



Well known authors to speak at Stawell Library

STAWELL - Stawell Library will be hosting two special events in May featuring appearances by well known authors.

Residents will be given the opportunity to meet author Rachael Treasure at the library on Friday, May 10 between 12 noon and 1.30pm. This is a free event, with a light lunch being provided.

Bookings are essential on 5358 1274. Books will be available for purchase and there will be an opportunity for them to be signed by Rachael.

Author Rachael Treasure currently lives in southern rural Tasmania with her two young children, Rosie and Charlie.

Rachael is passionate about encouraging non-readers to read, inspiring farmers to consider regenerative agricultural practices and animal handlers to better understand their dogs and livestock.

She is a Rural Business Administration graduate of Orange Agricultural College and has a Bachelor of Arts (Communication) degree from Charles Sturt University, Bathurst NSW.

In between studying she has worked as a jillaroo, rural journalist, ABC radio broadcaster, professional woolclasser, part-time vet nurse, family farm

manager, drover and stock camp cook.

Her first novel *Jillaroo*, published in 2002, has grown to become one of Australia's iconic works of fiction inspiring other country women to contribute to the genre of contemporary rural literature.

Her other best selling works include, *The Stockman*, based on her experience with working dog education, *The Rouseabout*, inspired by her wild times at Australia's Bachelor and Spinster (B&S) Balls and *The Cattleman's Daughter* which grew from her experience in the Victorian High Country riding horses and droving cattle.

When at the Stawell Library, Rachael will be talking about her latest release, *The Farmer's Wife*.

The Farmer's Wife: The Deniliquin Ute Muster has always been on Rebecca's wish list, but with the farm and babies, she'd never managed to make it. Tonight, she decided to reclaim herself.

After ten years being married to larrikin Charlie Lewis and on her beloved property, Waters Meeting, Rebecca is confronted by a wife's biggest fear, a mother's worst nightmare and a farm business that's bleeding to death.

Can Rebecca find the inner

strength she once had as a young jillaroo, to save everything she cherishes? Or is life about to teach her the hardest lesson: that sometimes you simply have to let go.

This uplifting and insightful tale deals with the truth about love that the Cinderella stories never tell us. Rebecca's journey is everywoman's journey, and a resonate tale for our times.

High Road to Reading will be presenting Catherine Deveny at the Stawell Library on May 17 from 10.30am - 11.30am.

Catherine Deveny is a writer, comedian, author, social commentator and broadcaster well known for her work as columnist with *The Age* newspaper and as an ABC regular. She cites her biggest influences as Bill Hicks, Richard Dawkins, Billy Bragg and Alice Miller.

Deveny's television work includes Network Seven's *Tonight Live with Steve Vizard*, *Full Frontal*, ABC TV's *Good News Week*, *BackBerner* and *Q and A*, Network 10's *Rove Live*, *The Wedge* and *skitHOUSE* and 7pm *Project* and Channel 31.



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