

Author reveals the 'best decision I ever made'

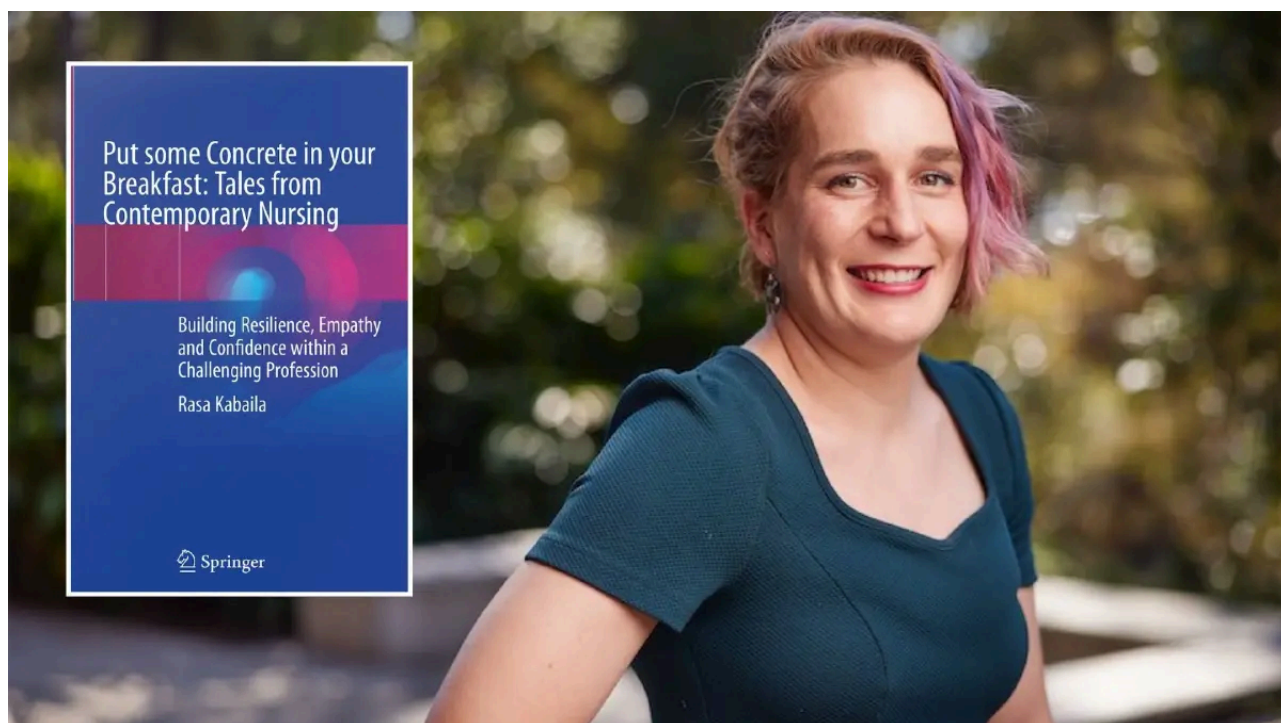
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EVENTS



Nurse practitioner Rasa Kabaila. Pictures supplied

June 10: Rasa Kabaila says becoming a nurse was "the best decision I've made in my life". But after seeing new graduates suffering burnout or dropping out, she wanted to help people to better understand the profession – so she wrote a book. *Put some Concrete in your Breakfast: Tales from Contemporary Nursing* follows Ms Kabaila's own journey and she launches it at The Book Cow. 6pm. bookcow.com.au.

June 11: Toby Walsh will be in conversation with Andrew Leigh on his new book *The Shortest History of AI*, everything you need to know about the origins and future of artificial intelligence through the examination of six key ideas. 6pm at Kambri Cultural Centre. anu.edu.au

June 12: Linda Jaivin will be in conversation with NFSA CEO Patrick McIntyre on her latest book *Bombard the Headquarters! The Cultural*

Revolution in China. 6pm at Harry Hartog ANU. harryhartog.com.au

June 17: Hugh White will be in conversation with Mark Kenny on his new Quarterly Essay, *Hard New World: Our Post-American Future*. Are we ready for our post-American future? Hugh White explores how the world is changing and Australia should respond. 6pm at Kambri Cultural Centre. anu.edu.au

June 19: Liz Cameron will talk to Alex Sloan about her new book *Cult Bride: How I Was Brainwashed – and How I Broke Free*, "an intriguing and powerful memoir" in which Liz asks: how are people like you and me brainwashed into cults? 6pm at Kambri Cultural Centre. anu.edu.au

June 19: Fil Bufalo packs her bags and takes us on a journey with *A Suitcase full of Butterflies*, the story of a transformational trip abroad. 5pm at Paperchain. paperchainbookstore.com.au

June 20: Music journalist and musician Joe Matera will talk about his book *Louder than Words: Beyond the Backstage Pass*, as well as his own influences and the often tortuous touring life of a musician. He'll also play some songs. 5pm at Paperchain. paperchainbookstore.com.au

June 23: Journalist and 2024 Press Freedom Award recipient Cheng Lei will be in conversation with Michael Hertel on her new book *Cheng Lei: A Memoir of Freedom*, the extraordinary true story of how her life was abruptly transformed when she was detained in China on false charges of espionage. 6pm, Lowitja O'Donoghue Cultural Centre, ANU. anu.edu.au

June 25: Launching her book, Emma Pei Yin will be in conversation with Ayesha Inoon on her debut novel, *When Sleeping Women Wake*. 6pm at Harry Hartog ANU. harryhartog.com.au

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