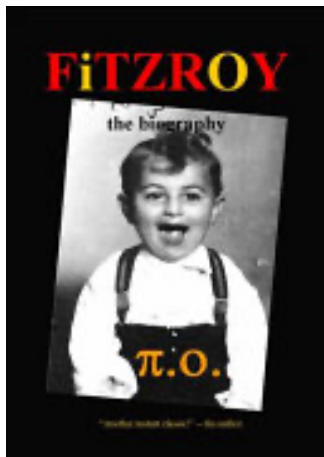


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Castlemaine Free University
2 May 2022

WHAT? A short journey through the life and work of epic poet and anarchist Pi.O. whose working life was spent as a draughtsman in the Victorian land titles office. Known as 'a legendary figure in the Australian poetry scene', 'the chronicler of Melbourne and its culture and migrations', and 'a pioneer of performance poetry in Australia' (Giramondo), his Epic trilogy is *24 Hours* (1996), *Fitzroy: The Biography* (2015), and *Heide* (2019) a 560-page poem comprised of 300 poems) which won the 2020 Judith Wright Calanthe Award, Australia's most prestigious poetry prize.



WHO?

Writer Pi.O. is editor of magazines such as *Unusual Work*, which features creative writing and graphic art, and a publisher, namely Collective Effort Press.

Born in Greece, his life has been spent in and around Fitzroy. His prolific work includes *Panash* (1978), *The Fitzroy Poems* (1989) and *Big Numbers: New and Selected Poems* (2008).

WHERE? — Northern Arts Hotel, 359 Barker Street, Castlemaine 3450

WHEN? — 7–9pm. Monday 2 May 2022 **FORMAT** — Talk and discussion

FREE EVENT — And purchase drinks at the bar, along with publications that Pi.O. brings along to sell.

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