

Thursday 11 April 2013.

STAR GAZING IN RYDE

A line up of extraordinary authors is coming to Ryde to share remarkable stories and reflect on their unique observations. Topics range from defining moments in recent US history, to secrets of the sun signs, to the nurturing of family life through delicious food.

These special guests include astrologer/poets Derek and Julia Parker, Australia's favourite Masterchef Julie Goodwin, and renowned journalist and US correspondent Michael Brissenden.

World famous astrologers

Thursday 9 May 2013, 6.30-7.30pm. West Ryde Library, 2 Graf Ave, West Ryde.

The world's most renowned astrological couple, Derek and Julia Parker, are also accomplished writers and will be at West Ryde Library to share their latest writings *Poems of Love and Life* – 12 volumes of poetry directly relating the 12 sun signs' attitude to life.

Gold coin contribution. Bookings are essential 9952 8352. Light refreshments served.

Gather and share with Julie Goodwin. She'll be apples!

Friday May 10, 3.00-4.30pm. Ryde Library, 1 Pope Street, Ryde.

Australia's first Masterchef winner Julie Goodwin is now a household name renowned for her commonsense family style cooking. She is the author of several cookbooks and will be the guest at a catered picnic-style afternoon tea at Ryde Library to talk about her amazing life and new book *Gather*. The afternoon includes a talk from Julie about her cooking experiences; a Question and Answer session; a recipe swap session featuring apples (to honour our own Granny Smith we ask participants to bring along a recipe featuring apples to swap with another participant.)

Cost \$10. Bookings are essential 9952 8352. Lucky door prize.

Sydney Writers' Festival comes to Ryde Library

Michael Brissenden: American Stories of Hope and Anger

Wednesday 22 May, 6.30-7.30 pm. Ryde Library, 1 Pope Street, Ryde.

Michael Brissenden was the ABC's US current affairs correspondent between July 2009 and November 2012. Over the course of those four years, during Barack Obama's first term as President and the lead-up to his re-election, Michael travelled throughout an America in turmoil. From the desolate coal-mining hollers of West Virginia to Washington's ghettos and the Mormon communities of Utah, Michael shares the stories of an extraordinary moment in US history, as told in his book *American Stories*.

Cost \$5. Bookings are essential on 9952 8352.