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*Papaki tū ana ngā tai ki Mauao*

*I whakanukunukuhia.*

*I whakanekenekehia.*

*I whiua reretia e Hotu a Wahinerua ki te wai,*

*Ki tai wāwā, ki tai wāwā,*

*Ki te whai ao, ki tea ao mārama,*

*Tihei mauri ora.*

## Escape with us!

Nau mai, haere mai, a warm welcome to Escape, the little Festival with big ideas. We look forward to having you join us for conversations with writers, readers, thinkers and storytellers. We can't wait to warmly welcome them all to Tauranga and to share them with our community.

In the programme there are firm favourites like the morning tea, which this year is with national treasure, Judy Bailey, as well as the fun and free Zinefest in the Cargo Shed. We are also proud to bring some new innovations and partnerships this year. We are particularly excited to partner with Kūwao. We also can't wait to share *Into the Night* a local literary trail with talks, and even a literary pub quiz, taking place in various venues around the city. You can move between venues to hear incredible local storytellers and icons like Dame Susan Devoy. On Sunday we have an inspiring day lined up starting with *Coffee with the Headlines* where three experienced journalists will summarise the Sunday morning headlines for you as you sip your coffee.

We remain indebted to the generous support of our

funders, sponsors and patrons – there is no Escape without you. There is also no Escape without the very talented team of Gabrielle Vincent, our Literary Programmer, Hannah Wynn, our Programme Co-ordinator and Zinefest Producer, and Trish Galvin who manages Festival Operations of every kind. I am also indebted to our hardworking Board trustees who spend countless hours behind the scenes.

We can't wait to have you join the conversation and to share stories and literary magic with you. Bring your friends and family and enjoy the Escape.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Kathryn Lellman – Chair



## Book your tickets!

### Phone Eventfinda

0800 289 849

### Online

taurangafestival.co.nz  
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### In Person

Baycourt Box Office  
38 Durham Street  
Tauranga

Mon–Fri, 10.00am–4.00pm

Booking fees may apply  
to all ticket purchases.

Limited walk-up tickets  
available at the venues.

### Day Pass

#### Sunday Day Pass \$75

Entry to all four speaker sessions  
on Sunday 20 October  
at The Cargo Shed

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## Accessibility

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### Companion Tickets

We have a number of complimentary companion tickets available at each event. If you require a companion ticket please contact the Festival team.

### Wheelchair Access Bookings

All Festival venues have wheelchair access. To book wheelchair seating at the Baycourt Community and Arts Centre please contact them directly via 07 577 7188, or [baycourtbodyoffice@tauranga.govt.nz](mailto:baycourtbodyoffice@tauranga.govt.nz). For all other venues please contact the Festival team.

### Service Dogs

Please let us know if you will be bringing your service dog so we can arrange appropriate seating for you.

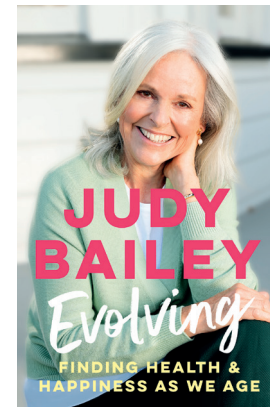
### Sensory Sensitivity Needs

We want to ensure everyone feels comfortable. If you or one of your guests is neurodiverse or has sensory sensitivities please get in touch to discuss your access requirements.

**We are continually looking for ways to improve our understanding of accessibility needs, universal design and social inclusion. If you have any feedback in this regard, please reach out to us.**



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## The Next Stage: A Morning Tea

Join us for a memorable morning tea with a national treasure. When beloved broadcaster **Judy Bailey** signed off her final news bulletin in 2005, she had no idea that the next years would be some of the most fulfilling of her life. In her book, *Evolving*, Judy shares science and personal stories that have shaped her own path into older age. She tackles subjects like taking care of your body and mind through organising finances, navigating health scares, grieving loved ones and enjoying the finer things. In conversation with **Sandra Simpson**, Judy reflects on her inspirational journey and shares an informative take on embracing our next stage in life.

Our delicious morning tea is catered by friends of the Festival and star caterers, Hereford Kitchen. Take the morning off – and move quickly! Spaces are limited.

**Friday 18 October  
10.00–11.30am**

**The Cargo Shed  
5 Dive Crescent**

**\$45**

**Includes morning tea**

If you have a particular dietary requirement, please contact [info@taurangafestival.co.nz](mailto:info@taurangafestival.co.nz) by **Friday 11th October**

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## Suitcase Show

*“Few words are capable of capturing the magic this innovative theatre company brings to the stage.”*

Wellington Regional News

*“A masterful weaving of stories... Crafty as all hell.”*

Art Murmurs

A traveller arrives at a border with a stack of battered cases. From within them, whole worlds will emerge.

Suitcase Show is an eclectic box set of short stories from multi-award-winning company **Trick of the Light Theatre** (*The Bookbinder*, *Troll*). Dark, spiky and comic, each one is told out of a suitcase.

The tone is mysterious, the staging inventive – from lo-fi light and shadowplay to wireless projection, from a wordless departure lounge dance between two disembodied hands to a narrated story that crackles from an old 70s stereo suitcase. Coming to us straight from a season in Edinburgh, this captivating performance from one of New Zealand’s most magical companies is sure to carry you away!



**Friday 18 October**  
**8.00–9.00pm**  
**Saturday 19 October**  
**6.00–7.00pm**

**X Space**  
**Baycourt Community**  
**and Arts Centre**

**\$42 Adult**  
**\$30 Student**

Please note this is a show for adults. If you wish to bring young people we recommend they are 12 or over.

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## Night Class: Dreaming Up Worlds

In **Claire Mabey's** absorbing novel (*The Raven's Eye Runaways*) the world she has created is deeply considered and unpredictable. To create a world that feels real and natural for the characters to inhabit requires great imagination and thoughtful planning. In this world-building writing workshop, Claire will use a mix of collective exercises and short readings to help guide participants in constructing their own, unique world.

**Friday 18 October**  
**7.00–9.00pm**  
**The Creative Campus**  
**The Historic Village**  
**\$45**

Limited spaces available.

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## Wham Bam Tauranga Poetry Slam

Back for a fourth year! The Wham Bam Tauranga Poetry Slam is electric, eclectic, and eloquent. Prepare yourself for three rounds of audience-judged original words from local performance poets. By the end of the night we will crown a new Tauranga Poetry Slam Champ! The winner will have the opportunity to represent Tauranga Moana at the National NZ Poetry Slam.

Poetry slams are energetic, kind, joyous spaces for poets to share their work! It's a big silly game where the point is the poetry.

Poets – for more information or to sign up for the Slam, head to the Festival website!

**Friday 18 October**  
**7.00–9.30pm**  
**The Village Hall**  
**The Historic Village**  
**\$20 Adult**  
**\$15 Concession**

Recommended 16+



## Tauranga Zinefest

We are back with another fun-filled Zine celebration! Tauranga Zinefest is a free, highly visual, community event celebrating zine culture — pronounced “zeen”, zines are small, short-run, self-published, (maga)zines, covering a range of topics. We provide a safe, independent platform of expression for everyone and anyone, including Māori and other BIPOC communities, rangatahi, disabled people, the LGBTQIA+ community, and people with limited economic resources.

So bring your best mate, tamariki, heck why not Nanny and Koro too, for an epic day of zines, cartoons, art prints, makers table, zine library and so much more!

**Saturday 19 October**  
**10.00am–3.00pm**  
**The Cargo Shed**  
**5 Dive Crescent**  
**Free Admission**

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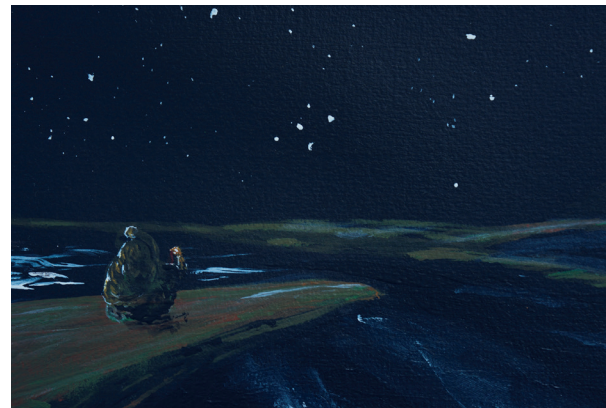
## Hoki Mai: Book Launch and Exhibition Opening

Hoki Mai is a body of work by two sisters, **Rangimarie** and **Caitlin Jolley** (Waikato Tainui). It's an exhibition and collection of poetry and prose about reconnecting with whakapapa. So many Māori have their own stories about the first time they visited their marae, or met their kaumātua, or even the melancholy they feel not being able to do so.

This book launch and exhibition opening represents a journey shared between two members of the same whānau, expressing different perspectives through different artforms. Kūwao and Escape welcome you to this unique conversation between poetry and visual art.

**Friday 18 October**  
**From 6.00pm**  
**Kūwao**  
**Tauranga CBD**  
**Free Admission**

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## How art and words can work together

Have you ever been tempted to write your story down? Prose and poetry can be the perfect format to capture the complexities and nuance of personal narrative.

Sisters **Rangimarie** and **Caitlin Jolley** (Waikato Tainui) are creators of the *Hoki Mai* exhibition, curated by Kūwao Gallery. In this session, you'll hear about how they use words and images to explore the power of reconnecting to their whakapapa.

Rangimarie will then take you through an easy, simple introduction to Prose101, after which you might have a go at writing a short piece of 5-10 lines.

**Saturday 19 October**  
**11.00am-12.00pm**  
**Kūwao**  
**Tauranga CBD**  
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# Into the Night



Join us in a special night of celebrating local authors, storytellers and artists.

Over one evening we will present a series of talks across multiple venues in Tauranga CBD.

Venue hop or stay in one place; the choice is yours.



## Finding Your Way Home

Curated by Carol Garden

The concept of home is much more than a physical space. Through tracing ancestry, experiencing tragedy, and finding friendship, two Tauranga authors speak to the complexity of finding home. Join author **Carol Garden** for a compelling conversation with author of *Finding Miriama*, **Donna Goodacre** (Tainui), and **Charlotte Lobb**, author of *Hannah & Huia*.

**Saturday 19 October**  
**6.00–6.45pm**  
**\$15**



**Books A Plenty**  
74 Grey Street

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## Demystifying LAND BACK

Kūwao is a Māori-led artistic venue with a central kaupapa of moving towards decolonisation and reconnection. Ex-Kaitiaki of *The Pantograph Punch* **Van Mei** (Malaysian-Chinese, Pākehā) will lead a kōrero with **Dani Marks** (Te Arawa, Tūwharetoa) and **Willow Kanara** (Te Arawa, Ngāti Porou) at Kūwao to unpack and explain what the term LAND BACK actually means. An inspiring and vital conversation that explores ways in which we can reimagine our future as a nation.

**Saturday 19 October**  
**6.00–6.45pm**  
**\$15**



**Kūwao**  
Tauranga CBD

into the night



## A Life Less Ordinary

World squash champion, Race Relations Commissioner, mother, kiwifruit picker and *Celebrity Treasure Island* contestant, **Susan Devoy** has lived a full and exciting life. In this special event Dame Suzy will tell-all in an evening full of tales and hilarity.

Frank, funny, and pulling no punches, Susan Devoy's life story is unlike anything you have read or heard before.

**Saturday 19 October**  
**6.00–6.45pm**  
**\$15**



**Oscar & Otto**  
51 The Strand

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## Speculative: The Future of Literature

From stories like *A Christmas Carol* to *The Handmaid's Tale* to Martha Wells' *Murderbot* series, speculative fiction has the power to envision future technologies, provoke discussion, and create social change. Join multi award-winning speculative fiction author, **Lee Murray**, in conversation with **Piper Mejia** as they discuss what speculative fiction is and how it can impact our lives in Aotearoa.

Saturday 19 October  
7.15-8.00pm  
\$15

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Kūwao  
Tauranga CBD

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## The Moko Movement

Over the past few years we have seen a powerful resurgence of moko. The choice to reconnect with this traditional artform has been a source of cultural empowerment for many Māori. **Julie Paama Pengelly** (Ngāi Te Rangī, Te Moutere o Matakana) is one of the first wāhine kai tā (tā moko artist) of this era. In this kōrero she speaks with **Justine Murray** (Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāi Te Rangī) about the re-emergence of moko and where it fits in the contemporary space for Māori.

Saturday 19 October  
7.15-8.00pm  
\$15



## A Foot in Each Place

Born in Zambia, growing up in a small Irish town and finally settling in Tauranga Moana, **Anne Tiernan's** path to writing has been shaped by the places she has lived. Her sharply funny and intensely moving debut novel *Last Days of Joy* was shortlisted for the 2024 Kate O'Brien Award and follows a cast of unforgettable characters uprooted from Ireland to New Zealand.

**Sue Hoffart** meets Anne Tiernan to discuss how travel and places have inspired her writing.

Saturday 19 October  
7.15-8.00pm  
\$15



Oscar & Otto  
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## Escape Book Quiz

Finish off our *Into the Night* literary loop and join us for a whole lot of pondering, and healthy competition with a quiz delivered by Doug Hendry from The Puzzle Company. With questions spanning anything from Stephen King to Murikami, *The Hobbit* to *Normal People*, Jodi Picoult to Ian McEwan, come and test your literary knowledge and gather your quiz team or book club for a very special bookish quiz.

A fun evening suitable for readers of all genres.

Saturday 19 October  
8.15-10.00pm  
\$20 per table



The Barrel Room  
26 Wharf Street

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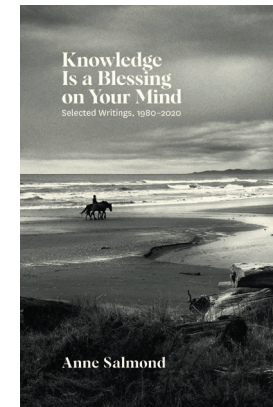


## Coffee with the Headlines

Get your Sunday off to a great start with an informative, fast-paced session that unpicks and reflects on the Sunday morning headlines. Renowned musician, journalist and documentary maker **Moana Maniapoto** (Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Tūhourangi, Ngāti Pikiao), **Jared Savage** (New Zealand Herald reporter, author of *Gangland* and *Gangster's Paradise*), and **Tony Wall** (*Stuff's* Investigative Reporter and former National Correspondent) will discuss the latest scoops, features and feel-good stories leading the morning news. They will cast an informed and critical eye over what is stirring up our nation and reflect back in real time. This format is hugely popular in festivals around the world; don't miss the deadline to book for this compelling session.

**Sunday 20 October**  
**10.00-11.00am**  
**The Cargo Shed**  
**5 Dive Crescent**  
**\$20**  
Day Pass \$75

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## Knowledge Is a Blessing on Your Mind

Join us for a memorable encounter with celebrated author **Dame Anne Salmond** reflecting on 40 years of writing and her journey as an anthropologist, activist, wife, mother and friend. *Knowledge Is a Blessing on Your Mind: Selected Writings, 1980 - 2020*, brings together Salmond's key writing on the Māori world, cultural contact, the wider Pacific and to today's debates about race and Te Tiriti.

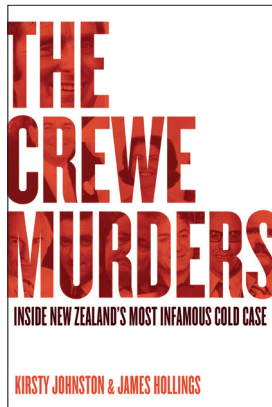
Salmond is a Distinguished Professor at the University of Auckland, author of countless award-winning books, an internationally recognised social scientist and passionate environmentalist.

Radio New Zealand Senior Producer **Justine Murray** (Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāi Te Rangi) leads a warm and intelligent conversation with Dame Anne as she reflects on her phenomenal career, travels, writing and pathway through our changing land.

**Sunday 20 October**  
**11.30am-12.30pm**  
**The Cargo Shed**  
**5 Dive Crescent**  
**\$20**  
Day Pass \$75

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## Cold Case Conversation

In 1970 Harvey and Jeannette Crewe were killed at their farm in Pukekawa and several decades later this case remains as New Zealand's most infamous cold case. It spawned two trials, two appeals, several books, a film (*Beyond Reasonable Doubt*), and eventually a Royal Commission finding of police corruption.

It also resulted in a pardon, the only time a New Zealand government has bypassed the courts to set a convicted murderer free. And still, the Crewes' murderer has not been found.

**Jared Savage** speaks with award-winning investigative journalist **Kirsty Johnston** and Associate Professor of Journalism **James Hollings** and digs deep into the findings within their meticulously researched book, providing a fresh perspective on one of Aotearoa's most chilling and mystifying murders.

**Sunday 20 October**  
**1.30-2.30pm**  
**The Cargo Shed**  
**5 Dive Crescent**  
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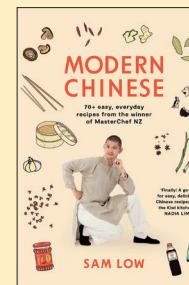


## Modern Chinese

From growing up in Fiji to achieving social media fame and becoming the winner of *MasterChef NZ*, **Sam Low's** journey into cooking has been both unusual and exciting.

Raised in a diasporic Chinese household, Sam creates recipes with a unique take on nostalgic traditional classics, while adding a new narrative to what it means to cook modern Chinese.

In this engaging and lively session Sam speaks with food writer and *Ate Ate Ate* podcast host **Jean Teng** about his culinary journey, the food memories from his childhood, and how food is linked with identity. During the conversation, Sam will present a live cooking demonstration creating one of his most beloved Chinese dishes from his debut recipe book, *Modern Chinese*.



**Sunday 20 October**  
**3.00-4.00pm**  
**The Cargo Shed**  
**5 Dive Crescent**  
**\$20**  
Day Pass \$75

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# Programme

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