



The Cats of Australia
- From shipmates to soulmates and eco-villains
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A funny, fascinating and affectionate journey through our love-hate relationship with cats by Australia's only cat historian.

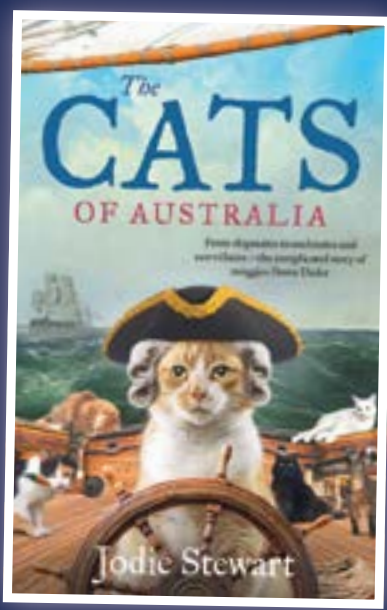
Since the arrival of the First Fleet, cats have been loved, adored and celebrated while at the same time villainised, loathed, and maligned.

For cats in Australia, it's complicated. The Cats of Australia explores our funny, fraught and fur-filled relationship with these enigmatic creatures since they first sailed to our shores.

Cats have joined us on farms, shearing sheds, naval and merchant ships, hospitals, train stations, and corner shops. Cats ate ice creams with us on the beach, nursed soldiers back to health in World War I hospices, stood firm with their comrades on the picket lines and endured the savagery of war in the trenches.

Cats also inspired us to paint, write and create. They taught us how to care. And they've also inspired some of the fiercest debates about their impact on our precious native wildlife.

With affection, humour and a keen eye on the big moments in history, this book explores the rich history of Australia's cats - how



they've stolen our hearts, stirred our passions, and walked the fine line between beloved cuddler and ecological villain.

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Lellie Lopter visits the library

Louis Harrison

AWARD-winning author and illustrator Lellie Lopter is dropping by the Swan Hill Regional Library on Monday.

Kicking off the winter school holidays, families will be treated to an author talk and storytime for Ms Lopter's latest book *Bella Grows A Bicycle* which was published in May this year.

The storytime session also includes a DIY tote bag craft activity for the young and young at heart.

The book follows the clever and determined Bella as she embarks on a swapping adventure filled with creative exchanges and important lessons of patience, resourcefulness and thinking outside the box.

Bella Grows a Bicycle features an engaging storyline, colourful illustrations and introduces young readers to early financial literacy concepts as Bella trades her way to the shiny bicycle of her dreams.

A "passionate advocate for children's literacy", Ms Lopter has contributed to many community initiatives including the Author Pen Pals Program, the Incognito Art Show and also leads Sunraysia's Free Little Library Project.

Living with ASD and chronic pain, Ms Lopter writes books that encourage young readers to explore creative thinking and problem solving strategies by not shying away from "big feelings and tricky topics".

"My stories inspire people to think big, feel deep, and to laugh out loud," Ms Lopter said.

Bookings are required for this event. Visit the Swan Hill Regional Library's website to book your spot today.



Lellie Lopter is an award-winning author and illustrator. Picture: Supplied.

What: Author and illustrator visit - Lellie Lopter

Where: Swan Hill Regional Library

When: Monday, 29 June

Time: 10.30am-11.30am

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MOVIES NOW SHOWING

WEEK COMMENCING FRIDAY, JUNE 26

BACKROOMS | M 110mins

SAT. 10:30am

TUES. 10:30am

WED. 10:30am

DISCLOSURE DAY | M 145mins

FRI. 12:50pm, 8:40pm

SAT. 12:50pm, 8:40pm

SUN. 10:15am, 1:10pm

MON. 12:50pm

TUES. 12:50pm

WED. 12:50pm

MINIONS & MONSTERS | PG 90mins

FRI. 10:00am, 12:20pm, 4:30pm, 6:40pm

SAT. 10:00am, 12:20pm, 4:30pm, 6:40pm

SUN. 10:00am, 12:20pm, 4:30pm, 6:30pm

MON. 10:00am, 12:20pm, 4:30pm, 6:30pm

TUES. 10:00am, 12:20pm, 4:30pm, 6:30pm

WED. 10:00am, 12:20pm, 4:30pm, 6:30pm

SCARY MOVIE | MA15+ 96mins

FRI. 4:00pm, 9:00pm

SAT. 4:00pm, 9:00pm

SUN. 4:15pm

MON. 4:00pm

TUES. 4:00pm

WED. 4:00pm

OBSSESSION | MA15+ 108mins

FRI. 10:30am

MON. 10:30am

SUPERGIRL | M 110mins

FRI. 12:00pm, 2:15pm, 6:20pm, 8:50pm

SAT. 12:00pm, 2:15pm, 6:20pm, 8:50pm

SUN. 12:00pm, 2:15pm, 6:40pm

MON. 12:00pm, 2:15pm, 6:40pm

TUES. 12:00pm, 2:15pm, 6:40pm

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TOY STORY 5 | G 102mins

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SHOWBIZ MOVIES OF THE WEEK

MINONS & MONSTERS

Running time: 90mins

Rating: PG

This is the rambunctious, ridiculous and totally true story of how the Minions conquered Hollywood, became movie stars, lost everything, unleashed monsters onto the world and then banded together to try and save the planet from the mayhem they had just created.

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