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**PROFESSOR DAME MARIE BASHIR TO LAUNCH NEW EDITION OF SUE LIU'S
ACCIDENTAL AID WORKER AT COMMUNITY AUTHOR TALK.**

Professor Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO will launch the new edition of *Accidental Aid Worker* for author, Sue Liu. The new cover, which features the Professor's reflections about Liu's epic travel memoir, alongside praise from respected Australian author, Thomas Keneally, will be launched at her public author talk at Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts on Tuesday 20 September at 12:30pm.

Liu, a dynamic, first-time, self-published author, will recount how she stumbled into voluntary aid work in the wake of the 2004 tsunami, teaming up with a tour guide and a Catholic priest to deliver her aid collection to tsunami refugees in the north eastern town of Trincomalee, who were also still suffering amid the conflict of the civil war. These experiences were the beginning of a 12-year obsession with helping people in need, including 9 years supporting children in Cambodia, African refugees and migrants and homeless communities in Sydney.

"I'm excited about sharing my adventures and experiences, and talk about the impact of years of giving - for better or worse. I hope to inspire others go beyond just thinking about helping people in need in our communities and to take some kind of action." she said.

Readers will feel an immediate emotional commitment to Ms Liu as they travel along this literary journey through quirky travel adventures and harrowing life experiences encompassing the entire gamut of human sensations; love and loss, entanglement, disillusionment, exhilaration and achievement in the midst of adversity. *Accidental Aid Worker* is also a moving and real-life account of Sue's drive to survive and maintain her commitment to supporting others while facing adversity of her own. Her struggles to reconnect with her life, identity and purpose forces her to face inescapable truths about herself in order to navigate her way to the woman she really wants to be.

Sue's heart-warming and thought-provoking story will make you laugh, bring you to tears, inspire a thirst for travel, a yearning to give back and pause for thought about what really makes us all tick.

"I believe life is a series of next steps, made up of complex pieces of a puzzle. I certainly have had a full, interesting and quirky life. Telling these stories, writing and producing *Accidental Aid Worker* was a significant part of my healing process. My struggles will really resonate with people as my (mis)adventures and experiences go to the heart of humanity. There are plenty places to laugh with and at me, and plenty of times to commiserate. I recommend reading with tissues and a glass of wine."

Liu continued to say that she is honoured to have the friendship and support of Professor Bashir, Thomas Keneally, Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts and community leaders, many of whom will be gathering for this talk and special launch celebration.

"To have my work and *Accidental Aid Worker* acknowledged by two of Australia's most respected human beings is so enormous for me. Who wouldn't put those words on the cover of this book! I am passionate about connecting communities and people to causes – if their words draw people to my story and to service, I couldn't be happier." she continued.

The free talk commences at 12:30pm sharp. Signed copies of the new edition of the book, with the special bookmark and numbered token will be available for \$35.00. \$5 from each book will be contributed to a community project.

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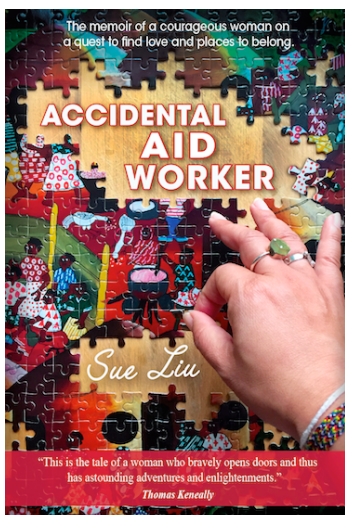
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About Sue Liu

Sue Liu lives in Annandale, Sydney, with her enormous brown Burmese cat Moet. She's 'Chiefette' of her own Business and Marketing consultancy, Zulu Communications and Candles for Community. A passionate advocate of community and humanitarian focused work, Sue puts in an equal amount of time as a volunteer, leading and connecting people to opportunities to help vulnerable people.

For fun she loves to travel, explore, scuba dive, experience life and celebrate all things creative. Sue is an artistic little soul and a fanatic feline lover who finds solace in the garden. Accidental Aid Worker is her first book. She is currently writing the sequel to Accidental Aid Worker and a book of travel adventures.

Comments from Thomas Keneally and Professor Dame Marie Bashir

This is the tale of a woman who bravely opens doors and thus has astounding adventures and enlightenments. All in the context of what can only be called an adventure story and an extraordinary life. – Thomas Keneally

Accidental Aid Worker is an epic memoir, which touches many sensitive aspects of your life, with which I can identify. This unique journey is indeed rich with memorable characters, events and sensitive reflections. – Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO

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