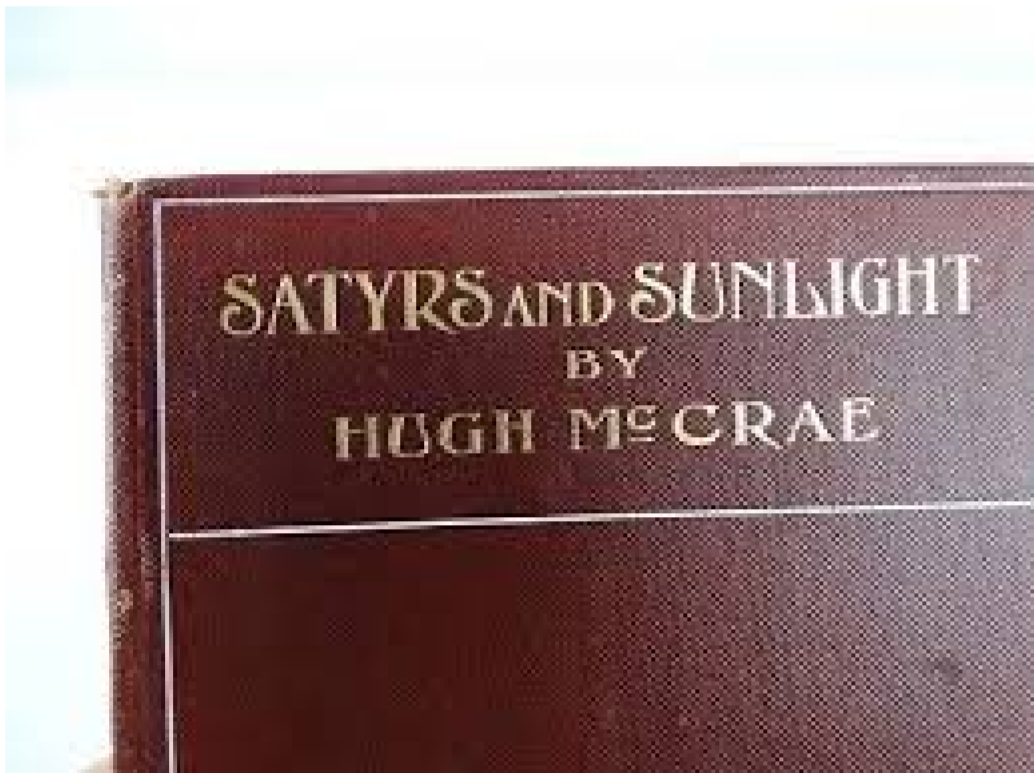


Bohemians 1920s & 30s

Kirkpatrick's The Sea Coast of Bohemia details the group of bohemian poets and authors who frequented the Jazz Clubs of Sydney. These included:

**Hugh McCrea
Kenneth Slessor**



HUGH McCREA of Roseville is credited (by **Kenneth Slessor**) of ushering in modern Australian poetry. His work was termed Rabelaisian (ribald, racy, bawdy, vulgar, coarse, earthy, risqué, lewd, blue, and spicy). **Dame Mary Gilmore** called him 'the tall tree, while the rest of us are flowers'.



KENNETH SLESSOR who lived in Chatswood is recognised as probably the most talented poet to have written in Australia. One of his famous poem is his Five Bells. However, his Second-Class Ballad of the North Shore First also resonates.

There lived a king - a kind of czar
Who governed like a guiding star
The N.S.W.G.R

Slessor made his living as a newspaper journalist, mostly for The Sun. As the Australian official war correspondent during World War II, Slessor reported not only from Australia but from Greece, Syria, Libya, Egypt, and New Guinea.