



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Japanese Australian Poetry Festival 2017

School of Culture and Communication
and Asia Institute
Faculty of Arts



The Japanese Australian Poetry Festival is a cross-cultural event celebrating poetry by the Japanese-Australian community and Japanese poetic influences in Australia.

The festival presents poetry readings, a tea ceremony, discussions, a tanka performance with music, and a spring “ginko walk” where participants write haiku in the Botanic Gardens.

Events include:

Monday 25 September Japanese Australian Poetry Festival Launch

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm Location: 4th floor Linkway, John Medley Building.

To be launched by Professor Akihiro Ogawa and Dr. Grant Caldwell, plus poetry reading by a range of poets participating in the festival.

Tuesday 26 September Poetic Spirit: Tea Ceremony, Haiku, and Discussion

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm Location: Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, The University of Melbourne.

This event combines a tea ceremony a reading of haiku “masters”, and a discussion on the theme of “poetic spirit”. The tea ceremony will be conducted by Ms Yuko Jansen and the discussion will be led by Jun Ohashi.

Wednesday 27 September Barry Hill and Leith Morton: A Reading and Conversation

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm Location: 4th floor Linkway, John Medley Building.

Catch eminent literary figures Barry Hill and Leith Morton, who have both been immersed in East Asia, sharing and discussing their work.

Sunday October 1 (Morning) Ginko Walk: Spring Haiku

Time: 10.00am-12:30pm Location: Terrace Tearooms (meeting point), Gate A, Royal Botanic Gardens, cnr Alexandra Ave & Anderson Street, South Yarra

Take part in a walk through the Botanical Gardens with an introduction to haiku and two haiku writing sessions run by poets Myron Lysenko and Takanori Hayakawa.

Sunday October 1 (Afternoon) Tanka no Shirabe: Melody of Tanka – Closing Event

Time: 2:30pm-4:30pm Location: 4th floor Linkway, John Medley Building.

The Mel-Tanka-kai in the Japan Club of Victoria, a Japanese-Australian group of tanka poets based in Melbourne, present poetry, traditional Japanese music, and discussion in the festival’s closing event.

The festival is coordinated by Elizabeth Beaton and Grant Caldwell of Creative Writing at the University of Melbourne in collaboration with Jun Ohashi, Akihiro Ogawa and other Japanese Studies staff of the Asia Institute at the University of Melbourne.



Event Details

Date:
Monday 25 September -
Sunday 1 October 2017

Time:
Various times

Venue:
Various venues

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Bookings:
All are welcome and all events are free.
Bookings are essential

Register at <http://alumni.online.unimelb.edu.au/japoetry>