

## More about the Yarns in Barns speakers

### Keith Stewart

A prominent wine columnist and writer, he is the recent author of *Chancers and Visionaries: A History of Wine in New Zealand*.

### Alexa Johnston

A freelance art curator, she is the author of the best selling *Ladies, a Plate* and the recent *A Second Helping*.

### Nick Bollinger

Music columnist and broadcaster – National Radio's 'The Sampler' since 2001 – he is the author of the well-received *100 Essential New Zealand Albums*.

### Te Radar (aka as Andrew Lumsden)

Documentary maker, writer, stand up comic, he fronted two top-rating television programmes – 'Off the Radar' and 'Homegrown' in 2008. He is currently starring in 'Radar's Patch'.

### Matt Elliott

A stand up comedy veteran, he has worked in radio, TV and films and wrote the successful biography *Billy T: The Life and Times of Billy T. James*.

### Jill Marshall

Prolific author and writing coach, she writes for pre-schoolers, young readers (the popular Jane Blonde series) and adult. Her latest adult novel is *The Most Beautiful Man in the World*.

### Felicity Price

Author of the bestselling biography *Dare to Dream: the John Britten Story* – and five novels. Her most recent novel is *Head Over Heels*.

### John Perriam

John Perriam owns the iconic Bendigo Station near Cromwell in Central Otago. Author of the bestseller, *Dust to Gold: the inspiring story of Bendigo Station, home of Shrek*.

### Theresa Gattung

The former Telecom CEO has recently written the autobiographical *Bird on a Wire*, and is the chair of Wool Partners International.

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# FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

## Thursday 20 May

Cody Lounge, Masterton District Council, Chapel Street, Masterton.

**7.00pm – Literary Connections:** A stimulating conversation about contemporary fiction writing. An award-winning short story writer, **Charlotte Grimshaw's** new novel *The Night Book* is particularly perceptive about contemporary New Zealand society and politics. **Paula Morris**, award-winning short story writer, novelist and editor of *The Penguin Book of Contemporary New Zealand Short Stories*, teaches creative writing at Tulane University, New Orleans. Tickets \$10 from Hedley's Bookshop.

## Saturday 22 May

Gladstone Vineyard, Gladstone Road, Carterton.

**3.00pm – 'Poems on the Vine':** Both **Dame Fiona Kidman** and **Bill Manhire** have recently published well-received poetry collections. They read from these and talk about what inspires the writing of poetry with **Fergus Barrowman**, Victoria University Press publisher. Ticket price includes one glass of Gladstone wine. Tickets \$10 from Hedley's Bookshop.

## Sunday 23 May

Martinborough Wine Centre, Kitchener St, Martinborough.

**3.00pm – Keith Stewart**, author of the recent history of wine in New Zealand, reminisces about great wines he has known and the importance of wine to the country's increasingly diverse and singular culture. Tickets \$10, includes first glass of wine, from Hedley's Bookshop and Martinborough Wine Centre.

## Tuesday 25 May

Masterton District Library, Queen Street, Masterton.

**2.00pm – Alexa Johnston**, author of the best-selling *Ladies, A Plate*, will talk about the traditional pleasures involved in food preparation.

Hedley's Bookshop, Queen Street, Masterton.

**5.30pm –** Meet and talk to Alexa Johnston about cooking. Limited numbers, so essential to advise attendance.

## Wednesday 26 May

St Mark's Church Hall, Main Road, Carterton.

**10.00am –** Launch of the Wairarapa Archive's latest book, *Two Men of Mana and Other Stories: A Celebration of Wairarapa's Early Days* in association with Carterton Public Library. The book will be launched by **Dave Saunders**, editor, *Wairarapa Times-Age* and author and Wairarapa archivist **Gareth Winter** will entertain with some telling tales from the region's past. Morning tea will be served.

## Thursday 27 May

Hedley's Bookshop, Queen Street, Masterton.

**7.00pm – Nick Bollinger**, broadcaster and author talks New Zealand music scene. Entertainment from Veranda Band. Tickets \$10 from Hedley's Bookshop.

## Friday 28 May

Cophorne Hotel and Resort, High Street, Masterton.

The Great WBS Yarns in Barns Debate is now a Wairarapa institution. Seating from **7.00pm**.

**7.30-8.30pm –** The debaters, including **Te Radar**, **Matt Elliott**, **Jill Marshall**, **Felicity Price**, **Mary Kippenberger** (storyteller) and **Marama Fox** (Te Reo and drama teacher) will, under the watchful eye of Masterton's **Roy Farman**, grapple with the pros and cons of the proposition "that Comedy is simply a funny way of being serious". Tickets \$15 from Hedley's Bookshop. For dinner reservations at 'The Grill at Solway Park' after the debate, phone 06 370 0513.

## Saturday 29 May

Wairarapa Archive, 79 Queen Street, Masterton.

**10.30am –** Author **Jill Marshall** will run a mini-workshop: 'Children's and adult fiction – is there a difference?' She, who writes both, will explore the similarities and differences between the two, and help those attending consider where their own interest might best lie. Tickets \$5 from Hedley's Bookshop.

Strang Woolshed, Gladstone, Carterton (4km on the right south of Gladstone intersection on road to Longbush).

**3.00pm – Yarns in Barns** featuring **Te Radar** and **Matt Elliott**, with **Gareth Winter** adding a local touch. Lively entertainment – all welcome to participate by telling their best yarn! Hot chocolate provided. \$5 adults, \$2 students from Hedley's Bookshop. Booking essential.

## Sunday 30 May

Greytown Town Hall, Main Street, Greytown.

**3.00pm – John Perriam** and **Theresa Gattung** discuss their recent books – and their shared interest in wool. Chairman: **Sir Brian Lochore**.

Tickets \$10 from Hedley's Bookshop and Greytown Public Library, 89-91 Main Street, Greytown.

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### Charlotte Grimshaw

Winner of national and international awards and prizes since her debut novel *Provocation* in 1999. Both her short story collections, *Opportunity* (2007) and *Singularity* (2009) were short-listed for the prestigious Frank O'Connor Short Story Award.

### Paula Morris

Author of four novels, her short story collection, *Forbidden Cities*, was a regional finalist in the Commonwealth Writers' Prize.

### Fergus Barrowman

Publisher of Victoria University Press since 1988. Founder and editor of literary journal *Sport*.

### Dame Fiona Kidman

Leading contemporary novelist, short story writer and poet. Her latest poetry collection, *Where Your Left Hand Rests*, was published recently. She is the President of Honour for the New Zealand Book Council.

### Bill Manhire

The author of 15 poetry collections – *Victims of Lightning* his latest – he received the 2007 Prime Minister's Award for Literary Achievement. He is director of the International Institute of Modern Letters at Victoria University of Wellington.



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