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Real Estate Indigenous authors to share culture at Berry Conversations

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Two well-known authors will feature at the next Berry Conversations in April.

Bruce Pascoe and Marie Munkara will share the stage on Sunday, April 7 from 3-5pm at the Berry Public School Hall.

Bruce is the acclaimed author of Dark Emu: Aboriginal Agriculture and the Birth of Australia. Marie is the award-winning author of Every Secret Thing and Of Ashes and Rivers That Run to the Sea.

Bruce Pascoe is a Bunurong, Yuin and Tasmanian man born in the Melbourne suburb of Richmond.

He is a member of the Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative of southern Victoria and has been the director of the Australian Studies Project for the Commonwealth Schools Commission.

Currently professor at the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research at UTS, he has had a varied career as a teacher, farmer, fisherman, barman, fencing contractor, lecturer, Aboriginal language researcher, archaeological site worker and editor.

His book Fog a Dox won the Young Adult category of the 2013 Prime Minister's Literary Awards. His most recent book is the Dark Emu: Aboriginal Agriculture and the Birth of Australia, which won the NSW Premier's Book of the Year Award in 2016.

Of Rembarranga and Tiwi descent, Marie Munkara was delivered on the banks of the Mainoru River in Arnhemland by her two grandmothers and spent her early years on Bathurst Island.

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Tickets are \$30, refreshments included, and will be on sale from February 1 at the Berry Music Centre and at trybooking.com

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