JACK CHARLES: A Born-Again Blakfella
Aboriginal Elder Jack Charles discusses his honest, no-holds-barred memoir at the Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room on August 29.

Wellbeing Workshop with the Mind
Wednesdays 10 Jul & 28 Jul • 6.30pm-7.30pm • Fitzroy Library
Many people have for their physical fitness, but those who thrive in life address their ‘mental fitness’ as well. In this interactive workshop the team from The Mind Room will guide us through evidence-based, daily behaviours that contribute to psychological wellbeing, resilience and stress management. Bookings essential.

Homelessness and Rooming Houses
Wed 7 Aug • 6.30pm-8pm • Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room
Roofing house residents are part of our local community, yet this form of housing means they can be the invisible homeless - perhaps isolated, unsafe, unwel and poor. Hear from people who live in rooming houses and workers in local services about what’s it like to live in last resort housing and to have nowhere else to go but the streets. Bookings essential.

Chinese Creative Writing Workshop
Saturday 24 Aug • 6.30pm-8pm • Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room
Jack Charles has worn many hats throughout his life: actor, cat burglar, musician, heroin addict, activist. But the title he’s most proud to claim is that of Aboriginal Elder. Join us as Uncle Jack tells stories from Jack Charles: A Born-Again Blakfella, his honest and no-holds-barred memoir, revealing the ups and downs of his crazy, drugged up, locked up, unbelievable life. Bookings essential.

How to Stay Engaged in a Climate Crisis
Thursday 14 Aug • 6.30pm-8pm • Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room
In recognition of National Science Week 2019, Psychologist and researcher Dr Susie Burke, will share some insights and provide strategies to help attendees more effectively engage with the climate crisis. A speaker from a not-for-profit organisation will discuss how they’re mobilising people into organised communities who are pushing for real change. Local secondary students will share their experiences taking climate action, followed by a Q&A panel discussion. A joint event with the Yarra EcoCity. Bookings essential.

Four Steps to Website Success
Wednesday 31 July • 6pm-8pm • Carlton Library
Too many websites are black holes sucking time, energy and money. Some never reach an audience. Some never launch at all. But it doesn’t have to be this way. Join Ostii Ananda, founder and CEO of web consultancy Flowji, to learn:
• the Four Steps to Website Success
• what you can DIY, what’s best left to professionals
• how to define what your website is – and isn’t
• the best tools and channels to use and much more

iPad Drawing with Rebecca Jones
3 Week Intensive Course
Thursdays 8, 22 & 29 August • 2pm-4pm • Fitzroy Library
Hands-on training for iPAD drawing in this intensive 4 week program. Your tutor Rebecca Jones has studied art in Australia and New York, has attended numerous art residencies and exhibits her art regularly. BYO iPAD and download the Procreate App. We can provide limited number of iPads, please advise us while booking. Bookings essential.

Design a Logo with Inkscape
Wednesday 21 August • 6pm-7.30pm • Carlton Library
Learn how to use Inkscape, a free, powerful, open-source alternative to Adobe Illustrator to create your logo and find your personal brand. Our session will cover the basics of vector graphics and you will leave with the skills to make your own simple letter logo. Bookings essential.

DIY Photoediting
Fridays 23 & 30 August, 2pm-4pm • Fitzroy Library
Work on your own photographic projects in a supportive creative environment. Use free and open source alternatives to Photoshop such as GIMP and Snapseed or bring your own device. Share your creations with others for feedback. Bookings essential.
**Embrace of the Serpent (M)**
Thursday 4 July • 1pm-3pm • Collingwood Library
Ciro Guerra’s multi award-winning Embrace Of The Serpent is a breathtaking cinematic odyssey through the Amazon, following the quests of two Western explorers (one in 1909, the other in the 1940s) in search of a rare flower alleged to have healing properties. English subtitles. Rated PG. Bookings essential.

**Shoplifters (M)**
Thursday 1 Aug • 1pm-3pm • Collingwood Library
This Oscar-nominated Japanese film follows a dysfunctional family who are united by fierce loyalty and a penchant for petty theft. When the young son is arrested, secrets are exposed that upend their tenuous, below-the-radar existence. English subtitles. Rated M. Bookings essential.

**Gravity Guts**
Thursday 15 August • 6pm-8pm • Bargoonga Nganjin
A playful blend of autobiography, creative nonfiction and comedy, Gravity Guts is the story of a girl who just wants to break free from her father’s orbit, but first needs to build up the guts. This rare chance to see two documentaries, The Tightrope Dancer (1990) and Painted Lady (2002) by film maker Ruth Cullen about the artist and adventurer Vali Myers; the legendary flame-haired dancing Bohemian of post-war Paris, the free spirit of Tennessee Williams’ Orpheus Descending and the creator of magical paintings. The screenings will be followed by a Q&A with the director Ruth Cullen. Bookings essential.

**Not Sew Easy! Creating professional looking seams**
Thurs 4 July, & 29 Aug • 5.30pm-7.30pm • Bargoonga Nganjin
This is the next step for folk who already know how to thread, start and stop a sewing machine. Learn the basic steps to creating seams that look professional. Bookings essential.

**Sew Easy! An intro to sewing machines**
Thurs 18 July & 15 Aug • 5.30pm-7.30pm • Bargoonga Nganjin
A hands-on workshop for anyone who has never used a sewing machine, or needs a refresher. Learn to set-up and pack-down a sewing machine, how to wind a bobbin and thread it, as well as starting, stopping and straight stitch.Bookings essential.

**Preserving your Memories**
Tuesday 16 July • 10.30am-12pm • Bargoonga Nganjin
Do you have old photos, letters, small drawings and/or documents that you’re worried about preserving safely long term? Come to our presentation on different methods you can use to preserve these memories safely for friends and family. Bookings essential. *NB this is a repeat of a previous session.

**Essential Oils for Winter Wellness**
Sunday 21 July • 2.15pm-3.45pm • Richmond Library
Learn how to create blends to help manage stress, clear a stuffy nose and support your immune system. This session will give you the know how to incorporate these essential oils into your daily life and to cut back on toxins in your home and in your medicine cabinet. Bookings essential.

**Melbourne Spoken Word: Fresh Voices**
Workshop: Saturday 13 July • 1pm-4pm • Fitzroy Library
Performance: Wed 17 July • 6.30pm-9.30pm • Bargoonga Nganjin
Join us for an introduction to spoken word workshop where you’ll learn skills and techniques to improve your spoken word game with the help of experienced performance poets. Yarra Libraries is partnering with Melbourne Spoken Word to deliver these workshops which allow for a diverse emerging spoken word artists from around Melbourne’s poetry scene and give performers their first or one of their first feature performance slots. Includes Open Mic. Bookings essential.

**2 Films about Vali Myers: The Tightrope Dancer and Painted Lady**
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**Cultural Forum: Adding the A to STEM**
Wednesday 7 Aug • 6.30pm-7.30pm • Bargoonga Nganjin
Stacy G, founder of Melbourne Combat Robotics and VP of Melbourne Amateur Rocket Society will host a panel of women from the sciences who will talk about how to add the A (the arts) to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and why it matters. Bookings essential.

**Phonics with Fitzroy Readers**
Join us for an information evening about the rich history of the Fitzroy Readers, the principles and practice of teaching literacy with phonics. Bookings essential.

**Writing and Wellness Workshop**
Saturday 17 Aug • 11am-12pm • Bargoonga Nganjin
Alison Arnold (Editor of The Rosie Project) and Cath Crowley (two-times PM’s Literary Award winner) are business owners who strongly believe there’s a link between creativity and wellness. In this session learn how you can map, write and journal your way to wellbeing. Bookings essential.

**Unfurl into Spring with East Asian Medicine**
Thursday 29 Aug • 6pm-7pm • Bargoonga Nganjin
Spring is the season of rebirth and growth; a perfect time to enhance your health and action. The hour-long workshop will give you some simple tools from the wisdom of Traditional East Asian Medicine (TEAM) to assist a graceful and healthy transition from winter to spring. Bookings essential.

**Arabic Calligraphy for Beginners**
Saturday 27 July • 1.30pm-3pm • Fitzroy Library
Join Melbourne-based calligraphy and graffiti artist, Shakeel Taroo, for an introductory workshop on the artistic practice of handwriting and calligraphy using the Arabic alphabet. Shakeel combines graphics and Arabic calligraphy to create stunning and unique pieces of art. Bookings essential.

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**Eco-Print Dye Workshop**
Saturday 31 Aug • 10.30am-12pm • Collingwood Library
Bras Tree will deliver a hands-on eco-print plant dye workshop to bridge art, nature, and community connection. Attendees will receive hands-on learning about the process of extracting plant dyes onto natural fabrics and receive an informational take-home zine. Bookings essential.