



MEDIA RELEASE

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Norman Lindsay Festival of Children's Literature, back by popular demand!

Just like Norman Lindsay's *Magic Pudding* the Festival of Children's Literature is on again!

In its 11th year, this year's festival will feature authors and illustrators include Duncan Ball, Frances Watts, David Legge and 'Cartoon Dave' Hackett, and they promise lots of tips for writers young and old.

Children and their parents can join talks and workshops with their favourite authors and illustrators to learn secret tricks to success.

Major sponsor Megalong Books will have a book stall with book signings scheduled throughout the day so be sure not to miss the chance for a quick hello and photo with your favourite author – don't forget your camera!

There will also be story-telling, free craft and face painting, an Australian animal display and other entertainment as well as variety stalls and plenty of food available on the day. Or why not pack a picnic to enjoy in the beautiful grounds?

- When:** Sunday 3 April, 10am-4pm
Cost: \$15 adults, \$10 children, \$40 family
Includes: Talks by well known children's book authors and illustrators, stalls, face painting book signings, storytelling, entertainment and food
Who: Duncan Bell, David Legge, Frances Watts, Cartoon Dave Hackett, and others
Transport: A free shuttle bus will run from Springwood Station to the gallery during the festival. The first bus is at 9.40am.

Adult Literary Evening makes its debut

This year, for the first time, a special adult literary evening will be held for the grown-ups.

Come and chat with author and mountain climber Lincoln Hall about his amazing adventures and with 'Cartoon Dave' Hackett talk about his life as a cartoonist. The night will include drinks, coffee, canapés, fabulous anecdotes, book signings and a Q&A opportunity with your favourite authors.

- When:** Saturday 2 April, 7-9pm
Cost: \$30
Includes: Drinks, anecdotes and Q&A with the guest speakers, book signings, coffee and canapés
Who: Duncan Bell, Cartoon Dave Hackett, Lincoln Hall and Margaret Hamilton

- Where:** Norman Lindsay Gallery
14 Norman Lindsay Crescent, Faulconbridge
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Tickets: (02) 4784 3832

About the speakers:

Duncan Bell is the creator of the wonderful *Selby* and *Emily Eyefinger* series. His most recent book is a collection of wicked poems, *My Sister Has a Big Black Beard*

Frances Watts is the author of best selling picture books including *Kisses for Daddy Parsley Rabbit's Book about Books* and *Captain Crabclaw's Crew* – all three illustrated by **David Legge**. Her most recent books are *Rat with a Stripy sock* (illustrated by David Francis) and *Song of the Winns* – the first of book in her *Gerander Trilogy*.

David Legge is a much awarded illustrator of books such as *Bamboozled* (CBC, Koala and YABBA awards) and *Tom Goes to Kindergarten* and *Baby Boomsticks* (written by Margaret Wild). He has also collaborated with author **Frances Watts** on three picture books.

Dave Hackett (Cartoon Dave) likes to draw nine-headed chickens and people being attacked by toilets. He brought his No-Rules brand of cartooning to TV screens on the Disney Channel. Dave has written five instructional cartooning books, including *NO-RULES CARTOONING*. He is also the author of the hilarious *UFO – Unavoidable Family Outing* series. In 2010 *S.U.C.S – Seriously Useless Crime Stoppers* was released.

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