

This is a summary of Cultural Fund projects that appeared in the media since June 2023.

Media Releases

- ['Wendy Mocke wins the 2023 Griffin Award'](#) 26 July
- ['Copyright Agency announces Bridget Forster as the 2023 Reading Australia Fellow'](#) 4 July
- ['2023 Miles Franklin Literary Award shortlist unveiled'](#) 20 June

Miles Franklin Literary Award winner announcement

- 'The Miles Franklin Winner Who Nearly Gave up Writing' [Read This](#) Podcast, *The Saturday Paper*, Host Michael Williams, editor of *The Monthly*, 27 July
- 'Miles Franklin award winner Shankari Chandran' [THE FRONT](#) (Podcast), *The Australian*, 26 July
- 'Sydney author Shankari Chandran wins Miles Franklin Literary Award for her third novel' [Korea Herald](#), 26 July
- 'Sydney author Shankari Chandran wins Miles Franklin Literary Award for her third novel' Daily Motion, video ABC News,
- 'Shankari Chandran wins 2023 Miles Franklin Literary Award for her novel Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens' [Australian Arts Review](#), 26 July
- 'Shankari Chandran wins Miles Franklin Literary Award 2023 for 'Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens'' [Times of India](#), 26 July
- 'Miles Franklin winner announced...' [The Squiz](#), 26 July
- 'Shankari Chandran wins 2023 Miles Franklin award for Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens' by Kelly Burke, [Guardian Australia](#), 25 July
- 'Shankari Chandran wins Miles Franklin Literary Award for 'Trojan horse' novel that explores the national identities of Sri Lanka and Australia' by Arts editor Dee Jefferson, [ABC Arts](#), 25 July
- ["'Trojan horse' novel tackling colonisation and war wins Miles Franklin"](#) by Jason Steger, Fairfax Media syndicated: *Age*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 25 July
- ["'Not Australian enough': Miles Franklin Award-winner overcomes early rejection"](#) [SBS News Podcasts](#) 25 July
- 'Shankari Chandran wins the Miles Franklin with a sophisticated take on racism, cultural erasure and what it means to belong' by Julienne van Loon, [The Conversation](#), 25 July
- 'Shankari Chandran wins Miles Franklin with her third novel' by Jessie Tu, [Women's Agenda](#), 25 July
- 'Author Shankari Chandran expresses shock, tears and disbelief at Miles Franklin win' by Liz Hobday, [The New Daily](#), 25 July
- ['Author's shock, tears, disbelief at Miles Franklin win'](#) by Liz Hobday, AAP: *Perth Now*, *The Leader*, *Yahoo*, 25 July
- 'Shankari Chandran wins the Miles Franklin with a sophisticated take on racism, cultural erasure and what it means to belong' [Reddit](#), 25 July
- ['Cinnamon challenges, but steeped in success'](#) by Jason Steger, *Age*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 26 July
- 'Heritage with heart wins over Miles Franklin judges' by Caroline Overington, [The Australian](#), 26 July
- 'Shankari Chandran wins 2023's Miles Franklin Award' by Thuy On, [ArtsHub](#), 25 July
- "Chandran wins 2023 Miles Franklin for 'Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens'" [Books+Publishing](#), 25 July

Miles Franklin Literary Award shortlist announcement (The Shortlist is supported by the Cultural Fund)

- 'Queer disobedience, cultural erasure and uncomfortable truths: your guide to the 2023 Miles Franklin shortlist' by Julienne van Loon, [The Conversation](#), 24 July
- 'Miles Franklin honour for novel inspired by grandfather' by Rob Inglis, [Sunday Tasmanian](#), 2 July
- 'Redfern local Fiona Kelly McGregor author of 'Iris' shortlisted for Miles Franklin Award' [South Sydney Herald](#) 30 June
- 'Miles Franklin Literary Award shortlist 2023: pod extra interview special' [ABC Radio National](#), 29 June
- 'Tale of new Australia in Geelong migrant's shortlist debut' [Geelong Times](#), 28 June

- 'Young author shortlisted for Aus literature's biggest prize' by Matt Hewson, [Ocean Grove Voice](#), 24 June
- '2023 Miles Franklin Literary Award shortlist unveiled' [Perpetual website](#), 20 June
- 'UWA Publishing author's debut novel makes Miles Franklin shortlist' [UWA Publishing](#), 20 June
- 'Miles Franklin Literary Award 2023 shortlist announced' [Books+Publishing](#), 20 June
- 'Opportunities and awards: This week's announcements include the National Photographic Portrait Prize winner, APRA PDAs, Penguin Literary Prize, Miles Franklin shortlist and more.' by Celina Lei, [artshub](#), 20 June
- 'Miles Franklin honours new talent' [The Saturday Paper](#), 20 June
- '[Migrant's tale in Miles Franklin shortlist debut](#)' by Liz Hobday, [syndicated] *CBR City News*, *MSN*, 20 June
- 'Miles Franklin award 2023: shortlist revealed for Australia's prestigious literary prize' by Michael Sun, [Guardian Australia](#), 20 June
- '[From South Sudan to the Miles Franklin shortlist, with 'a novel of national significance'](#)' by Jason Steger, [syndicated] *Age*, *Brisbane Times*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *WA Today*, 20 June
- 'The Miles Franklin Literary Award shortlist 2023' [Readings](#), 19 June
- '[Kgshak's novel of 'national significance' shortlisted in Miles Franklin Literary Award](#)' by Marlene Even, *Milton Ulladulla Times*, *St George & Sutherland Shire Leader* [*syndicated] as below, 20 June
- '[Tale of new Australia in Miles Franklin shortlist debut](#)' by Liz Hobday, [syndicated] as below, 20 June

<i>Ararat Advertiser*</i>	<i>Cowra Free press</i>	<i>June Southern Cross</i>	<i>Perth Now</i>
<i>Advocate (Tas) *</i>	<i>Cowra Guardian*</i>	<i>Kalgoorlie Miner</i>	<i>Port Macquarie News*</i>
<i>Albany Advertiser</i>	<i>Crookwell Gazette*</i>	<i>Katherine Times*</i>	<i>Port Stephens Examiner*</i>
<i>Area News*</i>	<i>Daily Advertiser*</i>	<i>Leader</i>	<i>Queanbeyan Age</i>
<i>Armidale Express*</i>	<i>Daily Liberal*</i>	<i>Lismore City News</i>	<i>Redland City Bulletin</i>
<i>Bay Post-Moruya Examiner*</i>	<i>Dungog Chronicle</i>	<i>Lithgow Mercury</i>	<i>Rural</i>
<i>Bega District News*</i>	<i>Eastern Riverina Chronicle</i>	<i>Macleay Argus*</i>	<i>Scone Advocate</i>
<i>Benalla Ensign</i>	<i>Eden Magnet*</i>	<i>Maitland Mercury*</i>	<i>Senior News</i>
<i>Bendigo Advertiser*</i>	<i>Examiner</i>	<i>Mandurah Mail*</i>	<i>Seymour telegraph</i>
<i>Blayney Chronicle*</i>	<i>Forbes Advocate*</i>	<i>Manning River Times*</i>	<i>Shepparton News</i>
<i>Blue Mountains Gazette*</i>	<i>Glen Innes Examiner*</i>	<i>Margaret River Mail</i>	<i>Singleton Argus*</i>
<i>Boorowa News</i>	<i>Gloucester Advocate*</i>	<i>Merimbula News Weekly</i>	<i>Sound Telegraph</i>
<i>Border Mail*</i>	<i>Goulburn Post*</i>	<i>Moree Champion*</i>	<i>South Coast Register*</i>
<i>Braidwood Times*</i>	<i>Great Lakes Advocate</i>	<i>Mudgee Guardian</i>	<i>Southern Highland News*</i>
<i>Broome Advertiser</i>	<i>Grenfell Record*</i>	<i>Muswellbrook Chronicle*</i>	<i>Standard*</i>
<i>Bunbury Mail*</i>	<i>Ground News</i>	<i>Naomi Valley Independent*</i>	<i>Stawell Times</i>
<i>Busselton Mail*</i>	<i>Harden Express</i>	<i>Narooma News*</i>	<i>Tenterfield Star*</i>
<i>Camden Courier</i>	<i>Hawkesbury Gazette</i>	<i>Narromine News*</i>	<i>Ulladulla Times</i>
<i>Canberra Times</i>	<i>Hepburn Advocate*</i>	<i>National Tribune</i>	<i>Wellington Times</i>
<i>Canberra Times*</i>	<i>Hunter Valley News*</i>	<i>Newcastle Herald*</i>	<i>West Australian</i>
<i>Canowindra News</i>	<i>Illawarra Mercury*</i>	<i>North West Star*</i>	<i>Western Advocate*</i>
<i>Central Western Daily*</i>	<i>InDaily</i>	<i>Northern Daily Leader</i>	<i>Whispering Gums</i>
<i>Cessnock Advertiser*</i>	<i>Inner East Review*</i>	<i>Nyngan Observer</i>	<i>Wimmera Mail -Times*</i>
<i>Cobram Courier</i>	<i>Inverell Times*</i>	<i>Oberon Review</i>	<i>Yahoo</i>
<i>Cootamundra Herald*</i>	<i>Irrigator</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>Yass Tribune*</i>
<i>Courier*</i>	<i>Jimboomba Times</i>	<i>Parkes Champion Post</i>	<i>Young Witness*</i>

Cultural Fund Projects

Copyright Agency Partnerships

- Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA)
 - 'How we're using the Vietnamese ethnic savings scheme 'Hụi' to buy back our cultural heritage' [The Conversation](#), by James Nguyen and Victoria Pham, 7 July

Reading Australia Fellowship for Teachers of English and Literacy

- 'Opportunities and awards: 2023 Reading Australia Fellow announced' by Celina Lei [artshub](#) 12 July
 - 'AI use in schools researched' [Bayside News](#), 12 July
 - 'AI use in schools researched' [Chelsea Mordialloc Mentone News](#), page 3, 12 July
 - 'How can schools protect students' unique voices in the age of AI?' [The Educator](#), 6 July
 - 'Forster awarded 2023 Reading Australia Fellowship' [Books+Publishing](#), 5 July
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Australian Publishers Association

- BookUp: Australian Book Industry Conference 2023, APA [website](#)
- 'First keynote speaker announced: Stela Solar, Director of the National AI Centre hosted by CSIRO' APA [eNews](#), 13 June
- 'BookUp 2023 to explore AI, book pricing, First Nations publishing' [Books+Publishing](#) 8 June
- Australian Book Industry Awards (ABIAs)
 - Copyright Agency sponsored [General Non-Fiction Book of the Year](#) *Bulldozed* by Niki Savva
 - 'RecipeTin Eats: Dinner wins 2023 ABIA book of the year' [Books+Publishing](#) 25 May

Australian Rural & Regional News

- '[Review – When One of Us Hurts](#)' by Rebecca Rowlings, *ARR News*, 21 June
- '[Review – The Archipelago Of Us](#)' by Serena Kirby, *ARR News*, 8 June

Brisbane Writers' Festival – The Second Book online series with Michaela Kalowski

- Episode #05: [Robbie Arnott](#), 10 August
- Episode #04: [Sarah Krasnostein](#), 13 July
- Episode #03: [Yumna Kassab](#), 6 July
- Episode #02: [Rhiannon Wilde](#), 25 May

Cordite Publishing

- '[Tell Me Like You Mean It 6](#)', by B Gilmartin and Lillian Palser Barto, *Cordite Poetry Review*, 25 June

Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair

- DAAF 2023 [Public Program](#) 11-13 August

Griffin Theatre – Griffin Award 2023

- 'Wendy Mocke wins the 2023 Griffin Award' by Jason Blake, [Limelight](#), 28 July
- 'Wendy Mocke wins 2023 Griffin Award' [Australian Arts Review](#), 27 July
- Wendy Mocke wins the 2023 Griffin Award' [Griffin Theatre](#), 26 July

Griffith Review

- Winners of the [2023 Emerging Voices competition](#), [Instagram](#)
 - Alex Cothren
 - Scott Limbrick
 - Brooke Maddison
 - Beau Windon

Guardian Australia – Australian Book reviews

- '[The Hummingbird Effect by Kate Mildenhall review – a genre-defying epic](#)' book review by Bec Kavanagh, 11 August
- '[West Girls by Laura Elizabeth Woollett review – sexism, schoolgirls and supermodels](#)' book review by Donna Lu, 4 August
- '[The Pole and Other Stories by JM Coetzee review – if this is his final book, it is a great one](#)' book review by Declan Fry, 28 July
- '[The Scope of Permissibility by Zeynab Gamielien review – a Muslim take on the Australian campus novel](#)' book review by Zoya Patel, 21 July
- '[Restless Dolly Maunder by Kate Grenville review – an empathetic story of a formidable grandmother](#)' by Kirsten Tranter, 14 July
- '[Wifedom by Anna Funder review – a brilliant reckoning with George Orwell to change the way you read](#)' book review by Susan Wyndham, 7 July
- '[The Days Toppled Over by Vidya Madabushi review – the plight of Australia's international students](#)' book review by Sarah Ayoub, 30 June
- '[Feast by Emily O'Grady review – tense and triumphant look at the unmet needs of women](#)' book review by Bec Kavanagh, 23 June
- '[I Look Forward to Hearing from You by Nick Bhasin review – madcap Hollywood satire](#)' book review by Giselle Au-Nhien Nguyen, 16 June
- '[Where I Slept by Libby Angel review – Melbourne's 1990s bohemia comes to gritty life](#)' book review by Jack Callil, 9 June
- '[Exquisite Corpse by Marija Peričić review – boundary-pushing and disturbing feminist gothic horror](#)' book review by Bec Kavanagh, 2 June

Institute of Professional Editors (IPEd)

- 'Books without barriers: a free inclusive publishing guide', Thuy On, [Artshub](#), 8 June
- 'Accessibility in Books: Australia's New Publishing Guide' by Porter Anderson [Publishing Perspectives](#), 8 June

Island Magazine – Nonfiction Prize 2023

- [Winner announcement](#), 7 July
 - Indigo Bailey for 'Rain Rain'
- Shortlist (All five pieces will be published in Island 168)
 - Carly Stone for 'The Other Hand'
 - Indigo Bailey for 'Rain Rain'
 - Isabella Wang for 'Clothing the Whiteness'
 - Meredith Jelbart for 'Collection of Collections'
 - Sarah Firth for 'We Were Here'

Magabala Books

- The [Daisy Utemorrah Award](#) for Unpublished Indigenous Junior and YA Fiction (\$15,000 and a publishing contract with Magabala Books)
 - '[Jared Thomas announced as winner of the 2023 Daisy Utemorrah Award](#)', Magabala Books website, 23 June
 - *Getting Dusty* by Jared Thomas

NT Writers Centre – NT Writers Festival 2023 Mparntwe/Alice Springs

- NT Writers Festival 2023 podcast, launching mid-August
 - Episode: NTWF 2023 - [Unsettling Narratives of the Past](#)
 - "Three practitioners of historical fiction – Geraldine Brooks, Anita Heiss AM, and Christopher Raja – discuss how their writing challenges dominant narratives of the past... This panel was sponsored by the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund. "

- 'NT Writers Festival achieves box office record for Mparntwe/Alice Springs' [Books+Publishing](#), 27 June
 - "NT Writers saw a box office record for its festival in Mparntwe/Alice Springs, which took place from 1–4 June, selling over 2500 tickets and generating box office income of over \$45,000."

Public Interest Journalism Initiative

- 'Harbouring a passion for the facts: news in Fremantle' by [Richard King](#), 13 July
- 'Tropic Wonder: community-first focus in Cairns and surrounding regions' by [Jodan Perry](#) 10 July
- "'The story of us": news on the Eyre Peninsula' by [Royce Kurlmelovs](#), 4 July

Queensland Theatre

- Robyn Archer: An Australian Songbook, Playhouse, Arts Centre Melbourne [website](#), 12 June

State Library of Queensland

- Queensland Literary Awards
 - Judith Wright Calanthe Award for a Poetry Collection – [2023 shortlist announced](#) 2 August
 - Googlecholia by Michael Farrell (Giramondo Publishing)
 - Harvest Lingo by Lionel Fogarty (Giramondo Publishing)
 - The Drama Student by Autumn Royal (Giramondo Publishing)
 - Fugitive by Simon Tedeschi (Upswell Publishing)
 - Exactly As I Am by Rae White (University of Queensland Press)
 - David Unaipon Award for an Emerging Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Writer – [2023 shortlist announced](#) 2 August
 - "guniimara" by Lulu Houdini
 - "Always and Again" by Brooke Scobie
 - "To Give Them a Voice" by Maria van Neerven
- black&write! Writing Fellowships announced, [website](#)
 - Dakota Feirer for 'Arsenic Flower'
 - Jacob Gallagher for 'The Doubles'
 - 'black&write! fellowships 2023 recipients announced' [Books+Publishing](#), 30 May

Sydney Theatre Company

- '[The Weekend](#)' Based on the novel by Charlotte Wood. Adapted by Sue Smith. Directed by Sarah Goodes.

Sydney Writers' Festival

- 'Audiences return to SWF in 'larger than expected' numbers' [Books+Publishing](#) 27 June
- "Sydney Writers' Festival (SWF) audiences returned to this year's festival as a live event in larger than expected numbers, similar to pre-Covid festivals, sparking conversations about 'envisioning the future, our desires for it, and the challenges it might present'."
 - Running from 22–28 May, the festival recorded 83,339 in-person and digital-streaming attendees for a program featuring more than 230 events and nearly 300 international and Australian writers and thinkers, under the theme of 'Stories for the Future'.
 - SWF CEO Brooke Webb said, 'By every measure, the 2023 Sydney Writers' Festival was a great success. This year the Festival experienced a significant 29% increase in attendance when compared to 2022. These figures indicate the enthusiastic comeback of our literature community who eagerly engaged with local and international writers and their fellow readers. It was thrilling to witness.' "

University of Queensland Press – First Nations Classics series

- 'Dear Reader, with Alison Huber', [Readings Bookshop Newsletter](#), 8 June
- 'First Nations Classics released in time for NAIDOC week' by Thuy On, [Artshub](#), 2 June

University of Tasmania – The Hedberg Writer-in-Residence program

- 'King Island shipwreck the focus for Hedberg Writer-in-Residence' [National Tribune](#), 9 June

University of Western Australia (UWA Publishing)

- 2023 Dorothy Hewett Award for an Unpublished Manuscript
Winner announcement, [Instagram](#) 16 June
 - *Depth of Field* by Kirsty Iltner
- 'Probing novel wins prestigious UWA publishing award', [UWA news](#), June
- 'Iltner wins 2023 Dorothy Hewett Award' [Books+Publishing](#), 19 June
- 2021 winner Josh Kemp, author of 'Banjawarn' published by UWA Publishing in 2022, won the 2023 WA Premier's Prize for an Emerging Writer
 - This award marks the third award that Josh has won for his debut novel 'Banjawarn'.
 - 'Banjawarn' was also the winner of the 2022 Ned Kelly Award for Best Debut Crime Fiction

Varuna – The National Writers' House

- 2023 First Nations Fellowship Recipients, Varuna [website](#)
The 12 fellowship recipients for 2023 are:
 - Bebe Backhouse for their collection of poetry *if this is the end*
 - Alison J Barton for their collection of poetry *Not Telling*
 - Tahnee Carter for their fantasy/speculative manuscript, *Koa*
 - Alita Childs for their fiction manuscript, *Third and Final Call*
 - Rosa Diarmada for their young adult manuscript, *Salt*
 - Julie Gough for their non-fiction narrative, *Disclosure*
 - Darby Jones for their essay, *Unintelligible Bodies*
 - Ellen van Neerven for their poetry manuscript, *Love Me (More)*
 - Maria van Neerven for their collection of poetry
 - Lucy Norton for their collection of poetry, *even sacred things come undone*
 - Barrina South for their manuscript of poetry
 - Wesley Stubbings for their screenplay/script, *The Seed*
- 'Varuna 2023 First Nations Fellowships announced' [Books+Publishing](#), 9 June

Walkley Foundation – 2023 Mid-Year Celebration of Journalism

- The June Andrews Award for Arts Journalism, [Winners announced](#) 15 June
 - **Anna Verney** and **Richard Cooke**, *Guardian Australia* and *The Monthly*, "The John Hughes literary plagiarism series" ("[Miles Franklin-nominated novelist apologises for plagiarising Nobel laureate 'without realising'](#)"; "[Parts of John Hughes' novel The Dogs copied from The Great Gatsby and Anna Karenina](#)" "[Being John Hughes](#)")
- 'Menzies-Pike wins Pascall Prize, Hughes plagiarism coverage wins journalism award' [Books+Publishing](#), 16 June
- Finalists for the June Andrews Award for Arts Journalism, Walkley Foundation [website](#), 25 May
 - **Gabriella Coslovich**, *Good Weekend*, "The Art of the Steal"
 - **Marc Fennell**, *ABC TV*, "Stuff the British Stole"
 - **Anna Verney** and **Richard Cooke**, *Guardian Australia*, "'Miles Franklin-nominated novelist apologises for plagiarising Nobel laureate 'without realising'"

Reading Australia Instagram

- 2037 followers (increase of 113 followers since last reported in June)