

Bellingen Readers & Writers Festival 2013

The Environment - highlights

Thursday March 21st

Dorrigo Hall, 7.00 pm

All you've ever wanted to know about mining and its impact.

Paul Cleary and Sharyn Munro – Gold coin donation

Friday 22nd March

Dorrigo Rainforest Centre, 7.45 am

Dorrigo Bird Song and Poetry: with ranger poet Brian Hawkins.

Meet at Rainforest carpark for car (or bus) shuttle to the Glade.

\$25 (includes full buffet breakfast)

Bookings essential. Phone 02 66575913



The road to Dorrigo

Dorrigo Rainforest Centre, 10.15 – 11:30 pm

Bill Gammage, author of the multi-award winning 'The Biggest Estate'

on how Aboriginal people made the Australian landscape with fire.

\$5 includes tea & coffee. Bookings essential. Phone: 02 66575913

On, in, from, over Bellingen: a short walk in a small town. Ross Macleay, noted local natural and cultural commentator, will uncover inner Bellingen!

3:30-5:00pm. Meet Maam Gaduying park opp Memorial Hall. FREE!

SATURDAY 23rd March Bellingen

The Biggest Estate on Earth, Bill Gammage talks to John Bennett about writing history and his multi-award winning book on how Aborigines made the Australian landscape.

1:00-2:00pm Bellingen Memorial Hall, weekend ticket or single event tickets \$20

Dangerous Activities: Mining and Nuclear Energy

Paul Cleary, Sharyn Munro, and Richard Broinowski Chair: George Negus

2:30 -3:45pm Bellingen Memorial Hall, weekend ticket or single event tickets \$20

Launch of the Solitary Islands oral history project *Not so Solitary*

with Nicola Johnstone, John Bennett, Bronwyn Rodden and the storytellers

4:15 - 5:30 Bellingen Library

Sunday 24th March

Gumbaynggirr stories and native title sessions and much more

Whatever you do don't forget the **famous Bellinger River events!**

Friday 22nd March and Sunday 24th

8.45- 12.30 pm New! **Rap in the Rapids**

Meet at Lavender Bridge, book online - for more details phone Bellingen Canoe Adventures Phone: 02 66559955. See Special Events on website for details

1.30 - 4.30 pm **Paddle with a Poet**

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For full program, and more details see <http://bellingenwritersfestival.com.au>