

## More about the Authors

**Bernard Beckett:** Featherston born writer of fiction for young adults; his latest book, *Falling for Science*, offers a history of the ideas behind recent scientific development.

**Janice Marriott:** author of *Common Ground*, the true story of two friends and two very different gardens.

**Denis Welch:** born/educated in Masterton; until recently deputy editor of NZ Listener; author of the novel *Human Remains*, currently writing biography of Helen Clark.

**Joseph Romanos:** one of NZ's best-known sports journalists/columnists; latest of nearly 40 books, *Our Olympic Century* covers NZ's first 100 years at the Olympic Games.

**Shonagh Koea:** author of three short story collections as well as seven novels, including the acclaimed *Sing To Me Dreamer*; her latest book is *The Kindness of Strangers: Kitchen Memoirs*.

**Peter Wells:** film writer and director and author of numerous books including *Lucky Bastards* published in 2007; was made MNZOM for services to literature and film in 2006.

**Ali Foster:** currently completing a Diploma of Children's Literature; *Elwyn's Dream* builds on her winning entry in the Mitre 10 Children's Short Story Competition.

**Scott Tulloch:** lives in Martinborough; he illustrates in a variety of styles and mediums, from highly realistic wildlife in watercolour to wacky pen and ink cartoons.

**Zareen Javaid:** leant to cook from her mother in the Punjab region of Pakistan; her traditional family recipes bring to life this exotic country's diverse culinary experiences.

**Steve Braunias:** best known for his *Sunday Star-Times* columns and scripts for TV One's 'Eating Media Lunch'; wrote the best selling *How To Watch A Bird* in 2007.

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**28 May – 8 June 2008**

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WAIRARAPA FESTIVAL OF READING

# FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

## Wednesday 28 May

Wesley Wing, Aratoi, Wairarapa Museum of Art & History, cnr Bruce & Dixon Streets, Masterton

**7.00pm – Official Opening** of ‘Yarns in Barns’ by Masterton mayor Garry Daniell.

**7.15pm – Fact or Fiction:** Two of the country’s most popular authors discuss whether it is easier to write historical fiction or your own memoir. **Fiona Kidman** has just completed her memoir *At the End of Darwin Road*; **Jenny Pattrick’s** latest historical novel, *Landings*, is set against the background of the Whanganui River in 1907-08. Tickets \$10 from Hedley’s Bookshop or Aratoi, Wairarapa Museum of Art & History.

## Thursday 29 May

Aratoi, Wairarapa Museum of Art & History, cnr Bruce & Dixon Streets, Masterton.

**7.00pm - Jill Trevelyan**, author of the recently published *Rita Angus: An Artist’s Life*, talks about one of the country’s most celebrated and influential artists. Tickets \$5 from Hedley’s Bookshop or Aratoi, Wairarapa Museum of Art & History.

## Friday 30 May

Copthorne Hotel and Resort, High Street, Solway, Masterton.

**7.00pm** – Meet the participants in the WBS Yarns in Barns Debate, now a Wairarapa institution. Book signing session.

**7.30-8.30pm** – The debaters, including **Tom Scott, Joe Bennett, Judith Fyfe, Denis Welch, Bernard Beckett** and **Janice Marriott** will, under the watchful eye of Arrow FM’s **Michael Wilson**, grapple with the pros and cons of the proposition “that the expression ‘A picture’s worth a thousand words’ is even more true today than when it was first coined”. Tickets \$15 from Hedley’s Bookshop. For dinner reservations at ‘The Grill at Solway Park’, phone 06 370 0513.

## Saturday 31 May

Wairarapa Archive, 79 Queen Street, Masterton.

**10.30am** – *Dominion Post* cartoonist **Tom Scott** and **Ian F Grant**, founder of the NZ Cartoon Archive at Wellington’s Alexander Turnbull Library, will discuss cartoons, how funny they really need to be and their special significance in an election year.

Tickets \$5 from Hedley’s Bookshop.

## Saturday 31 May

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

**3.00pm** – **Yarns in Barns** featuring **Joe Bennett** popular ‘Columnist of the Year’ and author of *Eyes Right (And They’s Wrong)*, *Mustn’t Grumble* and the recent *Where Underpants Come From* Lively entertainment – all welcome to participate by telling their best yarn! Hot chocolate provided. \$5 adults, \$2 students.

## Tuesday 3 June

Hedley’s Bookshop, Queen Street, Masterton.

**5.00pm** – Meet **Joseph Romanos**, sports columnist and author of the recently published *Our Olympic Century* and chat about New Zealand’s chances at Beijing.

## Wednesday 4 June

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

**6.00pm** – **An hour with Shonagh Koea and Peter Wells:** two good friends talk about writing, life, food and other quandaries. Tickets \$10 from Hedley’s Bookshop.

## Thursday 5 June

Pukaha Mount Bruce Wildlife Centre. World Environment Day: **Mitre 10 Takahe Rescue**

**Launch** of *Elwyn’s Dream*, by **Ali Foster** and **Viv Walker** (illustrator), a book inspired by Mt. Bruce’s Elwyn Welch.

Limited tickets from Hedley’s Bookshop.

## Friday 6 June

Martinborough Wine Centre, Kitchener Street, Martinborough.

**6.30pm** – A celebration of the international success of **Scott Tulloch’s** books *Willy’s Mum* and *Willy’s Dad*. *Echo and Hush* by VM Jones, and illustrated by Scott, is being published in June

## Saturday 7 June

Hedley’s Bookshop, Queen Street, Masterton.

**Midday** - Lunchtime tasting of traditional Punjabi food prepared by **Zareen Javaid** from her new *Pakistani Cookbook*.

## Sunday 8 June

Greytown Town Hall, Main Street, Greytown.

**3.00pm** – Columnist **Steve Braunias** entertains with anecdotes from his new book *Roosters I Have Known*.

Tickets \$5 from Hedley’s Bookshop and Greytown Public Library, 89-91 Main Street, Greytown.

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**Dame Fiona Kidman:** author of more than 20 books, mainly novels and short stories; her latest book is the memoir *At the End of Darwin Road*.

**Jenny Pattrick:** her three historical novels *The Denniston Rose*, *Heart of Coal*, and *Catching the Current*, are all bestsellers. Her latest novel is *Landings*

**Jill Trevelyan:** a curator and writer with an interest in NZ art from the mid-20th century; her *Rita Angus: An Artist’s Life* is the first biography of the famous artist.

**Joe Bennett:** in *Where Underpants Come From* he traces a pair of Warehouse underpants from store shelf in NZ all the way to Chinese cotton fields near Afghanistan.



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