



## Verb Festival 6 - 10 November

Wellington hosts a five-day festival of writers, conversations and book-related fun (including their famous LitCrawl on Saturday 9 November where you wind your way through Wellington's CBD to nestle into iconic and intimate venues for brilliantly creative conversations with top authors). Line-up highlights include: Val McDermid (Scotland's Queen of Crime), Sarah Moss (UK author of Ghost Wall), Elizabeth Knox (NZ), Selina Tusitala Marsh (NZ), Sinead Gleeson (Ireland), Shayne Carter (NZ) and Christos Tsiolkas, Australian author of The Slap. The full programme is here: [Verb Programme 2019](#)

Over the festival weekend, on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November, Verb Festival has activities to delight and inspire children and their families – check out the Family & Kids events below or see the Verb website for details [here](#).

### Verb Festival Family & Kids Events

#### SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER



Paul Stanley Ward



Robert Vennell



Arihia Latham

#### Polhill Hikoi

Saturday 9 Nov, 10am. Meet at the Aro St entrance of Polhill Reserve (Tickets \$8)

Bring the kids and join a hikoi in Polhill Reserve with Paul Stanley Ward (Capital Kiwi), Arihia Latham (writer & rongoā practitioner) and Robert Vennell, author of the beautiful *The Meaning of Trees*. Perfect for a family outing this is a stroll through one of our vibrant inner-city sanctuaries. Paul, Arihia and Rob will point out feathers and fronds en route.

*Suitable for ages 8 and up. Duration 45mins. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Limited capacity.*

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Paul Beavis



Josh Morgan



Sacha Cotter

### KidsCrawl Porirua!

Saturday 9 Nov, 11am. Porirua Library, 17 Parumoana St (Free event but registration is essential.

Email [kidscrawl@verbwellington.nz](mailto:kidscrawl@verbwellington.nz) to register)

We have misplaced some writers... and illustrators... at the Porirua Library.

Can you help us find them? All we have are our wits and a map. Join us for a mission to recover some of Aotearoa's most talented storytellers and score some skills of your very own (we've heard that our lost authors might be carrying a few secrets with them... ). Lost authors include Sacha Cotter and Josh Morgan (multi-award winning creators of *The Bomb*) and Paul Beavis (*Mrs Mo's Monster*).

*Suitable for ages 8–12 years.*

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### Hoihoi Turituri Noisy Party!

Saturday 9 Nov, 1.30pm. Capital E, 4 Queens Wharf (Free)

Clear your throats and prepare your voices for a very noisy book launch. *Hoihoi Turituri* is the te reo Māori translation of Gecko Press's best-selling *The Noisy Book*. We launch this fantastic edition with a group read-aloud and we need your help! Small readers bring your big readers along and join the fun.

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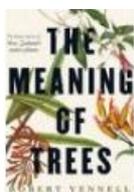
## SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

### Family Adventures at Tararua Tramping Club

Sunday 10 Nov, 10am –11.30am. Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff St

Tickets: \$10 (adults free with kids. Includes entry to both events.)

Bring the kids to the beautiful Tararua Tramping Club for tales of high adventure, the outdoors, nature and Aotearoa. Morning tea provided between events for hungry humans.



10am –10.30am, High Adventure: Mike Allsop

Mike Allsop shares his heart-racing, thrilling stories of climbing Everest, flying planes and other mind-boggling adventures... all with kids and as a family! Come and hear some inspiring tales and tips for how to be an adventure family.

11am –11.30am, The Meaning Of Trees: Robert Vennell

Robert Vennell reveals the secrets of trees from his stunning book *The Meaning of Trees*. Explore the lives of native Aotearoa plants and listen to the stories that Robert learned through his journey of getting to know our special flora.

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**Animal Stories Workshop  
with Phoebe Morris**

Sunday 10 Nov, 1pm. Te Auaha, Studio, 65 Dixon St (Tickets: \$15, includes materials)

Phoebe Morris is extremely good at drawing lions. And birds, and houses, trees, people, smoke, sunglasses, aeroplanes... anything! In this workshop, Phoebe helps you define the animal at the heart of your own story and together create a take-home creation that features drawings and words all made by you. Learn from one of Aotearoa's very best.

*Limited spaces. Suitable for 8–12 year olds. Duration: 90mins.*

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**Santa's Christmas Party**

Sunday 10 Nov, 2pm. Te Auaha, Atea (Bar Area), 65 Dixon St (Free)

Join HUIA Publishers for the launch of *Santa's Worst Christmas | Te Kirihimete i Whakakorea!* Bring the whole family for Christmas treats, a read-along and a story with the setting and trimmings of an Aotearoa Christmas.

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