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Young regional scriptwriters feature in new release publication *This Was Urgent Yesterday*



A collection of monologue scripts written by and for young people from regional Australia is now in print with the publication of *This Was Urgent Yesterday*.

Giving voice to regional stories and the next generation of playwrights, *This Was Urgent Yesterday* reflects the lives and experiences of regional young people, with themes of identity and friendship, grief and loss, and first love.

The culmination of a nine-day writer's residency co-ordinated by Country Arts SA and Carclew in 2019, in conjunction with Australian Theatre for Young People, the book features scripts from 14 young writers aged 18 –25 expressly for young performers.

Alysha Herrmann, Creative Producer Regional Youth at Country Arts SA and Carclew said “We had an amazing group of young writers at last year’s residency who were invested in not only developing their craft of scriptwriting but also to ensure that regional stories about young people are told alongside those of their city counterparts.

“We are very pleased to see these high quality scripts published through Currency Press, both in print and online, further supporting the development of the young writers who joined us last year,” she said.

The project gives a voice to young regional writers who write for themselves and their peers when not a lot of young fiction is set in regional Australia. *This Was Urgent Yesterday* brings regional voices to the fore and shares the experience and insight of what it is to be young in regional Australia.

The scripts will be available to be accessed and produced by schools and youth theatres around the country.

One of the featured young writers is Michal Hughes from Whyalla with her monologue – *On Burning Day*. A youth artist, theatre maker and alumni member of D’faces, Michal is deeply invested in regional youth arts and telling the stories of local young people through theatre and performance.

With the young writers living regionally and Australia-wide, the book launch will be held as an online Publication Party, livestreamed through Facebook and YouTube on Thursday 4 June 7 - 8.30 pm (ACST). Everyone is welcome to join and meet the writers. For further information and to register to attend: <https://www.countryarts.org.au/news/twuy/> or www.carclew.com.au/Program/creative-producer-regional-youth#tab439

This Was Urgent Yesterday is available for purchase via Currency Press at www.currency.com.au

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