

Kim Ulrick lives on the beautiful far south-coast of NSW. When she was nine, Kim wrote her first story, *The Creepy Castle*, and it ignited a love of writing. She started life as a junior writer and researcher at the Canberra Press Gallery before embarking on a 30-year career in the Australian Public Service. During the pandemic, Kim reassessed her life and decided to step back and take better care of her family and herself. That was when she reconnected with her passion for storytelling.

Kim loves crafting authentic, Australian stories and her writing is inspired by her family and life experiences growing up in the country and working with law enforcement and national agencies. These were key influences that shaped her debut novel, *Bad Country*. *Bad Country* is a young adult Australian gothic tale set in the fictional small town of Wallaby Rock that delves into the deep connection between people and place.

When she's not writing Kim can be found playing golf, enjoying good wine and walking on the beach with her family and her beloved Kelpie. Kim's obsession with golf and wine is featured in her blog *Reds, Whites and Greens* where she showcases fabulous locations around Australia where you can play a round at a top golf course in the morning and enjoy a tippie at a gorgeous winery in the afternoon. Kim's blog, a collection of short stories and her books are available from her website at kimulrickwriter.com