



# Hawke's Bay Readers & Writers Festival 10 - 12 OCTOBER

We've invited the best and brightest creators of every kind of book to talk about their work and the ideas that drive them. Book quickly, as our events do fill up fast!

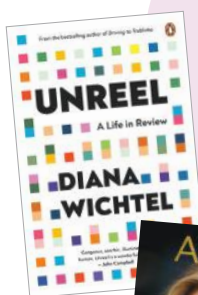


Alison Mau, Diana Wichtel & Catherine Robertson

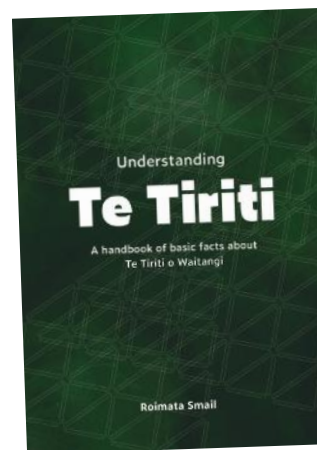
## MEDIA MEMOIRS

Friday 10 October   5.30pm	Early Bird \$10
Toitoto, Assembly Ballroom	General \$15

Catherine Robertson interviews two high-profile New Zealand journalists as they turn the spotlight on their own lives. Alison Mau's memoir *No Words for This*, "an inspiring, honest and intimate memoir", delves into the darkness in her own family. Diana Wichtel's book *Unreel: A Life in Review* has been described as "sharply funny, wise and profound" - another story about a family, running parallel to what we were watching on the telly.



READERS AND WRITERS



Roimata Small

## UNDERSTANDING TE TIRITI

Friday 10 October   7.30pm	Early Bird \$10
Toitoto, Assembly Ballroom	General \$15

Human rights lawyer and Te Tiriti educator Roimata Small's *Understanding Te Tiriti* is a little book that has made a big impact. Using accessible language and stunning graphics, the book sets out the differences between Te Tiriti and The Treaty of Waitangi, what happened after 1840, as well as what honouring Te Tiriti might mean today. This session is a unique opportunity to hear Roimata's own presentation on our country's founding document.

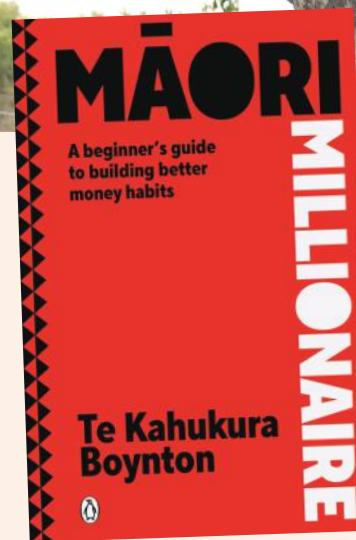


Te Kahukura Boynton & Maia Beauchamp

## MĀORI MILLIONAIRE

Saturday 11 October   10.00am	Early Bird \$10
Hastings Arts Centre	General \$15

Te Kahukura Boynton is the founder of Māori Millionaire and is a passionate advocate for closing the wealth gap. She has been recognised with numerous accolades including the UN Women's Entrepreneur of the Day Award. Her book, *Māori Millionaire* is a beginner's guide to healing your money mindset to increase your income. Te Kahukura will be talking with Maia Beauchamp from Hukarere Girls' College.



Sam Gibson, Dr Jessica Hutchings, Gretta Carney & Roimata Smail

## PĀTAKA KAI

Saturday 11 October   12.00pm	Early Bird \$10
Hastings Arts Centre	General \$15

It's time to talk food and where we find it. Meet Sam Gibson aka *Sam the Trap Man*, hunter, tracker and modern outdoorsman, who always has another cracking yarn to tell. With him is Dr Jessica Hutchings author of *Pātaka Kai: Growing Kai Sovereignty* which discusses indigenous foods and biodiversity; and Gretta Carney, member of the Aotearoa delegation to the Terra Madre International Slow Food Meeting of Indigenous Food Producers in Italy 2008. In the chair we welcome back Roimata Smail.

Dominic Hoey, Airana Ngarewa & Louise Ward

## DYNAMIC HISTORIES

Saturday 11 October   2.00pm	Early Bird \$10
Hastings Arts Centre	General \$15

We bring you two novelists finding inspiration from our recent history. Dominic Hoey's coming-of-age novel *1985* is an adventure story packed with local colour, family poverty and dysfunction, which has been described as "writing of raw and shining brilliance".

Rising star Airana Ngarewa's new book, *The Last Living Cannibal* takes us back to 1940s Taranaki and is said to be "the epitome of a classic Aotearoa novel". They chat to Louise Ward about where they find their stories.

Simon Burt, Bill Mouat & Hugh McBain

## HAWKE'S BAY ROAD TRIP

Saturday 11 October   4.00pm	Early Bird \$10
Toitoti, Assembly Ballroom	General \$15

*Route 52* takes you to Pōrangahau. It's also the title of Simon Burt's new book. Subtitled "A Big Lump of Country Unknown", this is the story of a small, isolated community in a land of big skies, surf and wilderness. Bill Mouat's book *Gold Under the Manuka* is a history of Mangaorapa Station – a Pōrangahau enterprise that has been in the family for three generations. Simon and Bill are joined by Hugh McBain, author of *The Plough, the Chalice and the Sword*, in the chair for a fascinating talk about stories that are uniquely Hawke's Bay.



Ruth Shaw, Jenny Patrick & Cristina Sanders

## MORE TALES TO TELL

Saturday 11 October   6.00pm	Early Bird \$10
Toitoti, Assembly Ballroom	General \$15

We welcome back Ruth Shaw who has more stories from her *Three Wee Bookshops at the End of the World*, a memoir with sailing adventures, world travel and quirky characters in the mix. She's joined by perennial Kiwi favourite, Jenny Patrick, whose new novel, *Sea Change*, is a contemporary read about what happens to a coastal community devastated by a tsunami. In the chair is historical fiction author and avid sailor, Cristina Sanders.

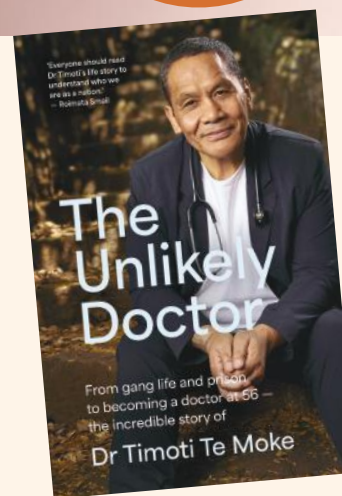


Dr Timoti Te Moke & Airana Ngarewa

## THE UNLIKELY DOCTOR

Sunday 12 October   10.00am	Early Bird \$10
Hastings Arts Centre	General \$15

Meet Dr Timoti Te Moke whose extraordinary life began with a childhood of abuse, life in a gang and then prison to becoming a doctor at the age of 56. Now a house doctor in both Middlemore and Auckland Hospitals, Timoti tells his story in a memoir of human resilience and the cost of lost potential. Timoti discusses his book with best-selling author Airana Ngarewa.

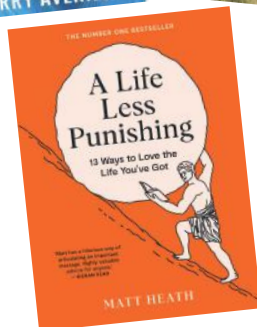


Harry Averill, Sam Gibson & Matt Heath

# HEALING AND RECOVERY

Sunday 12 October   12.00pm	Early Bird \$10
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Life can deal some terrible hands, but when it strikes you as a teenager, how do you cope? Harry Averill struggled with anorexia as a teenager but now in his twenties, his mission is to encourage happier lives, with his book, *Hungry to Be Happy* detailing his journey. Harry joins Sam Gibson (*Sam the Trap Man*) for an inspiring session on how to live your best life, chaired by Matt Heath, actor, broadcaster and author of *A Life Less Punishing: 13 ways to love the life you've got*.



Kate O'Keeffe, Isa Ritchie, James Russell & Catherine Robertson

# THE MOST FAMOUS AUTHORS YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF

Sunday 12 October   2.00pm	Early Bird \$10
Toitoti, Assembly Ballroom	General \$15

Who are the writers selling so many books they can give up their day jobs? Kate O'Keeffe writes laugh-out-loud rom-coms and has published over 30 novels.

Writing as Iris Beaglehole, Isa Ritchie publishes and markets cosy mysteries with a touch of magic.

James Russell is the author of popular children's adventure stories, many with dragons.

In the chair, Catherine Robertson asks what it takes to be a successful indie author.

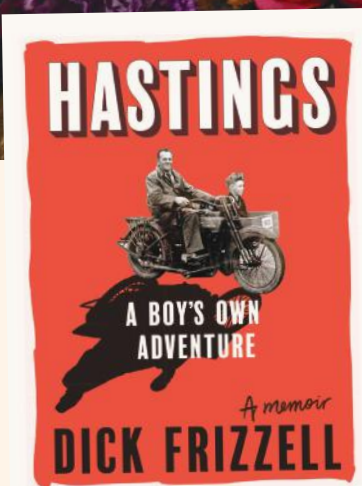


Dick Frizzell & Lizzie Russell

# THE DICK FRIZZELL STORY

Sunday 12 October   4.00pm	Early Bird \$10
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Dick Frizzell has become a national icon for his pop art paintings and prints. A lad from Hawke's Bay, his memoir *Hastings: A Boy's Own Adventure* is "a love letter to his hometown" and captures growing up in the 1950s and 60s in a provincial city. Hear his favourite reminiscences as he discusses his book with that other home-grown gem, Lizzie Russell.



# POETRY SLAM '25

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