

# MANNING CLARK HOUSE

# weekend of ideas

## AUSTRALIAN PASSIONS

### the arts and sport

A range of speakers will consider the nation's leading passions – the arts and sport – and their place in contemporary Australia. Artists, writers, journalists, sports and arts administrators, coaches, athletes and others will also explore the challenge of striving for excellence in both disciplines, and the perennial question of how to support the arts and sport. Saturday will conclude with the eighth Dymphna

Clark lecture, by writer and historian Dr David Headon, editor of *The Best Ever Australian Sports Writing – a 200 Year Collection*. There will be debates about the relative value placed on the arts and sport and what that says about Australia; the challenges of involving the community in the arts and sport; the icons of Australian arts and sport, and the role of audiences and fans.

### saturday, march 14

- Chair: Virginia Haussegger ABC
- 9.00am **Welcome to Country:** Aunty Agnes Shea  
**Welcome to Manning Clark House:** Sebastian Clark,  
*President Manning Clark House*
- 9.10am **Opening address**  
Jon Stanhope *Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory*
- 9.20am **Setting the scene: the arts and sport**  
Hugh Mackay *writer and social commentator*
- 9.40am **Going for gold in the arts.** Striving for artistic excellence and recognition, and what comes afterwards.  
Steven Heathcote *former principal dancer Australian Ballet*  
John Marsden *award-winning youth writer and educator*  
Mandy Martin *artist*
- 11.10am **Morning break**
- 11.30am **Going for gold in sport.** Striving to reach top form in sport, and to win awards, and what comes afterwards.  
Sarah Cook *rower Beijing Olympics*  
Brent Espeland *A/Director Australian Sports Commission*  
James Ferguson *former Director, Australian Sports Commission*  
Robin Poke *rower, administrator, journalist and author*
- 1.00pm **Lunch**
- 2.00pm **The arts and sport: starting young.** Getting involved early; and the differences between success in the arts and sport.  
Heather Reid *Capitals Football CEO*  
Stephen Moore *Wallabies and Brumbies player*  
Elena Kirschbaum *physical performer in circus, stunts, stage, film and festivals*  
Kate Shearer *Artistic Director Jigsaw Theatre*  
Marcus Westbury *youth festival director*
- 4.00pm **Afternoon break**
- 4.30pm **Dymphna Clark lecture:**  
**the arts and sport – a lifelong commitment**  
Dr David Headon, *writer and historian will reflect on Manning Clark House and his warm friendship with Dymphna Clark in her last years. He will also discuss his 800-page anthology connecting the arts and sport, and making lifelong commitment.*
- 5.30pm **Swing performers:** Jumptown Jammers

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### sunday, march 15

- Chair: Genevieve Jacobs ABC
- 8.30am **Fitness class**
- 9.10 am **Fuelled by sport: getting everyone involved.** The challenges and rewards of rousing community interest and participation in sport.  
Russell Borgeaud *volleyball coach, Australian Institute of Sport*  
Judy Maguire *GM, Targeted Sports Programs Australian Sports Commission*  
Dr David Headon *writer and historian*  
Ron Burns *organiser, 2008 Pacific School Games & several Masters Games*
- 10.40am **Morning break**
- 11.00am **Fuelled by the arts: getting everyone involved.** The challenges and rewards of rousing community interest and involvement in the arts.  
Gary Humphries *Senator, ACT*  
Maud Clark *CEO, Somebody's Daughter Theatre Company*  
Zoe Barry *composer, performer, musician*  
Benjamin Northey *conductor, Melbourne Chamber Orchestra*
- 12.30pm **Lunch**
- 1.30pm **Supporters and icons: the arts and sport** Examining the icons of Australian arts and sport and the role of audiences and fans.  
John Harms *sports writer*  
Tim Gavel *ABC reporter and ACT 2009 Local Hero*  
Brian Matthews *author*
- 3.00pm **Afternoon tea and Boho Interactive installation in supper tent**
- 3.30pm **Putting a value on the arts and sport** Considering the relative value of the arts and sport and what that says about Australia; support for the arts and sport.  
Dr Nick Herd *Australia Council for the Arts*  
Richard Rolfe *OAM corporate sponsor - sport*  
Nigel Featherstone *Manager Arts Development, Arts ACT*  
David Zerman *Director-Fundraising and Philanthropy*
- 4.30pm **Summary and concluding remarks**

Sat 14 March – Sun 15 March 2009. **MANNING CLARK HOUSE**. 11 Tasmania Circle, Forrest ACT.

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