Ashley Hay, Nick Earls, Ellen van Neerven and Omar Sakr, among many others.

"We are so grateful to Create NSW for continuing to fund this unique community program," said Byron Writers Festival Director Edwina Johnson. "Over the years it has created valuable connections between our touring writers and communities throughout the Northern Rivers. The writers love sharing their stories on the road with readers, and each other."

All events are free and all are welcome. Come share your own ideas about the real world with these wonderful writers and creatives. Due to COVID-19 capacity restrictions, bookings are essential. Tour dates and booking details found at <u>byronwritersfestival.com/wotr</u>.

Northern Rivers Community Gallery will be hosting the Writers on the Road free event on the Gallery Cafe lawns on Monday 30 November at 5.30pm. Bookings are essential and there will be a maximum capacity of 30 attendees for the event. To book visit the gallery website **nrcgballina.com.au** or phone 02 6681 0530.

Book online via the Gallery website **nrcgballina.com.au** or phone 02 6681 0530. The Northern Rivers Community Gallery is located at 44 Cherry Street Ballina and is open Wednesday to Friday from 10am until 4pm and weekends from 9.30am until 2.30pm. For further information contact the Gallery on telephone 02 6681 0530 or visit www.nrcgballina.com

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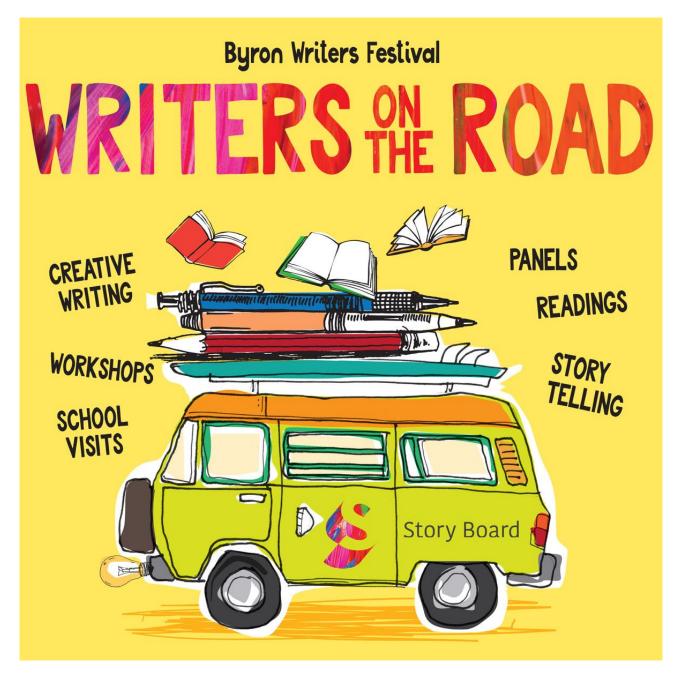


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