

Jan 'Yarn' Wositzky's  
2021

# Australian History INCURSIONS

Primary &  
Secondary

Curriculum aligned & Covid safe practices

## SHOWS & WORKSHOPS

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### PARTICIPATION

Students join Jan in acting roles, playing instruments and singing.

## AUSTRALIAN HISTORY



### GENERAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

#### **The Australian History Show** (For all levels, PS & Sec, 60 minutes plus Q&A)

Musical, theatrical, entertaining and highly informative, with songs and stories from Jan's 50 years of performing, writing books and radio and television documentaries, and from most periods of Australian history, the show is tailored to meet your curriculum needs. A phone conversation will work it all out!

*"Everyone thought that you hit the right spot with our students. They were certainly challenged by the themes of being Australian that you presented."* (Dana, Brentwood Secondary College)



### FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

#### **HOME (is with my family)**

(Prep-1/2, 50-90 minutes)

Students learn a song about family and write their own lyrics and stories.

*"Thanks so much for coming to our school last week, the kids absolutely loved it and so did our grade one teachers."*

(Rebecca Loomes, Trinity, Narre Warren)

#### **Landmarks of Melbourne** (Year 1,2)

Songs & stories with images that tell Melbourne's story through natural and human landmarks.

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### COLONIAL, INDIGENOUS & RECONCILIATION

#### **The Go-Between: William Murrungurk Buckley** (Year 4-6 & 9-10, 60 minutes)

The true story of convict William Buckley, who lived with Wada Wurrung people for 32 years as a spirit returned from the dead, then became the go-between in Melbourne's birth.

*"The kids absolutely loved it and were still talking about it when they left school today!!"* (Claire Brushfield, Bellaire PS)

#### **Wominjeka: The Thank You Workshop** (Year 3-6 & 7-12, 90 minutes)

Wominjeka means 'welcome' in the languages of Port Phillip Bay. Students hear stories of first contact and welcoming, and learn to sing a song of respect for Indigenous people.

*"Jan captivated the kids with his stories and knowledge and explained difficult topics clearly and professionally. We want him back!"* (Caroline Lawrence, Yarra PS)

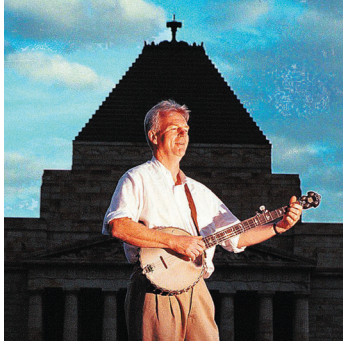


## 1850s GOLD RUSH

### Gold In The Heart (Year 4-6, 60 minutes)

Music and story theatre, from gold discovery to Eureka, including Indigenous, Chinese & European. Jan lives in Castlemaine, a gold town, where he has written and produced a book, interview series and CD about the little known Monster Meeting - the gathering of diggers that set the path to Eureka and democracy. All in the show!

*"The students loved it! The teachers mentioned how inspired they were to write about the gold fields in their afternoon class."* (Elaine Keely, St Mary's, Cohuna)



## WORLD WAR ONE – GALLIPOLI

### Çanakkale. Gallipoli. Lest We Forget (Year 5-6 & 9-10, 60 minutes)

Çanakkale is what the Turks call Gallipoli, and this unique music-story-poetry show re-tells Gallipoli with Turkish and Australian song and poetry.

*"It was a brilliant production...I was very impressed with how Jan involved our students in the presentation."* (Billanook College)



## ENGLISH (STORYTELLING & WRITING)

### JAN 'YARN' WOSITZKY'S STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

(All Primary & Secondary)

Storytelling underwrites all our communication and in this workshop Jan tells various types of stories and explains how they work. Then students write or tell their own tales.

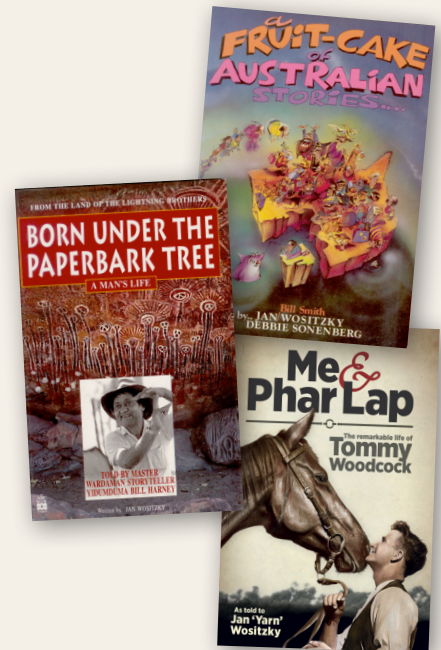
*"Jan Wositzky was so entertaining and a great presenter! He was very flexible and able to adapt his workshop formats to suit our requirements."* (Marissa Caluzzi, Ivanhoe Girls Grammar)

### JAN 'YARN' WOSITZKY'S AUTHOR WORKSHOP

(4-6 & Secondary)

Writing can take many forms and Jan has written best-selling oral history books, radio and television documentaries, stage shows, songs, newspaper articles and one government report. In this workshop he demonstrates the various forms involved in his writing, and of course entertains with some great stories.

*"...in an era when much local creative writing fails to probe beyond latte land...it's refreshing to see someone reach back to our spiritual roots."* (The Age)



### JAN 'YARN' WOSITZKY

Jan 'Yarn' Wositzky is a renowned performer of Australian stories and songs. His career began with the Bushwackers Band in 1971 and continues with



Photo: Brian Carr

best-selling books, radio features, award-winning TV documentaries, acclaimed solo shows and 20 years performing in schools (see web for bio).

### ONLINE ENQUIRIES & FULL DETAILS

(curriculum, recommendations, full briefs etc)

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