AN INVITATION
CELEBRATE AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS CULTURE AND LITERATURE
AT THE 2013 PAST MATTERS FESTIVAL
FRIDAY 26 JULY & SATURDAY 27 JULY 2013

Montsalvat and the Nillumbik Reconciliation Group invite you to join a stellar line up of Australian writers, historians, filmmakers, scholars and thinkers as they delve into Australia’s Indigenous past and spotlight its present.

OPENING NIGHT: FRIDAY 26 JULY, 6PM
Montsalvat joins with Australian Book Review and the University of Melbourne in hosting the festival’s opening event at Boyd, at ABR’s new city home.
Guest Speaker: Martin Thomas, ARC Future Fellow in ANU’s Dept of History, biographer and essayist. Martin Thomas won the 2012 national Biography Award for his celebrated study of anthropologist RH Mathews and ABR’s 2013 Calibre Prize for his extraordinary essay Because it’s Your Country, Bringing back the bones to West Arnhem Land.
Time & place: 6pm, Friday 26 July at Boyd, 207–227 City Road Southbank.
This is a free event, but bookings are essential.
RSVP to: montsalvat@monsalvat.com.au tel: 03 9439 7712
or: rsvp@australianbookreview.com.au tel: 03 9699 8822

SATURDAY FESTIVAL: 27 JULY, 10.30AM–7PM
Montsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham
Guest speakers include:
Alexis Wright, celebrated fiction and non-fiction writer, social activist and winner of the 2007 Miles Franklin Award for her novel Carpentaria.
Tony Birch, Koori writer, poet, curator and lecturer in creative writing at the University of Melbourne and author of the critically acclaimed Blood and Shadowboxing.
Philip Morrissey, Murri scholar and coordinator of the Indigenous Studies program and specialist in Aboriginal fine arts, film, literature and sport. University of Melbourne postgraduate students of Indigenous Studies on their interpretations of Sam Watson’s 1990 novel The Kadaitcha Sung.
Martin Butler, multi-award-winning director/producer, with Bentley Dean, of the 2009 ABC documentary ‘Contact’, and of ‘First Footprints’, to be screened on ABC TV in July 2013.
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