



MEDIA RELEASE

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Helen Garner, Sarah Krasnostein and Chloe Hooper dissect the Mushroom Murders in unmissable Melbourne Town Hall event



Three of Australia's most acclaimed writers – Helen Garner, Chloe Hooper and Sarah Krasnostein – will come together for an exclusive, one-night-only event at Melbourne Town Hall to unpack the gripping 'Mushroom Murder' case and the trial that captivated the world.

Presented by The Wheeler Centre, *The Mushroom Tapes: Conversations about a Triple Murder Trial* will offer a deep dive into the story, crimes and motivations of Erin Patterson – the Leongatha local recently convicted of murdering her parents-in-law with a deadly serve of beef wellington. The trial set off an international frenzy, with details of the fateful lunch sparking daily podcasts, generating global headlines, emboldening armchair forensics and feeding an insatiable public obsession.

QUOTE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ERIN VINCENT, CEO, THE WHEELER CENTRE: "This event brings together three literary giants to explore a story that has captured the public's attention. The Wheeler Centre is uniquely placed to respond to stories that captivate the public's imagination just as this case has. As a part of our year-round program, this event is a powerful expression of our mission: Books, Writing and Ideas coming together in a dynamic and timely way."

For over eight weeks, Garner, Hooper and Krasnostein followed every development of the trial at the Latrobe Valley Law Courts, embedded in Morwell and immersed in the media circus that surrounded. Now, following the publication of their shared account of the trial in *The Mushroom Tapes: Conversations about a Triple Murder Trial*, the trio will reunite on stage to reflect on what they witnessed, why it matters and what it reveals about justice, narrative and the public's thirst for sensational stories.



Together, Garner, Hooper and Krasnostein will examine the gap between the certainties of the law and the messiness of reality, the tension between truth and narrative, justice and voyeurism and confront their own ambivalence about the true crime genre.

The Mushroom Tapes, presented by The Wheeler Centre at Melbourne Town Hall is a rare opportunity to hear three of the country's most brilliant literary minds reckon with a case – and a culture – that refuses to let go.

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The full list of events and dates are listed below. For more information, please visit wheelercentre.com/events

The Mushroom Tapes: Conversations about a Triple Murder Trial

Helen Garner, Chloe Hooper, Sarah Krasnostein
7.00pm, Monday 10 November
Melbourne Town Hall

The Wheeler Centre is Melbourne's home for smart, passionate and entertaining public talks, and exists to support writers, readers and thinkers. Through live and digital conversations, debates, readings, performances and discussions, it deepens public engagement with the most pressing topics of the day. It is dedicated to creative collaboration, community engagement, diversity, and innovation