

Thursday

3rd April, 2025 | 6.30 PM - 8 PM

6.30 PM - 8 PM: OPENING

Speaker: Peter Timms

Keynote: "How we have become a city of literature and how we compare"

Join us for opening night drinks, with a warm welcome from Joe Bugden (CEO of Salamanca Arts Centre) and keynote address by Peter Timms.

Friday

4th April, 2025 | 4 PM - 9.30 PM

4 PM: Festival Hub Open

A cozy retreat for ticket holders! Unwind in a comfortable space designed for writers and readers alike.

5.30 PM: Tasmanian Literary Prize Longlist Open Mic

An intimate event offering a chance to hear short snippets of captivating works.

7 PM: Scratch Night

Presented by Bad Company Theatre

An evening of play readings, showcasing new works by up-and-coming local writers.

8.15 PM: JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

Presented by PROTEA Impro

Join PROTEA Impro as they perform a classic novel. Which book? Well that's up to you!

Saturday

5th April, 2025 | 12 PM - 8.30 PM

12 PM: PANEL

Speakers: Katherine Johnson, Kathryn Lomer, and Robbie Arnott

Topic: Opening Lines and Unresolved Issues: How to begin and how to end a really good story

1.15 PM: PANEL

Speakers: Hamish Maxwell-Stewart, Robert Cox, and Alison Alexander

Topic: People are so Gullible: Do Facts in History even matter anymore?

2.30 PM: PANEL

Speakers: Cameron Hindrum, Leigh Swinbourne, and Mallika Naguran

Topic: Short stories and Long shots: Weaving the improbable with the credible (in under 5,000 words)

3:45 PM: PANEL

Speakers: Adam Ouston, Gina Mercer, and Ben Walter

Topic: Burning Bridges, Burning Books and Burning Issues

5 PM: PANEL

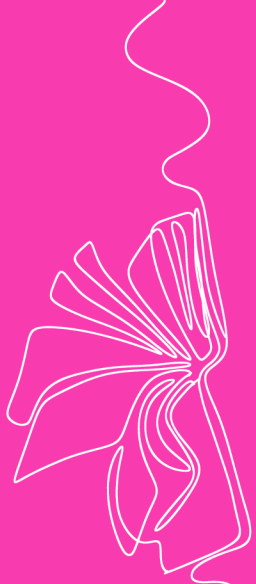
Speakers: Pete Hay, Anne Kellas, and Sarah Day

Topic: A Distillation of the Language: Why Poetry is the highest form of writing

7.30 PM: DEBATE

Speakers: Lissa Bilyk, Ruth Amos, Mark Mannock, DK Girl, Lou Powers, David Webby, Simon Thiessen, and Cary Lenehan

Topic: The Great Debate - Plotting vs Pantsing



Sunday

6th April, 2025 | 10 AM - 6 PM

10 AM: Festival Hub Open

A cozy retreat for ticket holders! Unwind in a comfortable space designed for writers and readers alike.

12.30 PM: WORKSHOP

Speaker: Tansy Rayner Roberts

Topic: Creating Book Merch: Art and the Crowdfunding Author

Festival goers will be guided through how to create your own unique book merch using DIY craft, local resources, and creative partnerships to create extra value for your crowdfunding campaigns.

1.45 PM: FIRESIDE CHAT

Speakers: Belinda Bradley & Franz Docherty

Topic: From Page to Screen

This event will offer valuable lessons and insider knowledge on the magic of storytelling for the screen.

2.45 PM: FIRESIDE CHAT

Presenters: Forty South Tasmania and Island Magazine

Topic: Get Published, Tasmania!

A deep dive into what these publishing outlets are looking for, and how to kick-start your publishing career here in Tasmania.

4 PM: PANEL

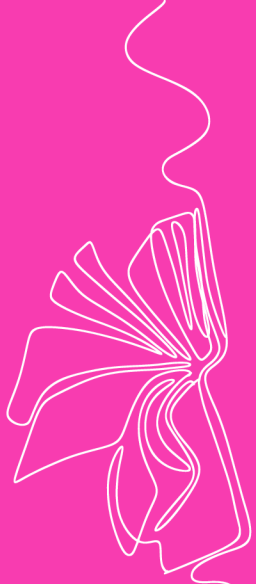
Speakers: Arianne James, Rayne Allison, and Patrick Gregory

Topic: Hobart as a UNESCO City of Literature: What It Means for Tasmania

A forward-looking discussion exploring the transformative potential of Hobart's UNESCO recognition.

5 PM: NETWORKING MINGLE

Join us for drinks and networking in the Festival Hub!



Week Two

7th - 12th April, 2025

MONDAY 7th APRIL & WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL

Young Writers High School Program

Presented by the Tasmanian Indie Author Group

A program offering high school students the opportunity to engage in three one-hour sessions led by Tasmanian independent authors.

MONDAY 7th APRIL: 5.30 PM

'Pony Tales' Book Launch and Children's Picture Book Panel Discussion

Presented by Forty South Tasmania

The launch of a collection of spirited stories and vivid charcoal drawings from a life-long horse-lover, writer and vision-impaired artist.

TUESDAY 8th APRIL & THURSDAY 10th APRIL

Story Island Presents...Mix, Match, Make!

Presented by Story Island Project

Collage and storytelling collide in this highly engaging and accessible creative workshop.

WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL: 6:30 PM

Tassie Indies Read

Presented by the Tasmanian Indie Author Group

Enjoy a showcase of Tasmanian Indie Authors reading their work!

SATURDAY 12th APRIL: 10 AM til 3 PM

2025 Tassie Indie Author Book Fair

Presented by the Tasmanian Indie Author Group

Check out Tassie's best independent authors! Meet the authors! Buy the books! Book signings and giveaways!