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true passion

**brisbane writers festival
9 - 13 September 2009**

2 Weeks to Go!

STAFF PICKS - YVONNE JENSEN

Opening Ceremony - Noel Pearson

Setting the Festival standard high for 2009, Noel Pearson's Opening Address (6PM Wednesday 9 September) discussing education, literacy, and language in Australia will raise questions and issues that will be debated throughout the Festival and beyond. I look forward to a special performance by William Barton and Aunty Delmae Barton, as well as a well-earned drink and a special, surprise event in The Breezeway Beer Garden after the Ceremony.

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Ask Bettina Arndt Anything

For most of us, balancing careers, children, physical relationships, and emotional needs provides a constant challenge. As one of Australia's leading sex therapists, Bettina Arndt invites you to "ask her anything", in her quest to breakdown the communication barriers between men and women. Come along and learn from the daring questions and intriguing answers that are sure to arise!

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rock'n'roll is a primary colour

The songwriting name behind Australian classics such as Khe Sanh, Flame Trees, and Cheap Wine, Don Walker evokes the wild times of Australian rock'n'roll throughout the 70s, his life on the road, and his early days of music-making in his memoir Shots. I can't wait to hear the

behind-the-scenes stories from one of Australia's greatest rock'n'roll legends.

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Rich AND Green

Large corporations and governments around the world are at the forefront of a clean industrial revolution. I particularly admire Mark Diesendorf, Ben McNeil, and Andrew Westoll, who join the 2009 Festival to promote environmental sustainability and economic prosperity as inseparable factors in securing a greener future for our planet.

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FEATURED AUTHORS

Jeb Brugmann *Welcome to the Urban Revolution*

In *Welcome to the Urban Revolution*, Jeb Brugmann argues that the twenty-first century's greatest challenges can - and must - be met through new approaches to city building. As an urban nation, with nearly 90 per cent of its population living in cities, how can Australia lead the way? Brugmann's initiatives mobilising more than 6500 cities and communities in 115 countries to address global environmental problems at the local level, have been officially recognised by the UN General Assembly, three UN summits and the UN Kyoto Protocol secretariat. .



Sessions with Jeb Brugmann include:

Thursday, 10 September 2009

Environmental Sustainability vs. Economic Imperative. [Read more...](#)

Saturday, 12 September 2009

The Urban Revolution. [Read more...](#)

Sunday, 13 September 2009

Writing the City. [Read more...](#)

Taking Up Arms: The Corporate Led Green War. [Read more...](#)

Chris Bray

Australian Geographic Young Adventurer of the Year Chris Bray (25) blogs from the most remote corners of the globe. In conversation as well as in a very special workshop, Chris will share the secrets of his adventuring; how participants can get their own blog started and the tips needed to choose the right satellite enabled equipment. With Chris' advice everyone will leave armed with the tools ready to start blogging from their own exotic and previously unimagined adventures! Chris will show how he has applied his engineering degree to developing innovative approaches to adventuring.



www.christbray.net

Sessions with Chris Bray include:

Saturday, 12 September 2009

Blogging from Remote Corners of the World. [Read more...](#)

Adventures: Moving on from the Boy Scouts. [Read more...](#)

In Other News Around Brisbane:

AVID READER GREAT BOOK SWAP

Avid Reader is hosting The Great Book Swap 2009 this Friday 28 August. Go along with a book you've loved and your recommendation. Join in for drinks, celebrity books and art auctions. Find another book and pay what you think it's worth.

Date: 28 August 2009

Location: 193 Boundary Street, West End

Time: 6:30PM

Tickets: \$15

RSVP: books@avidreader.com or 07 3846 3422

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CYA Later, Alligator' Conference

CYA Later, Alligator' Conference will be held on 12th September 2009.

Aimed as professional development for new and established writers and illustrators of Children's and Young Adult literature. Master classes and workshops will be conducted by International and Australian authors and Illustrators. Industry professionals will conduct manuscript assessment/pitches.

Details: www.cyaconference.com



The Smith Family Books Project

In 2008, The Smith Family was delighted to partner with Cherbourg State School to engage the students on a unique media project - developing and producing books which reflect the culture, history and stories of the Cherbourg community. Each of the 250 primary students who participated were able to go on a journey that would see eight books published which every student could own and take home as their own.

To find out more visit www.thesmithfamily.com.au



everyone's family

Brisbane's FREE 150th Celebration Party

Brisbane springs alive from 9.30am -8pm on Sunday 6 September at **Come Celebrate**, the city's FREE 150th anniversary party.

An exciting array of entertainment, art, sport, music, and international cuisine will be available at a 2 km party precinct across three iconic Brisbane landmarks City Botanic Gardens, Goodwill Bridge and South Bank Parklands.

www.ourbrisbane.com/brisbane150

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The Queensland Terrace of the State Library makes for an ideal location for live broadcasts of Conversations with Richard Fidler. This year there'll be several live Conversations events with writers:

Killing People with Jeff Lindsay, the author of the gruesomely



fascinating Dexter books, will join M.J Hyland, the author of This Is How on creating protagonists who kill.

Bettina Arndt and Linda Jaivin will reveal their thoughts on the female libido in a discussion called Not Tonight, Honey.

Other guests such as Jeb Brugman, Tracey Chevalier, Don Walker and Greg Hurwitz will be the subject of feature interviews during the week around the BWF. We're proud to be associated with the BWF this year.

Dendy Cinemas

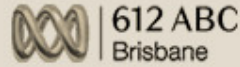
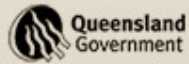
Literature is an exercise in the imagination, as it has the timeless quality of being interpreted by each individual in a unique way. Film can add unprecedented dimensions to the worlds crafted by writers. Dendy Portside Cinemas are

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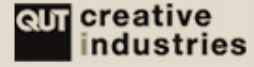
a fervent and enthusiastic supporter of literature-based films. In 2009, outstanding examples of the synergy between literature and film have been bought to Dendy screens, with the likes of Bernhard Schlink's *The Reader*, Philip Roth's *Elegy*, John Boyne's *The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas*, Dan Brown's *Angels & Demons*, and most recently J.M Coetzee's *Disgrace*, directed by Australia's very own Steve Jacobs. Dendy Portside Cinemas is proud to be a partner of the Brisbane Writers Festival, and continue to promote the essential affiliation between writing and film. Located in Brisbane's premium riverfront dining precinct, Dendy Cinemas Portside offers you the best in quality movies. With a fully licensed bar and auditoriums, armchair style cinema seating, and over 300 free parking spaces, you can relax and immerse yourself in the film stress-free, and in the ultimate excellence.

As part of the Brisbane Writer's Festival 2009, Dendy Portside Cinemas and Paramount present an exclusive BWF screening of Nick Hornby's novel *An Education* on Thursday 10th September, at 6:45pm. [Read more...](#)

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