

The Really
Useful

Handbook

CONFLUX

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This booklet is for you, the con-goer, to make your attendance at Conflux more pleasurable and hassle-free.

It contains information that will help you find money, eateries and transport, as well as emergency information. Whilst we've tried to make it as informative as possible, its not all-encompassing. The information is listed in alphabetical order

A cut down version of the program is included, for you to mark and follow, rather than carry the four page version around with you at the con. It was correct as of the 17th April, 2004. Please check at the Registration Desk for any changes to the program on the day.

Maps of the convention site with Room Names have been placed about the venue, or if in doubt ask a committee member, or at Registration.

The map in this booklet is a guide to the local area mentioned herein.

We hope you have a good time at the convention and look forward to seeing you again!

Peter & Susan

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the list

The places listed here are located within Civic, unless noted elsewhere.

ATMs: banks and credit unions

These are the locations of ATMs. The list isn't exhaustive, and doesn't guarantee the presence of a branch. Some credit unions are open Saturday morning.

All cards ATM: Jolimont Centre on Northbourne Avenue

All cards ATM: Garema Place
Police Credit Union (All cards ATM):
40 Marcus Clarke Street

Commonwealth Bank: corner of Northbourne Avenue and London Circuit

Commonwealth Bank: corner of London Circuit and Ainslie Avenue

Westpac: Petrie Plaza (by the Merry-Go-Round)

Westpac: 53 Alinga Street (in the Jolimont Building)

ANZ: Petrie Plaza (near the Merry-Go-Round)

St George: Rudd Street (near the corner of Moore St)

St George: 61 London Circuit

CPS Credit Union: Petrie Plaza (near the Merry-Go-Round)

Credit Union of Canberra: Bailey Arcade (between East Row and Petrie Plaza)

National Australia Bank: corner of London Circuit and Ainslie Avenue

Bendigo Bank (All cards ATM): London Circuit between Petrie Plaza and Ainslie Avenue

There are also ATMs for most banks and credit unions in the Canberra Centre and the City Market.

Bars, bottle shops and nightclubs

Bars

Wig and Pen: Alinga Street

Phoenix: East Row

King O'Malley's: City Walk

P.J. O'Reilly's: corner of Alinga Street and West Row

Holy Grail: corner of Bunda and Akuna Streets

Anise: West Row

Corvo's: West Row

Bottle shops

Dina's Liquor: 7 East Row

There are more bottle shops in Braddon (Mort and Lonsdale Streets).

Nightclubs

In Blue: corner of Mort and Alinga Streets

Babylon: corner of East Row and Alinga Street

Club Mombasa: 128 Bunda Street

ICBM and Insomnia: 50 Northbourne Avenue

Interchange: 27 East Row

North: 46 Northbourne Avenue

Cube: Petrie Plaza

Bus

To airport: Air Liner, from City bus interchange, platform 6; service run by Deane's Bus Lines; runs at roughly hourly intervals. Cost: \$5. Will not be running on Monday. Ring: 6299 3722 to check for departure times.

To railway station: from City bus interchange, service run by ACTION, Canberra's internal bus network; fares are \$2.40 for adults and \$1.30 for concessions; for further information, phone 13 17 10.

Route 80, from platform 9, departs 5 minutes past the hour on weekends, and takes about 15 minutes to get to the railway station. Last service leaves 7.05pm.

Route 39, from platform 2, departs 1 minute past the hour on weekends, and takes about 25 minutes to get to the railway station. Last service on Sunday leaves 7.01pm. Additional services on Saturday depart at 8.29pm, 9.59pm and 11.29pm.

There are no weekend bus services to Canberra Airport. People who want to get to the airport on weekends will have to catch a taxi or limousine.

Chemists

David Moses, Canberra Arcade: open 8am to 6pm weekdays, 8.30am to 12pm Saturdays (6247 4664)
O'Connor Pharmacy, Sargood St O'Connor: open 9am to 11pm every day (6248 7050 or 6249 1919)

Churches, Mosques and Temples

Anglican: 43 Constitution Avenue Reid (6248 8399); Saturday 6pm Contemporary service; Sunday 7am, 8am, 9.30am Family service (during school term only), 11.15am
Catholic: 61 Boronia Drive O'Connor (6247 7070); Saturday vigil 6pm;

Sunday mass 8.30am, 10am
Baptist: Condamine Street Turner (6257 4750); Sunday 10.30am
Uniting: 69 Northbourne Avenue Civic (6257 4600); Sunday 10am
Salvation Army: corner of Elouera and Fawkner Streets Braddon (6248 7191); Sunday 9.30am, 6pm
Islamic School and Canberra Mosque: 130 Empire Circuit Yarralumla (6273 2422)
Jewish Community Centre: National Circuit Forrest (6295 1052)
Buddhist Society: 245 Goyder Street Narrabundah (6239 7194)

Doctors

Surgeries in Civic are generally only open during the week. Medical centres open over the weekend are located at:

Belconnen Mall (Belconnen): 6251 8898
Florey (Kesteven Street Florey, Belconnen): 6259 1444
Dickson (151 Cowper Street Dickson, North Canberra): 6249 7177
Erindale (Grattan Court Wanniasa, Tuggeranong): 6296 2266
Wanniasa (Sangster Place Wanniasa, Tuggeranong): 6231 0622
Garran (Solferino House, 5 Dann Place Garran, Woden Valley): 6282 1516

For after hours emergencies, phone CALMS (Canberra Area Locum Service) on 6288 1711.

Hospitals

Canberra's two public hospitals are:
Calvary Hospital (Haydon Drive

Bruce, Belconnen): 6201 6111
The Canberra Hospital (Yamba Drive Garran, Woden Valley): 6244 2222

Newsagents

Canberra City: Shop 6 Centrepoin, Petrie Plaza
Convention Centre: 51 Allara Street
Hunt's: 47 Northbourne Avenue
National Capital: 12 Moore Street
Newslink Interchange: 2 Mort Street

Photocopying services

Canon Colour Centre: Shop 4 38 Akuna Street (6247 0113)
Canon Colour Centre: C1 12 Canberra Centre Bunda Street (6247 9350)
Aussie Print: corner of Allara Street and City Walk (6257 6604)
Canberra Plan Printing and Colour Copy Centre: Shop 4 corner of Bunda and Binara Streets (6247 0113)
Copy Qik: 40 Allara Street (6247 0444)
Kwik Kopy: Lower ground floor Ethos House 28-36 Ainslie Avenue (6248 5233)
Laser Plus: Lower ground floor Canberra Centre (6247 9350)

Restaurants and cafés

Civic is full of restaurants, catering to all sorts of tastes and budgets. The lines between restaurant and café, and between various cuisines can be a bit blurry, so take these notes as guides only. For locations outside Garema Place, they're very roughly organised in the order in which you'd approach them from Rydges. Garema Place is about 10 minutes walk from Rydges.

Garema Place

Street cafes

Gus's
Café Essen
Café Redback
Café Della Piazza
Milk and Honey
Valentino's
Bardelis

Asian

Oriental Kitchen
Three Mothers Thai
Happy's (downstairs)
Tip Top Asian Gourmet (upstairs)
Shogun (upstairs)
Sammy's
Flavours of India (upstairs)

Other

Ali Baba: Lebanese take-away, open 24 hours on weekends
Oporto: Portuguese chicken take-away
Rincon Latino: Peruvian
Mama's Trattoria: Italian
La Scala: Italian

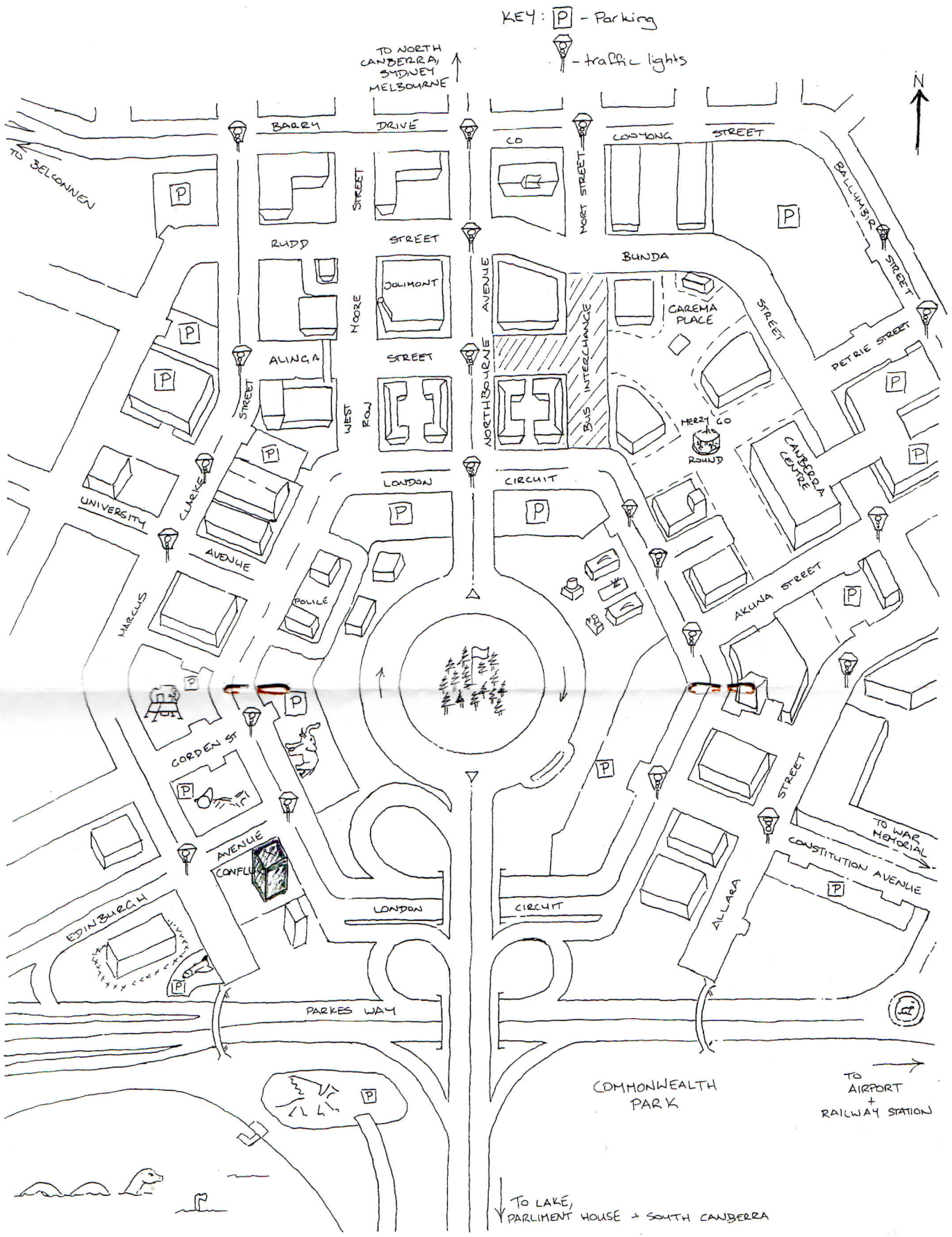
City Walk

Chicken Gourmet: chicken take-away, open 24 hours on weekends
Sizzle Bento: Japanese
Starbucks: coffee shop
Red Gecko: general modern cuisine
Woodstock: pizza and steak

Along or around Northbourne Avenue

Taj Mahal: Indian (upstairs)
Viva Zapata: Mexican
Red Sea: African

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KEY: P - Parking

☒ - traffic lights

TO NORTH
CANBERRA
SYDNEY
MELBOURNE



TO BELCONNEN

TO WAR
MEMORIAL

TO AIRPORT
+
RAILWAY STATION

TO LAKE,
PARLIAMENT HOUSE + SOUTH CANBERRA

From Page 5:

Vietnam Metro: Vietnamese
Ali Baba: Lebanese take-away
Little Saigon: Vietnamese
Caffe Campagna: espresso bar
Benchmark: wine bar

Along or around West Row and Moore Street

Mezzalira: Italian
Cedars: Lebanese
La Posada: pizza
Asian Mekong Delta: Asian
Turkish Pide House: Turkish

Along or around East Row and Mort Street

Iori: Japanese
Rolo's: pizza and pasta
Pancake Parlour: pancakes (downstairs)
Tasuke: Japanese
Café Cactus: internet café
Subway: take away subs

Along London Circuit from West Row to Akuna Street

Charcoal: steaks
Lemon Grass: Thai
Zenyai: Thai
Café Macchiatto: café-restaurant-bourbon bar
Tosolini's: Italian café
Hog's Breath: steak house and bar (downstairs)
Australian Pizza Kitchen: pizza (downstairs)
Antigo: restaurant-wine bar (on Petrie Plaza)
Hermitage: European
Ardeche: French (on Ainslie Avenue)
Montezuma's: Mexican (downstairs)

Along Marcus Clarke Street

Vietnam Restaurant: Vietnamese (downstairs on Hobart Place)
Shalimar: Indian
Red Belly Black: cafe
Great Wall: Chinese

Canberra Centre and City Market

The Canberra Centre and City Market both have cafes. Downstairs in the Canberra Centre is a food hall with a wide range of eat-in and take-away outlets.

Stores
(grocery or convenience)

Major chain supermarkets (Coles and Woolworths) are generally open until midnight throughout the week. However, these chains are located in the suburbs, not in Civic.

There's a Supabarn supermarket and a fruit and veg market in the City Market, open until 10pm on Friday and 9pm on Saturday and Sunday.

There's a Tempo Supermarket at 21 Lonsdale Street, Braddon.

Taxis

Canberra Cabs: 13 2227;
CBD Chauffeured Cars: 6280 9899.



special events

Author Readings:

These will take place in Reading Room #1, First Floor. Please note that this is a very small, cosy room, equipped with a couple of lounges for seating, so it is important to book for the readings. Repeat readings will be at the discretion of the authors. Check with the notice board outside of Registration. (Timetable on back of this booklet)

ANZAC Day Services

The ANZAC Day service commences at 5.30 am on Sunday, 25 April in the parade ground of the Australian War Memorial. Action Buses will be running services to Anzac Parade all day. The march commences at 10.30 am along Anzac Parade.

Book Signings

Venue: Convention Foyer, outside the Huckster's Room..

Saturday

9.30

Richard Harland, Russell Kirkpatrick, Cory Daniells and Trudi Canavan

10.30

Garth Nix, Maxine McArthur, Lucy Sussex and Sean McMullen

11.30

Glenda Larke, Margo Lanagan, Marriane De Pierres

1.30

Stephen Dedman, Greg Benford, Scott Westerfeld

2.30

Fiona McIntosh, Simon Brown, Sean Williams and Ian Irvine

5.00

Kim Wilkins, Louise Cusack, Louise Katz and Rebecca Lockesly

Sunday

10.30

Jonathan Blum, Kate Orman, Mathew Farrer and Michelle Marquardt

11.30

Joel Shepherd, Rob Hood, Paul Brandon and Kirsten Bishop

12.45

Jack Dann, Janeen Webb and Jackie French and (encore) Sean McMullen

1.30

Dave Lockett, Gillian Pollack, (encore) Greg Benford and (encore) Garth Nix

Check the notice board beside registrations for any changes to this listing.

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Lake Superior	Lake Geneva/Nyanza	Lake Huron	Lake Hakone
Friday 23 rd April-DAY 1 Registration opens from 2.30pm		5.30 So this is your first convention? (half hour session)	Video/Media
6.00 pm Cocktail Party			
7.00pm Opening Ceremony	Room open for games		
8.30 Great debate		Soul-destroying, seizure-inducing rejections	Trivia Game
Saturday 24th April-DAY 2			
9.30 am James Tipree Jr-Her work and the memorial award	FAN Funds What are they?	The Medieval Science that Fantasy Forgets	Adapting Tolkien to Film
10.30 Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea
10.45 Sieving the Slush- Editors Panel	A Medieval Backdrop-presentation and discussion	Greg Benford Real Science Presentation	Dr Who, his continuing success
11.45 Fantasy Kings	Law, Ethics and Moral Perspectives in SF/F	Space Opera and no Apologies	Dr Who fan videos
12.45 Agog 3! Launch-main foyer			
2.00 The Art of Writing Horror	Envision-the New Vision	Building your own imaginary word-a geographer's guide	Documentary on fan Peter Nicolls-The What If Man
3.00 Rise of the female protagonist	Auction commences 3.15	Fanzines-semi-prozines-the pros and cons	Godzilla at 50:Are the Big G and his Mates Past It?
4.00 Fantasy Queens-	Auction	It's All Genre	Bob Eggleton and his work
5.30 Book Launch -Harper Collins-		Mystery Session (half hour)	5.30 half hour session A Fan Working for NASA
6.30 Break for Dinner			
8.00 Live Theatre	Sizzling Speculative Fiction-Erotica and Slash	Daikaiju Flash Fiction Competition	Radio Dramas
9.00 This is your life! Host Chuck McKenzie	ASIM-Making Your Own Pulp Magazine	Who Dunnit Panel	Films-Star Wars Fan Film and Death of a Salesman
10.00	Room available for gaming		
Sunday 25th April-Day 3			
9.00 am Writing in Created Universes-Just how hard is it?	The Future of Horror-Urban Fantasy, Gothic and Dark Fantasy	Beginners Guide to Short Story Writing	
10.30 Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea
10.45 Writing Speculative Fiction for Young Adults-The perils and pitfalls!	What They Really Sang in Medieval Times-Sean McMullen	Romancing the Genre	Illustrators Talk Shop

Note Trader's Room is Lake Michigan, Lake Titcaca Room-Bridge Crew, Readings-in reading room

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11.45 Research-the backbone of your fiction	Cartography and the art of Maps? Can you find your way?	Cartography and the art of Maps	Silicon Spies
12.45 LUNCH BREAK AND ASIM BOOK LAUNCH IN FOYER	BUSINESS MEETING 1.00pm		
Guest of Honour Speech Sean McMullen	Clarion South The Beginning and Beyond	My Blaster is Bigger Than Your Sword-Mutterings about humorous SF and Fantasy	Tidbinbilla-Deep Space Tracking Station-information session
3.00 Awards ceremony			
5.00 Is Dark Fantasy the New Horror? Can Fantasy Exist Without Magic?	There's Something In the Water In Adelaide	Parrish Party-Wear Leather or Nylon for this one	SF on film in Australia-Discussion
6.00 Loranda Press Book Launch	Dinner Break		
7.30-8.30- Pre-Masquerade drinks	Filking and music Robbie Mathews	Room available for games	
8.30 Masquerade Bobby McGees Nightclub			
Monday 26th April-Day 4			
9.30 am What's Your Game Plan? Marketing yourself and your writing-	Paperless Publishing	The Art of Illustration-Beginners' Guide	Short film and talk-Divine Curse and the Zombies
10.30 Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea
10.45 The Nature and role of SF and Fantasy in Contemporary Pop Culture	The Canberra Speculative Fiction Guild-3 Anthologies and Counting	The Realities of the Quest-Sean McMullen	All at 'c'; the world at relativistic speeds
11.45 Guest of Honour Speech Karen Herkes	The Best of 2003-The Critics Guide,	World Building-A few perspectives	Radio/audio drama
12.45 LUNCH BREAK AND SPACE	AVAILABLE FOR BOOK LAUNCH	Soft SF or Science Fantasy-Can it Still Explore the Hard Issues?	
2.00 Is a sequel a pale imitation?	Young Writers Talk About Writing		3D animation-What's the scene?
3.00 Hard SF-Or is it Just Difficult?	Living off Writing-Can it be done? Or is it time to diet?	Fansites-Why are they so much fun?	What we do in movies
4.00 -SET UP CLOSING CEREMONY	Mass Book Signing		
4.30 Closing Ceremony			
5.30 Close			

. Art show opens 10.00am daily-see notice board for discussions and presentations

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Reading program-Venue Reading Room 1st Floor

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
10.00am	10.00am	10.00am
Richard Harland	Maxine McArthur	Janeen Webb
10.20	10.20	10.20
Cory Daniells	Gillian Pollack	Simon Brown
10.40	10.40	10.40
Jack Dann	Tansy Rayner-Roberts	Fiona McIntosh
11.00	11.00	11.00
Paul Brandon	Michelle Marquardt	Kaaren Sutcliffe
11.20	11.20	11.20
Justine Larbalestier	Kate Orman	Kirsten Bishop
11.40	11.40	11.40
Rob Hood	Jonathon Blum	Stephen Dedman
2.00	2.00	2.00
Joel Shepherd	Ian Irvine	Scott Westerfeld
2.20	2.20	2.20
Sean McMullen	Louise Cusack	Rebecca Locksley
2.40	3.00	2.40
Lucy Sussex	Ditmars begin	Margo Lanagan
3.00		3.00
Kim Wilkins		Louise Katz
3.20		3.20
Russell Kirkpatrick		
3.40		3.40
vacant		Dave Luckett
4.00		4.00
Garth Nix		Glenda Larke
4.20		4.30
Marianne De Pierres		Closing Ceremony
4.40		
Sean Williams		