



# CALL ON O'CONNELL

FRIDAY MAY 18  
6.00 - 7.45 PM  
O'CONNELL STREET, AUCKLAND

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Auckland Writers Festival is back for another short but sharp dose of literary shenanigans in the city with **Call on O'Connell**. An eclectic pick 'n mix of talent, faces and genres. Get a taster of NZ's finest satirists perched on barbershop stools and faking it. Enjoy Skype calls to NZ authors overseas. Witness full disclosure from creative mavens revealing what literary characters inspired which dress, shirt, dance, photograph. And eavesdrop under the table on some gatherings in a bar.

It's a literary sampler, a plethora of experiences and a bit of mayhem taking place over 90 minutes and all for free. Be in six very cool venues with wildly different offerings at four different times. And yes you can have your cake and eat it too. Each session is repeated four times over the 90 minutes. Bring a friend, hit the street and enjoy the spread.

Make sure you join us for the festival long weekend over 18 - 20 May. See all of the Auckland Writers Festival at [writersfestival.co.nz](http://writersfestival.co.nz)

Join the fun online:



### 1 SELECT PROPOSITIONS BOHEMEIN FRESH CHOCOLATES / 12 O'CONNELL STREET

A good book should stir the heart and, er, move the loins too. Come along for a collective sigh and a tasty read from some of the top writers practiced in the art of not being prudish. **Jackie Ashenden, Karina Bliss, Stephanie Johnson** and **Wendy Vella** beckon with their chocolate box of readings ... it's enough to undo you. Hosted by Catherine Robertson. Times: 6pm - 6.15pm, 6.25pm - 6.40pm, 6.50pm - 7.05pm, 7.15pm - 7.30pm

### 2 PHONE HOME ELLEN MELVILLE CENTRE / VARIOUS ROOMS ENTER FROM 1 FREYBERG PLACE OR HIGH STREET

We've lined up long distance phone calls over Skype with four New Zealand writers living abroad in Europe and the United Kingdom. Catch **Morgan Bach** in London, **Kirsty Gunn** in Edinburgh, **Carl Nixon** beaming out from Menton in France and **Vivienne Plumb** in Berlin. Times: 6pm - 6.15pm, 6.25pm - 6.40pm, 6.50pm - 7.05pm, 7.15pm - 7.30pm

### 3 THE CUTTING EDGE BESPOKE BARBERS / 2/15 O'CONNELL STREET

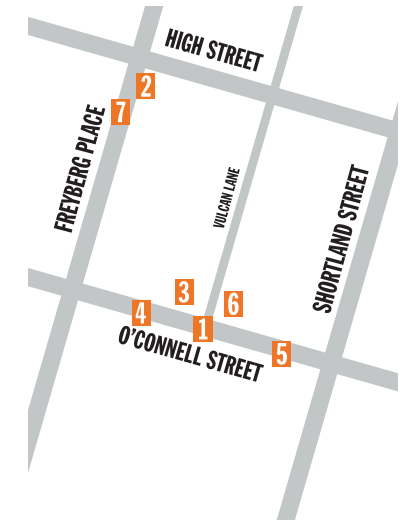
More than ever in this so-called post-truth, fake news riddled world we rely on satire to make sense of it all. Satirists know how to use words like a surgeon's tool, making incisions into egos and puncturing vanities for the neatest possible exposure. Come and hear **Penny Ashton, Sasha Borissenko, Greg Bruce, Madeleine Chapman, Brannavan Gnanalingam, Charlotte Grimshaw, John Sinclair** and **David Slack** take to the Barber's chair for a quick fire round of entirely false news stories based on real events. Times: 6pm - 6.15pm, 6.25pm - 6.40pm, 6.50pm - 7.05pm, 7.15pm - 7.30pm

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Special thanks to all of the Call On O'Connell venues: **Bespoke Barbers, Bohemian Fresh Chocolates, Ellen Melville Centre, Edit., Jason Books, and Wine Chambers.**

## VENUES



### 4 GOOD GRIEF JASON BOOKS / 16 O'CONNELL STREET

"When writers die they become books, which is, after all, not too bad an incarnation." — Jorge Luis Borges. In the excellent secondhand bookshop that is Jason Books, people who knew them first-hand talk about four of our lovely past writers: **Fergus Barrowman** on Barbara Anderson; **Nancy Brunning** on Rowley Habib; **Lloyd Jones** on Michael Giffkins; and **Karlo Mila** on Teresia Teaiwa. Times: 6pm - 6.15pm, 6.25pm - 6.40pm, 6.50pm - 7.05pm, 7.15pm - 7.30pm

### 5 UNDER THE TABLE WINE CHAMBERS / ENTRY NEAR 2 O'CONNELL STREET

Supplied with a photo from under an occupied table in a bar, 12 writers set their imaginations and writing powers to work bringing the drama, dialogue, throat clearing excuses or unnecessary explanations to tell a story. Featuring **Pip Adam, Airini Beautrais, Anton Blank, Anthony Byrt, Allan Drew, Sebastian Hampson, Thalia Henry, Annaleese Jochems, Anne Kennedy, Jessie Puru, Sharlene Teo** and **Briar Wood**. Times: 6pm - 6.15pm, 6.25pm - 6.40pm, 6.50pm - 7.05pm, 7.15pm - 7.30pm

### 6 THE STYLE COUNCIL EDIT. / 20 VULCAN LANE

Four different creative mavens - **Jimmy D, Michael Parmenter, Marie Shannon** and **Karen Walker** - school us (with visual accompaniment) on how their creative work in textiles, dance and art has been inspired by literature. Chaired by Jeremy Hansen. Times: 6pm - 6.15pm, 6.25pm - 6.40pm, 6.50pm - 7.05pm, 7.15pm - 7.30pm

### 7 CALL ON O'CONNELL SING-A-LONG GRAND FINALE ELLEN MELVILLE CENTRE / PIONEER WOMEN'S HALL UPSTAIRS

Join the Call on O'Connell choir in Pioneer Women's Hall for a special performance of the song 'The Booklovers' by The Divine Comedy. A theatrical, musical take on the literary canon lovingly adapted by our local troubadours, **The Souls**. Prepare to belt out the chorus and help us finish Call on O'Connell in harmonious style. Time: 7.30pm - 7.45pm  
*The Call on O'Connell Choir will be serenading you on the streets throughout the evening, too. With thanks to Artsense Productions.*

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