

THE
MICHAEL KING
 WRITERS' CENTRE
 RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOP



Shifting Sands

*Changing Perspectives in History
 And Biography*

23rd-26th October 2009



Vaughan Park Conference Centre
 Beach Road, Long Bay
 North Shore, Auckland

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DAY ONE: FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Chair: Merata Kawharu or Paul Tapsell

- 1.30 **Mihi**
- 1.35 **Anne Salmond: Between worlds: Keynote address on writing history and biography**
- 3.00 Afternoon Tea
- 3.30-5.00 **Monty Soutar: Seeing NZ/Aotearoa history from a Maori perspective**
- 6.30 **Michael King Writers Trust Welcome and Dinner**

DAY TWO: SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Morning session chair: Geoff Chapple

- 9.00 **The biography panel: Janet Hunt, Paul Diamond, Christine Cole Catley**
- 10.30 Morning Tea
- 11.00 **Brian Boyd: Truth lies somewhere: the keynote address on biography**
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 **Caroline Daley & Gavin McLean: Disputed histories? The shaping of history in New Zealand and Australia**
- 3.00 Afternoon Tea
- 3.30-5.00 **Words, style, structure: effective writing for different audiences**
- 6.30 Dinner
- 7.30 **Mystery Event**

DAY THREE: SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Morning session chair: Gordon McLauchlan

- 9.00 **Gavin McLean
 Illuminating through microcosm: local and regional history**
- 10.30 Morning Tea
- 11.00 **The local/regional history panel: Paul Monin, Sandra Coney plus... Hauraki, Waiheke & Piha**
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 **Iain Sharp: Following the thread: The finer points of research**
- 3.00 Afternoon tea
- 3.30 **A room of one's own: attending writers discuss current projects, publishing, plus.....**
- 6.30 Dinner
- 7.30 **Deborah Challinor: Across the line Grey Ghosts to White Feathers Research & writing in different genres**

DAY FOUR: MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER

Morning Session chair: Bob Ross

- 9.00 **The publishing panel: Bridget Williams Sam Elworthy & Geoff Walker Books in a changing world: reform or revolution**
- 10.30 Morning Tea
- 11.00 **Gordon McLauchlan
 A life's sentences: the summing up**
- 12.30 Lunch



THE MICHAEL KING WRITERS' CENTRE RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOP Application Form

Family name.....

First name.....

Address.....

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Email.....

Phone.....

Writers with some publishing record are invited to apply for a place at the Michael King Writers' Centre Residential Workshop.

The inaugural residential workshop, which is limited to 20 writers, reflects Michael King's major interests in history and biography.

Writers will hear leading authors and publishers discuss their experiences in research, writing, book structure and publishing. There will be opportunities to discuss issues with speakers and current projects with fellow writers in a focused but relaxed environment.

Time: 12.30pm Friday 23rd to 1.30pm Monday 26th October 2009 (Labour Weekend).

Cost: \$495.00 plus GST, including all meals and three night's accommodation. Payment is due following acceptance.

Closing date for applications: 30th June 2009. Please include a writing CV. Registration forms will be sent to those accepted by 20th July 2009.

The Michael King Writers' Centre is the first full writers' facility and literary centre in New Zealand, set up to honour the memory of historian and author, Michael King, who died in 2004.

The Centre was established by the Michael King Writers' Studio Trust, formed by a number of his fellow writers and friends to bring about his dream of a writers' centre. The North Shore City Council made an historic house available and the Trust secured funding to complete a sympathetic renovation.

The restored Signalman's House on Devonport's Mt Victoria provides a working studio for the writer-in-residence, accommodation for two authors, and meeting rooms.

As well as providing a retreat for authors, the Writers Centre hosts writing groups for emerging writers of all ages, helps visiting writers and celebrates New Zealand's literary heritage through events and activities.

The 2009 Residential Workshop on writing history and biography, assisted by a generous grant from North Shore City Council, is the first of what is intended to be an annual series of residential workshops covering different forms of writing.

Information about the Residential Workshop
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