



**Welcome to the first Latrobe City Literary Festival. Your chance to connect with writers and readers from across the region.**

## **Program**

9.30am to 10am	Registration
10am to 1pm	<b>Creating Compelling Characters workshop</b> <b>delivered by Sofie Laguna</b> <i>This workshop is made possible by Writers Victoria and the Grace Marion Wilson Trust.</i>
1pm to 1.30pm	<b>Break</b>  Your chance to browse Writers Victoria stall, author's book stalls for signings and sales
1.30pm to 2pm	<b>Sandi Wallace</b>  Sandi will read from her debut rural crime thriller, <i>Tell Me Why</i> and talk about her upcoming book and her writing life.
2pm to 2.30pm	<b>Cath Crowley</b>  Cath will read from her 2011 novel <i>Graffiti Moon</i> and her upcoming novel <i>Words in Deep Blue</i> , to be published in September 2016.
2.30pm to 3pm	<b>Honey Brown</b>  Honey will read from <i>Six Degrees</i> , a collection of erotic short stories, published in 2015.
3pm to 3.30pm	<b>Break</b>  Signings and sales
3.45pm to 4.15pm	<b>Panel discussion</b>  <b>Does Genre Matter?</b>  with Sandi, Cath and Honey
4.15	<b>Close</b>

*Please note that book sales are cash only.*

# Our authors

## Sofie Laguna

Sofie's second novel for adults, *The Eye of the Sheep* – shortlisted for the Stella Prize – won the 2015 Miles Franklin Award. It has been optioned for both film and theatre.

Sofie Laguna originally studied to be a lawyer, but after deciding law was not for her, she moved to Melbourne to train as an actor. Sofie is now an author, actor and playwright.

Sofie's first novel for adults, *One Foot Wrong*, published throughout Europe, the US and the UK, was longlisted for the Miles Franklin Award and shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Award. Screen rights have been optioned and Sofie has completed the screenplay.

Sofie is now an award-winning author for children and adults. Her many books for young people have been published in the US, the UK and in translation throughout Europe and Asia. She has been shortlisted for the Queensland Premier's Award, and her books have been named Honor Books and Notable Books by the Children's Book Council of Australia.

Sofie lives in Melbourne with her husband, illustrator Marc McBride, and their two young sons.

## Sandi Wallace

Sandi's debut rural crime thriller *Tell Me Why* won the 2015 Davitt Award Readers' Choice and was also shortlisted for the 2015 Davitt Award Best Debut. It spearheads a series of gritty, authentic rural crime novels with a touch of romance largely set in Daylesford and the next instalment *Black Saturday* will be out soon.

Sandi has won multiple prizes in the Scarlet Stiletto Awards for her short crime fiction. Several of her short stories have been published and shortlisted in other competitions, while her articles have been published regularly for over ten years.

Sandi lives in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges with her husband and furry family.

## Cath Crowley

Cath is an award-winning young adult author published in Australia and internationally. Her books include The Gracie Faltrain trilogy, *Chasing Charlie Duskin*, *Graffiti Moon* and *Words in Deep Blue*. Cath writes and teaches in Melbourne.

## Honey Brown

Honey Brown is the bestselling author of six critically acclaimed novels, including the Miles Franklin longlisted *The Good Daughter* and the Davitt Award Winner *Dark Horse*.

Honey began writing novels in 2000. Before settling down she worked and lived in various remote places throughout Australia.

In her late-twenties she was involved in a farm accident, and now lives with the challenges of a spinal injury. It was this life-changing event that led to a focus on writing.

Honey's most recent release, *Six Degrees*, is a collection of erotic short stories. She is currently working on her sixth psychological thriller.