

Stuart Kells



Stuart Kells is an award-winning author and historian whose books have been published around the world. He has twice won the prestigious Ashurst Business Literature prize, and his book *The Library: A Catalogue of Wonders* was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's literary award and the NSW Premier's general history prize. He delivered the 2018 Jean Whyte Lecture and the 2022 Murray Talk. He is Adjunct Professor at La Trobe University's College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce. He is currently writing a history of the Mildura region, to be published by Melbourne University Publishing in 2025.

Author and historian Stuart Kells has spent much of the past three years researching and writing a history of the Mildura region, to be published by Melbourne University Press in 2025.

Mildura Rural City Council commissioned the forthcoming book, in recognition of the need for a substantial new history of the region.

The earliest published histories contain apocryphal and fanciful content, and they reflect outdated ideas about women, Indigenous people, migrants, and Australia's landscape and geography. They also have significant gaps.

The new history book will fill the most glaring gaps, and it will bring to light new insights, including with regard to the lead-up to the Chaffey scheme, the scheme itself, and the region's more recent history.

Research for the book has benefited from the generous participation of people in the region, including Ross Lake, members of the local historical societies, and participants in the Frames of History project.

At this event, Stuart will discuss his research and the proposed book.

**Tickets to see
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