

MEDIA STATEMENT



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City Library to host inspiring Innes

The Bunbury City Library is pleased to welcome human rights activist and now author Graeme Innes for a Meet the Author event on Tuesday 23 August.

Innes who received the Order of Australia in 1995 has been blind since birth however he hasn't let that stop him from leading a life filled with success. Innes has been a human rights practitioner for 30 years and was Australia's Disability Commissioner from 2005 to 2014 as well as Australia's Human Rights Commissioner and Race Discrimination Commissioner.

His novel *Finding a Way* shares memories of love and support, of challenges and failures and of overcoming the discrimination so many people with disabilities face.

The book, released in June, offers a new perspective on supporting diversity in the community.

Innes will be in town for the launch event of the MARCIA (Most Accessible Regional City in Australia) research project being held on Monday 22 August at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre. This event is being held in conjunction with Edith Cowan University, the Disability Services Commission, the South West Development Commission, Enable WA and Bunbury MLA John Castrilli.

If you would like to find out more about the MARCIA project and how you can be a part of this important event please contact Adam Johnson at adamj@our.ecu.edu.au or on 0488 047 990.

Innes will be at the library from 9.30am to 10.30am – please contact the library to book a spot on 9792 7190 or visit www.library.bunbury.wa.gov.au

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