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17-18 OCTOBER
2020

the little festival with big ideas...

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**TAURANGA
ARTS
FESTIVAL**

Escape! into independent thinking



The changes brought about by Covid-19 have been keenly felt by arts practitioners and audiences, and although it was tough, the decision to cancel this year's Escape! at Queen's Birthday weekend was obvious as the nation went into an undetermined period of lockdown.

However, with the team of 5 million dealing decisively with the pandemic the Board resolved to deliver a pop-up style Escape! using our financial reserves. We felt it was important to bring the best writers and thought makers to Tauranga in a year marked by turmoil and uncertainty. Without ideas and books, we would all be the poorer.

We're delighted to feature writers who work with small, independent publishers in New Zealand - some of them are publishers themselves - and thrilled that Tauranga's award-winning independent bookstore **Books A Plenty** is once again our Festival bookseller.

The entire Festival team is proud to think local and act local. If nothing else, Covid-19 has given us the opportunity to applaud and appreciate who we are and where we are.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kathryn Lellman

Tauranga Arts Festival chair



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Searching for Charlie

Award-winning political cartoonist and journalist **Tom Scott** spent more than a year dogging the footsteps of New Zealander Charles Upham, winner of two VCs – the only combat soldier to be so honoured, to produce a biography of ‘possibly the bravest man in World War 2’.

Saturday 17 October 9.30am-10.30am

University of Waikato, Durham St

**Admission \$20 (students \$5)
\$60 day pass**

Booking fees apply



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Looking on the Dark Side

Praised for their works of fiction, our panellists choose to draw from a deep, dark well. What motivates them to look on the dark side? Join **Brannavan Gnanalingam**, whose latest novel deals with gang rape and has been likened to a 'bingeable miniseries'; **Nikki Crutchley**, a past Ngaio Marsh Award finalist, who focuses on the underbelly of small towns; and **Tina Shaw** whose March 2020 novel *Ephemera* depicted a New Zealand devastated by a pandemic.

Warning: Topics may be distressing to some.

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Up with the Birds

With New Zealand's birds being hard to spot in the bush or even the garden, listening to, and studying, bird song is an important part of identifying these magical creatures. A member of Western Bay Wildlife Trust and Birds BOP, **Paul Cuming** will share his vast knowledge in a multi-media presentation about native birds common to the Bay of Plenty, and their song.

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Intersections :: Whakawhitinga

Mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) is increasingly being used alongside Western science but how does it work and what does it mean for Aotearoa New Zealand? Join **Rod Oram** as he talks to **Kura Paul-Burke** (Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Whakahemo, Ngāti Mākinu), a Waikato University marine scientist who has used Mātauranga Māori to assist the restoration of mussel stocks in Ōhiwa Harbour; and **Shaun Hendy**, director of Te Pūnaha Matatini, a centre of research excellence at Auckland University, and past winner of the PM's Science Media Communication Prize.

Saturday 17 October 2pm-3pm

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Harbour Dip

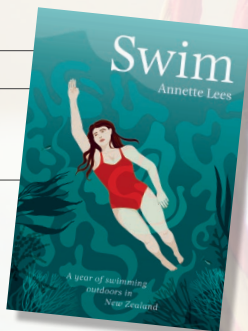
Join author and wild-swimming advocate **Annette Lees** for a quick, refreshing dip before today's Escape! gets under way.

Sunday 18 October 8.30am-9am

Tidal Steps, The Strand

FREE but registration essential
(limit 20 people)

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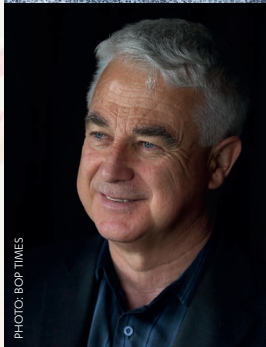


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Dying for a Good Talk

It comes to us all, sooner or later, yet death is still a taboo subject. Come and hear from the professionals who see us on our way as to how we might break down the barriers with our nearest and dearest. Tauranga GP **Andrew Corin** is an award-winning author (*This Old Stick*) and blogger and researcher on ageing and dying; **Greg Brownless** became a funeral director at the age of 33 and has worked on emergency body repatriation, including after the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami; the Reverend **Matiu Best**, a qualified nurse, is part of the chaplains' team at Tauranga Hospital.

Sunday 18 October 9.30am-10.30am

X Space, Baycourt

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Coming up for Air

In this illustrated talk **Annette Lees**, who grew up in the Eastern Bay of Plenty, records a year of swimming outdoors every day, in the sea, a river, lake, pond, estuary, wetland, spring or lido pool for her book *Swim*. She also collected stories, including forbidden swims, endurance swimmers of the Depression, and swimming Anzacs.

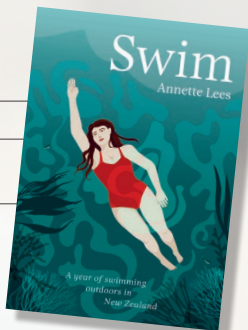
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Only Solutions

In a year where it's clear that nobody knows what's going to happen next, we thought it might help to gather some experts, examine the positives and negatives of the path New Zealand has chosen and try to discern the future! Joining the discussion are business commentator **Rod Oram**; small-town champion **Karen Summerhays**; award-winning scientist **Shaun Hendy**; **Tina Shaw**, whose book, published just before lockdown, is set in a New Zealand devastated by a pandemic; sustainability advocate **Te Radar**; and freshwater conservationist **Annette Lees**.

Sunday 18 October 12.30pm-1.30pm

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Love Letters

Come and hear the love letters to a book or an author that has helped make our panellists who they are today. **Nikki Crutchley** self-publishes her acclaimed crime novels; novelist **Brannavan Gnanalingam** is part of Wellington publishing collective Lawrence and Gibson; Tauranga librarian **Debbie McCauley** is founder of Mauao Publishing, focusing on quality children's books; the most recent book by business commentator **Rod Oram** was published as a BWB Text; **Kathryn Lellman**, a partner in HJL, is a member of the Business Women's Network, and Tauranga Arts Festival chair; **Dr Andrew Corin** has self-published an award-winning collection of short stories based on his work as a Tauranga GP.

Sunday 18 October 2pm-3pm

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 **BOOKS A PLENTY**



Te Radar: Telling Tales

Broadcaster and writer **Te Radar** takes us on an illustrated comedic journey through some of his favourite moments from New Zealand's past. Raised on a Waikato dairy farm, and now a resident of Auckland, Radar likes nothing more than getting out and encountering Aotearoa, and celebrating the many tales of its quirkiness, characters, and landscapes.

Sunday 18 October 3.30pm-4.30pm

X Space, Baycourt

Admission \$30

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City Art Walk

Tauranga's city centre is jam packed with an array of public artworks, from tidal stairs to famous pooches. City Art Walk is a self-guided, free-to-download walking tour, launching to coincide with Escape! It's time to discover some of the stories and meanings behind the art in your city. Download the app and take yourself on a journey. Or, especially for Escape!, join a 'human guided' tour.

Guided tours:

Saturday 17 October 10.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm from **University of Waikato, Durham Lane** entrance.

Sunday 18 October 10.30am and 12.30pm from the **Baycourt lawn**.

FREE, no booking required.

Developed by Supercut Projects. Find out more on Facebook and Instagram @cityartwalktga



TAURANGA ZINEFEST 2020

Saturday 17 October
10am-3pm

Tauranga Art Gallery
108 Willow Street

FREE Entry



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- for more details

festival timetable

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11am-12noon	Looking on the Dark Side	University of Waikato
12.30-1.30pm	Up with the Birds	University of Waikato
2-3pm	Intersections :: Whakawhitinga	University of Waikato
10am-3pm	Tauranga Zinefest	Tauranga Art Gallery
10.30am,12.30pm,3.30pm	City Art Walk	University of Waikato Durham Lane

Sunday 18 October

8.30-9am	Harbour Dip	Tidal Steps, The Strand
9.30-10.30am	Dying for a Good Talk	X Space, Baycourt
11am-12noon	Coming up for Air	X Space, Baycourt
12.30-1.30pm	Only Solutions	X Space, Baycourt
2-3pm	Love Letters	X Space, Baycourt
3.30-4.30pm	Te Radar: Telling Tales	X Space, Baycourt
10.30am,12.30pm	City Art Walk	Baycourt Lawn

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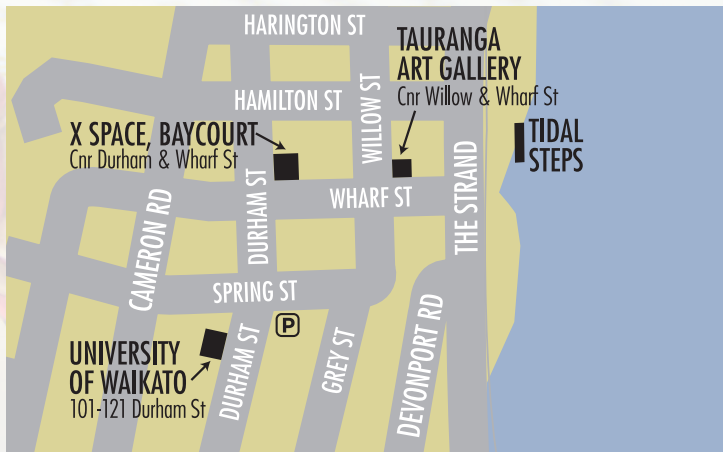
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