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### theatre

#### OUR TOWN:

TAKE a trip to *Our Town* — Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, 1901. The people are just like those we remember in our own lives. The family doctor, the milkman, the town drunk, the gossip, the local cop, the girl next door and the boy who fell for her. Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play follows George and Emily as they grow up, fall in love, and start their own family. At the Woodbin Theatre in Geelong West, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm until September 15. Tickets: \$25 adult, \$23 concession, \$18 students.

#### HOT AUGUST NIGHT:

THIS recreation of one of the greatest live albums celebrates the 40th anniversary of Neil Diamond's *Hot August Night*. Peter Byrne brings the classic to life, supported by a 30-piece symphony orchestra. It features *Crunchy Granola Suite*, *Cherry Cherry* and *Sweet Caroline*. See him tomorrow, 3pm, at The Playhouse, Geelong Performing Arts Centre. Tickets: \$69.90 adult, \$64.90 concession and children.

### markets

#### MORIAC MAKERS AND GROWERS:

Tomorrow from 9am to 2pm at Newling Reserve, Moriac. This market, featuring local producers and their wares, celebrates its first anniversary this weekend. Visit [moriacmarket.blogspot.com.au](http://moriacmarket.blogspot.com.au)

#### GEELONG SHOWGROUNDS:

Tomorrow from 8am to 2pm at Geelong Showgrounds, Breakwater Road, Breakwater. Enjoy a variety of stalls and live music.

#### DRYSDALE FOOD SWAP:

Today from 9am to 11am at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, High St, Drysdale. Green thumbs can swap their homegrown produce with other locals.

#### OCEAN GROVE INDOOR MARKET:

Tomorrow from 9am to 1pm at Bellarine Aquatic and Sports Centre, Shell Rd. Browse and buy produce, craft, foods, fruit and veg, and wooden products.

### top picks

#### WEST COAST OPEN SURFING TITLES:

COME see the final round of the state surfing titles this weekend at Bells Beach and Jan Juc. The team event will take place today, with the open men's and women's events kick off tomorrow, both starting at 9.30am.

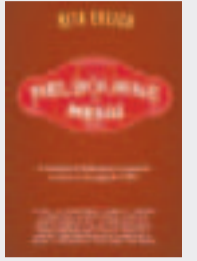
Visit [surfingaustralia.com/vic](http://surfingaustralia.com/vic)

### BOOKS

#### NEW RELEASES with MAGGIE LINLEY

##### Melbourne by Menu

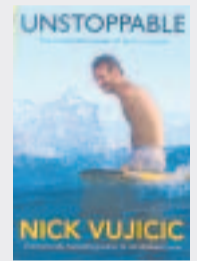
Rita Erlich  
Slattery Media Group, \$34.95



YOU don't have to have spent a great chunk of your disposable income eating out in the 1980s to enjoy a waltz through this book by acclaimed food writer Rita Erlich, but it does help. Erlich provides menus and recipes from the big-name restaurants of the time. If Tansy's, Gowings and Two Faces mean anything to you, this book will interest you. Remember oysters at \$14.50 a dozen, and dessert for \$4? A great nostalgia trip that is also interesting for younger foodies to see the evolution of dining trends.

##### Unstoppable

Nick Vujicic  
Allen and Unwin, \$24.95



IF you've been on YouTube anytime in the last year, chances are you've seen the limbleless Nick Vujicic playing soccer or making tears flow in a full school auditorium. This is a book of faith and inspiration with plenty of Biblical references as Vujicic explains how he puts his faith to work to help others. He tells his readers we have a choice to believe or not to believe, but once we believe in anything, we must act.

##### Sufficient Grace

Amy Espeseth  
Scribe, \$29.95



TWO cousins live in an isolated religious community ruled by the rhythms of nature in a harsh physical environment and bound by their families' beliefs. One has a secret that threatens the bond between the two of them. Winner of the Victorian Premier's Literary Award for an unpublished manuscript three years ago, this is a gritty read about lost innocence.



SEDA student Jase Girvan will compete in the West Coast Open Surfing Titles this weekend.  
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