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## Queering the Text: Writers' Festival Turns 2

Melbourne, VIC, 1/04/2015 – On the 17<sup>st</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of April writers, readers and publishers will come together to network, discuss and celebrate queer relationships in fiction. Featuring authors Hazel Edwards OAM (*f2M: the Boy Within*, Ford Stret Books), Nigel Bartlett (*King of the Road*, Random House), C.S. Pacat (*The Captive Prince* Trilogy, Penguin) and international guest Max Vos (*My Hero*) amongst others, Queermance promises to be a crucial event for queer writers and readers alike.

Panels include range from talks on Queer Identity and writing about Australia to one all about keeping those all important sex scenes erotically charged. Queermance is also running two workshops, one on writing collaboratively led by Medal of the Order of Australia recipient Hazel Edwards, and one on how to read in public by playwright, actor and multi-award winner Karen Corbett. There are also plenty of evening events, including the launch of *Queermance Vol II*, an Anthology celebrating Australian and New Zealand queer writing, a superlative Queerbaret combining literary readings, music, circus, comedy and just that little bit of smut, and an Author Showcase featuring readings and bok signings from some of our most outstanding authors.

Now in it's second year, the Queermance Festival is the brainchild of authors Matthew Lang (*The Secret of Talmor Manor*) and Isabelle Rowan (*A Note in the Margin*), who would like to see GLBT relationships as celebrated as those of their heterosexual peers.

“We know that there's a demand for queer writing out there, and we're just happy to be able to showcase it,” Lang said. “Especially now the big publishers are getting involved.”

Queermance [festival passes](#) are available now and includes lunches on both Saturday and Sunday at the Mercure on Therry Street, and entry into the evening events at the Hare Hole in Fitzroy. Individual tickets for panel sessions, and public events [Author Showcase](#) and [Queerbaret](#) are also available. For more information on the program, please visit [www.queermance.com.au](http://www.queermance.com.au)

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