

Program Sessions



Saturday 15 August

	Jonson St Stage The Vasudhara Fund	Haven Gallery	Byron Theatre The Guardian	Around Town	Surf Club Tasmanian Walking Company	Bay St Stage Southern Cross University	Beach Hotel	
<p>Special Events</p> <p>7:00am - 7:30am (38) Saltwater Cleanse FREE BOOK NOW</p> <p>Meet at the Byron Bay Surf Club With Delta Kay & Mandy Nolan</p> <p>8:00am - 8:45am (39) Coffee & News Beach Hotel Sean Kelly & Royce Kurlmelovs</p> <p>10:00am - 11:30am Walgun Tour with Delta Kay BOOK NOW</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am (52) Poetry Walk Meet at Bay St Stage Ender Başkan, Marie Elena Ellis, Luke Patterson Hosted by Damien Becker Supported by Australian Poetry and Tasmanian Walking Company</p> <p>1:00pm - 2:30pm (F) Literary Lunch with Bob Carr BOOK NOW</p> <p>Bang Bang Byron Bay With Damian Kassabgi</p> <p>1:30pm - 3:30pm (W) Masterclass: Harnessing Wonder with Kathryn Heyman BOOK NOW</p> <p>Wategos Room</p>	<p>9:00am - 10:00am (40) Political Animals Bob Carr, Niki Savva, Debbie Whitmont Chair Misha Ketchell Supported by The Conversation</p>	<p>9:00am - 10:00am (41) After Authoritarianism Julio Carrasco, Julianne Schultz, Marika Sosnowski Chair David Heilpern</p>	<p>9:00am - 10:00am (42) The Power of Place Julie Janson, Siang Lu, Sita Walker Chair Mick O'Regan Supported by Tasmanian Walking Company</p>		<p>9:00am - 10:00am (43) Surfing for Everyone Pauline Menczer, Turia Pitt, Joel Taylor Chair Nell Schofield Supported by Byron Shire Council</p>	<p>9:00am - 10:00am (44) Myth & Legend FREE Richard Fidler, Zoe Terakes, Lucianne Tonti Chair Kate Evans</p>	<p>9:00am - 10:00am (45) The Transformations Andrew Pippos in conversation with Chris Hanley Supported by First National Byron</p>	
		<p>10:30am - 11:30am (46) I Am Nannertgarrook Tasma Walton in conversation with Merinda Dutton Supported by The Vasudhara Fund</p>	<p>10:30am - 11:30am (47) Privilege and Power Alice Grundy, Micaela Sahhar, Fiona Wright Chair Carody Culver Supported by Griffith Review</p>	<p>10:30am - 11:30am (48) In The Good Books Luke Bateman in conversation with Bridie Tanner</p>	<p>11:00am - 11:45am (M) Bees & Biodiversity FREE Market Stage Cedar Anderson, Stuart Anderson, Anneliese Austin Chair Leila McKinnon</p>	<p>10:30am - 11:30am (49) Being a Good Ancestor Paul Callaghan, Jane Caro, Roman Krznaric Chair Louise Adler Supported by Southern Cross University</p>	<p>10:30am - 11:30am (50) Three Shocks FREE George Megalogenis in conversation with Angela Mackay Supported by The Book Room</p>	<p>10:15am - 11:15am (51) Fighting Fossil Fuels Richard Denniss, Ben Roche, Marian Wilkinson Chair Isabelle Reinecke</p>
		<p>12:00pm - 1:00pm (53) Thea Astley Address: Lessons From History Kerry O'Brien Hosted by Richard Flanagan</p>	<p>12:00pm - 2:00pm (54) Poets Out Loud Youth Slam FREE BOOK NOW Featuring 2025 Australian Poetry Slam Champion Arantza Garcia Ferrand Hosted by Sarah Temporal</p>	<p>12:00pm - 1:00pm (55) Sophie, Standing There Meg Mason in conversation with Ashley Hay</p>	<p>12:00pm - 1:00pm (M) The Family Home FREE Market Stage Courtney Adamo in conversation with Zoë Tuckwell</p>	<p>12:00pm - 1:00pm (56) Ghost Cities Siang Lu in conversation with Cassie McCullagh</p>	<p>12:00pm - 1:00pm (57) Queer Stories FREE Antoun Issa, Pauline Menczer, Zoe Terakes Chair Daniel Browning</p>	<p>Feature Events BOOK NOW</p> <p>6:00pm - 7:00pm (F) Heresies Byron Theatre Richard Flanagan in conversation with Sarah Kanowski Presented by ABC Conversations Supported by The Book Room</p> <p>6:30pm - 7:30pm (F) Gravity Let Me Go Jonson St Stage Trent Dalton in conversation with Richard Glover Supported by Tasmanian Walking Company</p> <p>7:30pm - 9:00pm (F) Beyond The Lines Byron Theatre Evelyn Araluen, Damien Becker, Ender Başkan, Julio Carrasco, Arantza Garcia Ferrand, Fiona Wright Hosted by Luke Patterson Supported by Red Room Poetry & Kassa-Miller Giving</p>
		<p>1:30pm - 2:30pm (58) ABC Radio National Top 100 Australian Books Trent Dalton, Steve MinOn, Claire Thomas Chairs Kate Evans & Cassie McCullagh</p>	<p>Witness the next generation of poets as they speak up through slam! Presented by Poets Out Loud</p>	<p>1:30pm - 2:30pm (59) Love & Family Kris Kneen, Andrew Pippos, Thammika Songkaeo, Steve Toltz Chair Steph Harmon</p>	<p>1:15pm - 2:15pm (M) Byron Writers Spotlight FREE Market Stage Jay McKenzie, Nicholas Timms, Sonya Voumard Chair Naima Brown</p>	<p>1:30pm - 2:30pm (60) The Politics of Civility Evelyn Araluen, Dakota Feirer, Amy Remeikis Chair Carody Culver</p>	<p>1:30pm - 2:30pm (61) Antidote to Despair FREE Ella Noah Bancroft, Osher Günsberg, Jack Toohey Chair Mandy Nolan Supported by Southern Cross University</p>	
		<p>3:00pm - 4:00pm (62) The Manosphere Luke Bateman, Paul Callaghan, Louise Milligan Chair Jane Caro Supported by Northern Rivers Community Foundation</p>	<p>3:00pm - 4:00pm (63) Screen Dreams Debra Oswald, Tasma Walton Chair Nell Schofield Supported by Basq House</p>	<p>3:00pm - 4:00pm (64) First Nations Knowledges Delta Kay, Tom Forrest (Outback Tom), Victor Steffenson Chair Bebe Oliver Supported by Blak & Bright</p>	<p>3:00pm - 5:00pm (73) Australian Poetry Slam - Byron Heat FREE BOOK NOW Byron Bay Library Presented by Word Travels</p>	<p>3:00pm - 4:00pm (65) Cultural Touchstones Rafael Frumkin, Kári Gíslason, Julie Janson Chair Suzy Freeman Greene Supported by The Conversation</p>	<p>3:00pm - 4:00pm (66) Good Witch FREE Lucianne Tonti in conversation with Courtney Miller Supported by Organic India</p>	
		<p>4:30pm - 5:30pm (67) Solving the Housing Crisis Richard Denniss, Melissa Lucashenko, Jack Toohey Chair Alice Grundy Supported by The Australia Institute</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:30pm (68) Radical Reading Ender Başkan, Micaela Sahhar, Michael Winkler Chair Kris Kneen Supported by Copyright Agency Cultural Fund</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:30pm (69) Art & AI Evelyn Araluen, Kirra Pendergast, Steve Toltz Chair ABC's Natasha Mitchell Supported by Copyright Agency Cultural Fund</p>	<p>4:00pm - 5:00pm (70) Writing Climate Wategos Room Romy Ash, Dakota Feirer, Mark Smith Chair David Heilpern</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:30pm (71) So What? Now What? Osher Günsberg in conversation with Leila McKinnon</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:30pm (72) Musicland: Book Launch FREE Murray Burns, Shane Howard, Mark Pope Chair Tricia Shantz Supported by Jilly Wine Co</p>	