

2020 FRYER LECTURE

In times like these, what would Oodgeroo do?

Presented by Miles Franklin Award-winning writer,
ALEXIS WRIGHT

Image behind: North Gorge, North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah), Mila Zincone.

About the speaker

Alexis Wright is a member of the Waanyi nation of the southern highlands of the Gulf of Carpentaria. The author of the prize-winning novels *Carpentaria* and *The Swan Book*, Wright has published three works of non-fiction: *Take Power*, an oral history of the Central Land Council; *Grog War*, a study of alcohol abuse in the Northern Territory; and *Tracker*, an award-winning collective memoir of Aboriginal leader, Tracker Tilmouth.

Her books have been published widely overseas, including in China, the US, UK, Italy, France, and Poland. She holds the position of Boisbouvier Chair in Australian Literature at the University of Melbourne. Her debut novel *Plains of Promise* was published by UQP. Wright is the only author to win both the Miles Franklin Award, in 2007 for *Carpentaria*, and the Stella Prize, in 2018 for *Tracker*, both published by Giramondo.

About the event

The 2020 Fryer Lecture in Australian Literature marks the centenary of the birth of the great Aboriginal poet, activist, and educator, Oodgeroo Noonuccal (1920–1993).

Acclaimed writer Alexis Wright will include her personal reflections on the difficult time for Aboriginal people in which Oodgeroo lived and worked, a period that Alexis' mother lived through in far North West Queensland.

The lecture will discuss Oodgeroo's influence on Alexis, and others who shaped her artistic vision from the Aboriginal world and beyond. In posing the question, In times like these, what would Oodgeroo do? Alexis will consider the guidance that she herself would offer aspiring writers – in times like these.



DATE:	9 November
TIME:	1–2pm, Brisbane AEST (2–3pm Sydney/Melbourne AEDT)
LOCATION:	Online webinar via Zoom (a link will be sent to your email address prior to the event)
RSVP:	By 6 November: bit.ly/fryerlecture2020
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Photo of Alexis Wright by Vincent Long.