

Authors: (top row, L-R) Thomas Keneally, Judith Beveridge, John Zubrzycki, Margo Lanagan, Alison Lester,
(bottom row, L-R) Bruce Bennett, Bem Le Hunte, Luke Beesley, Kirsty Murray, Graham Reilly

Poetry Exchange authors (*not pictured*): Ron Pretty, Kevin Brophy, Lizz Murphy, Brook Emery



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AusArts India at the Kolkata Book Fair

Australia is delighted to be Focus Country at the 2007 Kolkata Book Fair. Australia's program will include many author and publisher presentations, readings and workshops, and the specially themed pavilion will feature a diverse range of Australian books and resources.

Literature remains one of the most constant and accessible expressions of Australian culture. It helps define who we are, how we think and our sense of belonging. Our authors continue to challenge and inspire and we invite you to join them in conversation and debate.

Program



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Date	Time	Activity	Venue
Tue 30 Jan		KOLKATA BOOK FAIR OPENS	
	4.30–5.30	Inauguration Lecture – Thomas Keneally	UBI Auditorium
Wed 31 Jan		Australia Day	
	4.30–6.30	<i>Writing Beyond Australia: Australians writing on 'the other'</i> – John Zubrzycki, Margo Lanagan, Bruce Bennett	UBI Auditorium
Thu 1 Feb	1.00–2.45	<i>Interfacing Australian and Indian Writers</i> – Thomas Keneally, Bruce Bennett, Indian authors and academics (IASA/AIC* panel)	International AC Hall
	2.45–3.00	Launch: IASA Eastern Region Chapter (IASA/AIC)	International AC Hall
	3.00–4.15	<i>The Fantastical: reading and writing fantasy</i> – Margo Lanagan (IASA/AIC)	International AC Hall
	6.30–8.00	Readings by John Zubrzycki, Thomas Keneally, Margo Lanagan	Oxford Bookstore
Fri 2 Feb	1.00–2.30	<i>Writing Cultures: neighbouring Australian and Indian authors</i> – John Zubrzycki, Indian authors and academics (IASA/AIC)	International AC Hall
	2.30–3.00	AustLit: Resource for Australian Literature – Kerry Kilner (IASA/AIC)	International AC Hall
	3.00–4.15	Book launch: new books on Australian Studies by Indian academics (IASA/AIC)	International AC Hall
	4.30–5.30	Sushil Mukherjee Memorial Lecture – Thomas Keneally	UBI Auditorium
Sat 3 Feb		Education focus weekend	
		Explore study opportunities in Australia	
	6.00–7.00	Book launch: <i>The Road South</i> and <i>Two Spaces of Poetry</i>	Australian pavilion

* IASA: Indian Association for the Study of Australia; AIC: Australia–India Council

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Sun 4 Feb		Children's Day	
	12.00–3.00	Children's writing workshop – Alison Lester	International AC Hall
	12.00–2.00	<i>Readings with an Indian Flavour</i> – Judith Beveridge, John Zubrzycki	Business Hall
	3.30–4.00	Storytelling – Alison Lester	Australian pavilion
	5.00–5.30	Storytelling – Bem Le Hunte	Australian pavilion
	5.00–6.00	Picture book workshop – Alison Lester	Oxford Bookstore
	5.45–8.00	<i>Writing History</i> – John Zubrzycki, Thomas Keneally, Bem Le Hunte	International AC Hall
Mon 5 Feb	2.00–3.00	<i>Writing the Truth: true characters and real events</i> – Bem Le Hunte, Thomas Keneally	International AC Hall
	4.30–5.30	Ashok Sarkar Memorial Lecture – John Zubrzycki	UBI Auditorium
Wed 7 Feb	3.15–5.30	<i>Asia as Muse</i> – Judith Beveridge, Luke Beesley, Bem Le Hunte	Business Hall
Thu 8 Feb	5.45–8.00	<i>Spotlight on Australian Poetry 1</i> – Judith Beveridge, Luke Beesley, Lizz Murphy, Brook Emery	Business Hall
Fri 9 Feb	3.30–5.30	<i>An Audience of Kids: talking about writing for children</i> – Kirsty Murray, Alison Lester	Business Hall
Sat 10 Feb	12.00–12.30	Storytelling – Kirsty Murray	Australian pavilion
	2.00–4.15	<i>The Details of Life: getting the finer points right</i> – readings by Judith Beveridge and Graham Reilly	Business Hall
Sun 11 Feb	3.15–4.15	<i>Spotlight on Australian Poetry 2</i> – Judith Beveridge, Ron Pretty, Kevin Brophy	Business Hall
	5.45–6.45	<i>The Gritty Side of Life: crime writing</i> – Graham Reilly	Business Hall