



MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday 16 January 2024

The Wheeler Centre announces new summer events with Darcy Moore, Chanel Contos and more

The Wheeler Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas announced an expanded summer program today, adding exclusive conversations with Collingwood Football Club captain Darcy Moore, consent campaigner Chanel Contos and Taylor Swift expert Brittany Spanos.

Beloved Pies captain Moore will speak with veteran ABC journalist Patricia Karvelas about his life, work and football, while Contos will discuss her debut book *Consent Laid Bare*, a nuanced exploration of rape culture, consent and sex education.

Brittany Spanos, a Rolling Stones journalist who recently taught a New York University course on Taylor Swift, will speak with Brodie Lancaster about the iconic star's life legacy and cultural impact. The conversation will be Spanos' only public event while she is in Melbourne for the University of Melbourne's Swiftposium conference.

The Wheeler Centre's summer offerings also include an in-conversation with celebrated British historian Peter Frankopan, plus the winners of the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards will be announced during a special ceremony livestream.

Quotes attributable to The Wheeler Centre CEO Erin Vincent

'The Wheeler Centre has it all this summer, featuring exclusive conversations with high profile Australians like Darcy Moore and Chanel Contos and international speakers Brittany Spanos and Peter Frankopan,' she said.

'Offering something for Swifties, football fans, history buffs and literary lovers, this is The Wheeler Centre programming at its best.'

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

Victorian Premier's Literary Awards Ceremony Livestream

Tuesday 1 February 2024, 6.00pm, The Edge Fed Square

Brittany Spanos: Swiftmania (Taylor's Version)

Tuesday 13 February 2024, 6.30pm, The Wheeler Centre

Darcy Moore in Conversation

Thursday 15 February 2024, 6.30pm, The Wheeler Centre

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Peter Frankopan: The Earth Transformed

Thursday 29 February 2024, 6.00pm, The Wheeler Centre

Chanel Contos: Consent Laid Bare

Tuesday 5 March 2024, 6.30pm, The Wheeler Centre

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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.

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