

# FESTIVAL PROGRAM

## HISTORY UNBOUND

2025 HISTORICAL NOVEL FESTIVAL  
presented by HNSA

**SAT NOVEMBER 1, 2025**

9.00 - 9.40am	Welcome to Country Welcome to History Unbound 2025 <i>Elisabeth Storrs &amp; Kate Forsyth</i>	
9.40 - 10.30am	Kelly Gardiner In conversation with Guest of Honour, Dr Anita Heiss	
10.30 - 11.00am	<b>Morning tea &amp; book signings</b>	
11.00 - 11.50am	Linda Funnell In Conversation with Emily Maguire and Toni Jordan	Identity and Diaspora: tracing multicultural identity
12.00 - 12.50pm	What would Jane think? The Bridgerton effect	The Subjective Voice: depicting authentic historical characters
1.00 - 2.00pm	<b>Lunch &amp; book signings</b>	
2.00 - 2.50pm	Greg Johnston in conversation with our mystery guests	On the Cusp - what is the essence of Young Adult historical fiction?
3.00 - 3.50pm	Belinda Lyons-Lee In conversation with Guest of Honour, Fiona McIntosh	
3.15 - 4.15pm	<b>Afternoon break &amp; book signings</b>	
4.15 - 5.30pm	First Pages Pitch Contest	
6.30 - 9.30pm	Festival Dinner	

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**SUN NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

9.00 - 9.50am	First Nations Voices: the importance of oral histories	Meet the Debutantes: the highs and lows of a first time author
10.00 - 10.50am	Kate Evans in conversation with Guest of Honour, Pip Williams	
11.00 - 11.30am	<b>Morning tea &amp; book signings</b>	
11.30 - 12.20pm	Stephen Romei in conversation with Matthew Reilly and Malcom Knox	The Future of Publishing: AI, audio & digital publishing
12.30 - 1.30pm	Book Club with Nicole Alexander & Kate Forsyth	Colonial Crime: sleuthing and survival under British Rule
1.30 - 2.30pm	<b>Lunch &amp; book signings</b>	
2.30 - 3.20pm	Elisabeth Storrs in conversation with Guest of Honour Natasha Lester	
3.45 - 4.30pm	Historic Heads - a parlour game	
4.30 - 4.45pm	Festival Wrap up with Elisabeth Storrs	

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