

Welcome to the 4th Annual Writers Festival. Building on the legacy and success of the past 3 years, this year's Festival has a significant West Australian feel with guests Pat Lowe, Nigel Gray, Alice Nelson, Norman Jorgensen, and Sonia Martinez being joined by Victorian based Gregory Day.

Former local Tash Parker will also join the Festival for a special music workshop for children and the traditional dance performance will be a feature of the closing event. A new event, the Poetry Night has been added to the program.

The 2008 Festival has been organised by a fabulous team at the Shire and the Library and is supported by a willing group of volunteers. We hope you enjoy this wonderful time of creativity, inspiration, literary and artistic stories in our beautiful landscape of the East Kimberley. Thanks to the funding organisations and sponsors, the Kununurra Community Library is proud to continue to be the venue for the Kimberley Writers Festival.

Best wishes from the Festival Team.



Nigel Gray



Pat Lowe



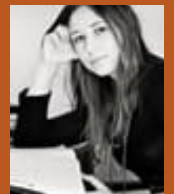
Sonia
Martinez



Gregory Day



Norman
Jorgensen



Alice Nelson

Nigel Gray is an internationally acclaimed Irish born West Australian author. Some sixty of his more than seventy books have been for children. His books have won awards and honours in Australia and overseas, including the Dickens' Fellowship Award, and the Irish Post Award for literature.

Award winning Broome based Children's author Pat Lowe started writing in 1986 when she went to live in the desert for three years with Aboriginal artist Jimmy Pike. *Desert Dog* won the 1998 Western Australian Premier's Children's Book Award. *The Girl With No Name* was short listed for the Multicultural Children's Literature Award.

Sonia is a Western Australia based illustrator and graphic designer. She has studied ancient history, fine art and design, and recently graduated from Curtin University with a major in illustration. Her work incorporates many different styles and media, both digital and traditional, but always contains a sense of caprice.

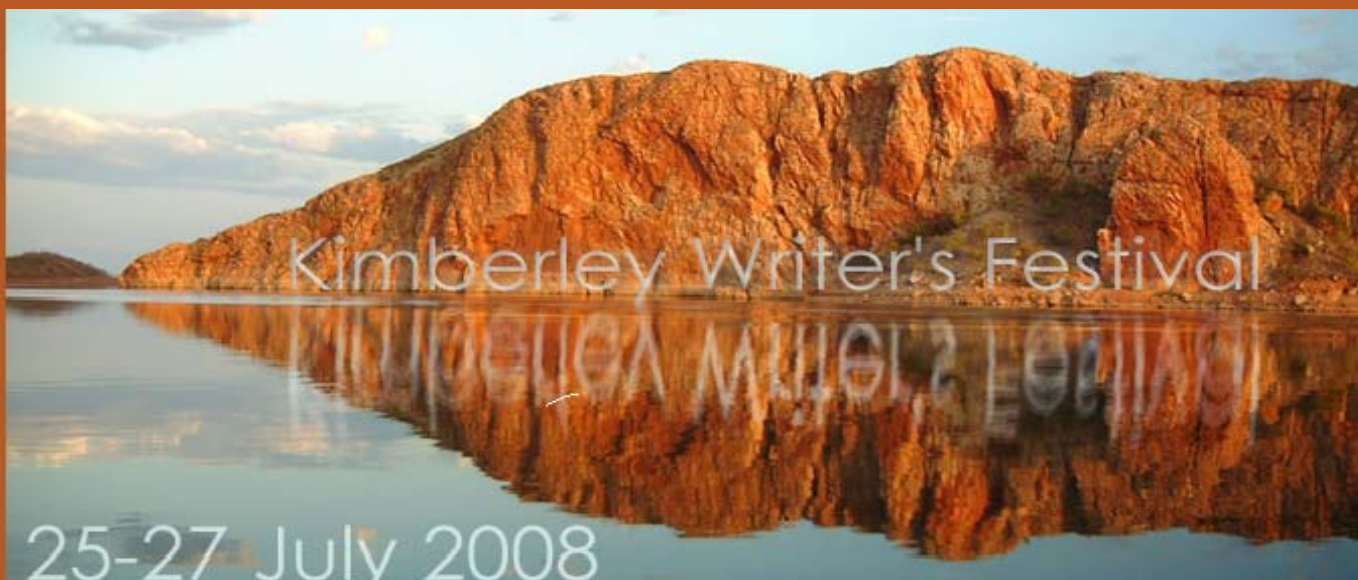
Gregory Day is a writer, poet and musician whose debut novel *The Patron Saint Of Eels* won the prestigious Australian Literature Society Gold Medal in 2006. His second novel *Ron McCoy's Sea of Diamonds* has been shortlisted for the 2008 NSW Premier's Prize for fiction. Gregory is also a regular contributor to the literary pages of *The Age* newspaper.

Broome born Norman Jorgensen's greatest delight is in turning ordinary, everyday events into catastrophic episodes for his comedy writing. His previous titles include *Ashe of the Outback*, *In Flanders Fields* (Winner 2003 Children's Picture Book of the Year), *The Call of the Osprey*, *A Fine Mess* and *Another Fine Mess 002*.

Alice Nelson is a Perth-born writer who has spent several years living and studying abroad. Her award-winning short fiction has appeared in journals such as *Southerly* and *Westerly* and she has been awarded various residential fellowships. Her first novel *The Last Sky* won the 2006 TAG Hungerford Award.

Further information about Festival Guests available at www.kcl.org.au/kwf

Kununurra Community Library presents



Kimberley Writers Festival Program

Friday— Schools Program & Festival Opening

8am—2pm	Student Workshops	Library and KDHS
7pm—9pm	Festival Opening Sponsored by Cambridge Gulf Ltd Acknowledgement to Country Official Opening by Shire President Writers Introduction Art Exhibition of Works by Sonia Martinez Book & CD sales & signings	Library

Saturday— Library Festival Program & Poetry Night

9am—10am	Welcome Authors in Profile	Library
10am	Morning Tea, Coffee & Cake Book & CD sales & signings	
10.30—12pm	Concurrent Sessions Pat Lowe—living & writing in the Kimberley Norman Jorgensen—life experiences & writing Nigel Gray, Gregory Day & Alice Nelson—writing as a career Sonia Martinez—Illustrating Workshop (for Children) Tash Parker—Music Workshop (for Children)	Library—outdoors Library School Room School Performing Arts Centre
12.30—1.30pm	Lunch Available, Book & CD sales & signings	
1.30—2.30pm	Pat Lowe—Writing Indigenous stories my way Norman Jorgensen—Writing a book & getting it published	Library
2.45—2.45pm	Nigel Gray—Writing a picture book & finding an illustrator Sonia Martinez—How I became a book illustrator	Library
4—5.30pm	In conversation with Alice Nelson & Gregory Day <i>Interviewed by Jan Ladhams</i>	Library
7—9.30pm	Poetry Night Come along for poetry performances & bring your own favourite poetry, share it with others & get involved	

Sunday— Literary Boat Cruise, Workshops & Festival Closing

8am—11am	Literary Brunch Cruise. Tickets \$70 Limited Includes cruise, brunch, author readings & music	Lily Creek Boat Ramp
1pm—3pm	Workshops—\$25 each—maximum 10 participants Writing Masterclass by Alice Nelson Alice will facilitate writing exercises, different techniques & prompts & discuss the works produced at the class Bring along an example of your own work for advice Illustrating Children's Picture Books Sonia will offer hints & tips for ideas & insight into her own creative process Explore collaging & multimedia techniques to create a unique & beautiful image	Library
5—7.30pm	Festival Closing Night Kununurra stories—experiences & highlights of the weekend with Gregory, Pat, Alice, Norman, Nigel and Sonia FREE BBQ and traditional dance performance	Library

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