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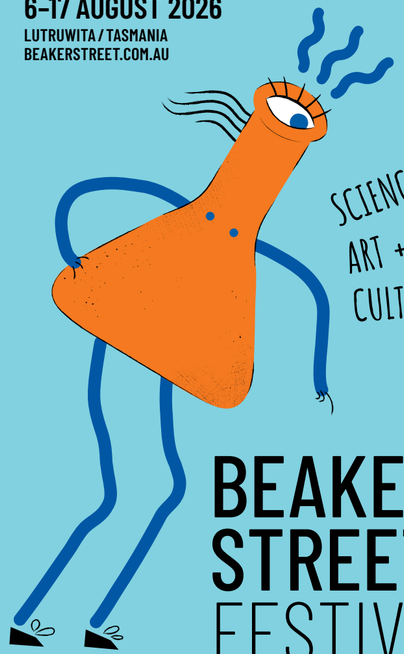

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FESTIVAL EPICENTRE

Nipaluna/Hobart
14 – 16 August

Beaker Street Festival's second weekend takes over Nipaluna/Hobart's cultural precinct, with our Main Stage program at City Hall, our Roving Scientist Bar at the Hope & Anchor, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery After Dark, and our Market Place Street Party — including open fires, food and drink, live music and entertainment at this weekend-long celebration for our 10th birthday!

Get amongst it. Main Stage shows are ticketed. Everything else is free.

EPICENTRE FRI 14 AUGUST

=FAMILY FRIENDLY
★=FREE

EVENT	TIME	VENUE
★ MARKET PLACE STREET PARTY	5PM–LATE	MARKET PLACE
★ ROVING SCIENTIST BAR	5–9PM	HOPE AND ANCHOR
★ LIVE MUSIC: BLUE WREN	SETS BETWEEN 5–9:45PM	MARKET PLACE
MURDER ON BEAKER STREET: THE SCIENCE OF TRUE CRIME	5:30PM	HOBART CITY HALL
★ TMAG AFTER DARK	5:30–9:30PM	TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
★ VIDEO GAMES IN THE BASEMENT	5:30–9:30PM	TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
★ SCIENCE OPEN MIC	6PM	MARKET PLACE
THE BEAKER STREET DEBATE	7:15PM	HOBART CITY HALL
★ POWERPOINT KARAOKE	8:30PM	MARKET PLACE
THE PEER REVUE: SCIENCE COMEDY HOUR	9PM	HOBART CITY HALL
★ THE SCIENCE PICTURE SHOW	10–11PM	MARKET PLACE

EPICENTRE SAT 15 AUGUST

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EVENT	TIME	VENUE
★ MARKET PLACE STREET PARTY	12PM–LATE	MARKET PLACE
★ LIVE MUSIC: KING BILLY	SETS BETWEEN 12–5PM	MARKET PLACE
★ ROVING SCIENTIST BAR: FAMILY FRIENDLY	12:30–2:30PM	HOPE AND ANCHOR
MEET YOUR REPLACEMENT: AN AI DEMO	12:45PM	HOBART CITY HALL
CAN'T LOOK AWAY: HOW OUR TECHNOLOGY KEEPS US HOOKED	2:45PM	HOBART CITY HALL
★ ROVING SCIENTIST BAR	3–9PM	HOPE AND ANCHOR
PSYCHEDELICS REVISITED	5PM	HOBART CITY HALL
★ SCIENCE OPEN MIC	5PM	MARKET PLACE
★ TMAG AFTER DARK	5:30–9:30PM	TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
★ VIDEO GAMES IN THE BASEMENT	5:30–9:30PM	TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
★ LIVE MUSIC: MUM AND DAD	SETS BETWEEN 6–9:15PM	MARKET PLACE
THE BEAKER STREET GAME SHOW	6:45PM	HOBART CITY HALL
★ POWERPOINT KARAOKE	8:15PM	MARKET PLACE
SEXTISTICS	9PM	HOBART CITY HALL
★ POWERPOINT KARAOKE: CHAMPIONSHIPS	10PM	MARKET PLACE

EPICENTRE SUN 16 AUGUST

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EVENT	TIME	VENUE
DR KARL: LIVE IN HOBART	9:30AM	HOBART CITY HALL
★ VIDEO GAMES IN THE BASEMENT	10AM–2PM	TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
★ MARKET PLACE STREET PARTY	10:30AM–4PM	MARKET PLACE
★ PROF LISA HARVEY-SMITH'S WHISTLE-STOP TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE	11:30AM	TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
★ ROVING SCIENTIST BAR: FAMILY FRIENDLY	12:30–2:30PM	HOPE AND ANCHOR
★ POWERPOINT KARAOKE: FAMILY EDITION	1PM	MARKET PLACE
★ SCIENCE OPEN MIC: FAMILY EDITION	2:30PM	MARKET PLACE
★ ROVING SCIENTIST BAR: SENSORY FRIENDLY (BOOKINGS REQUIRED)	3–3:50PM + 4–4:50PM	HOPE AND ANCHOR
THE SECOND ACT: A WEDDING	3:30PM	HOBART CITY HALL

EXHIBITIONS

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Encounter science as viewed by artists, through photography, living installations, and collaborative works.

	EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE
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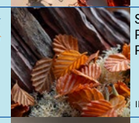
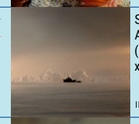
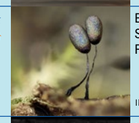
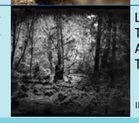
★  IMAGE:AMBER SUMMERS	SCIENCE PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE EXHIBITION	6 AUGUST – 5 SEPTEMBER, TMAG OPENING HOURS + TMAG AFTER DARK	TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
★  IMAGE: ROSIE HASTIE	SHIFTING ANTARCTICA (CONSTANCE x ACEAS)	THU 6 – SUN 9 AUGUST, HOBARTICA OPENING HOURS	KENT & KENT ANTIQUES
★  IMAGE: SARAH LLOYD	ENCHANTED SLIME MOULD FOREST	FRI 14 – SUN 16 + WED 19 – SUN 23 AUGUST, 10AM–4PM	THE BARN AT ROSNY FARM
★  IMAGE: PETER MAARSEVEEN	LIVING FLUX: THE SCIENCE AND ART OF TRANSFORMATION	SAT 15 – SAT 29 AUGUST, 10AM–4PM	SUNROOM GALLERY

AROUND TOWN

Explore Nipaluna/Hobart through the lens of science with our diverse program of talks, tours, afternoon teas, and immersive musical performances.

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE
★ MURDER AT HADLEY'S ORIENT HOTEL	THROUGHOUT AUGUST (BOOKINGS REQUIRED)	HADLEY'S ORIENT HOTEL
★ HEROIC AGE OF ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION	THU 6 – SAT 8 AUGUST, 11AM (BOOKINGS REQUIRED)	STATE LIBRARY OF TASMANIA
ANTARCTIC AFTERNOON TEA	SAT 8 AUGUST, 2PM	HADLEY'S ORIENT HOTEL
★ ANTARCTICA IS MELTING	SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUGUST, 9AM–5PM	MARITIME MUSEUM
ASTRONOMICAL MUSIC	SUN 9 AUGUST, 3PM	HOBART TOWN HALL
VAST	WED 12 + THU 13 AUGUST, 8PM	THEATRE ROYAL
SURVIVAL IN THE SUBLIME	WED 12 AUGUST, 5:30PM	FULLERS BOOKSHOP
VAST: IN CONVERSATION	THU 13 AUGUST, 12:30PM	THEATRE ROYAL
★ COLAB AT YARC: GLOW IN ANT–YARC–TICA	THU 13 AUGUST, 5–7PM	YOUTH ARC
ENCHANTED FOREST: SHADOW PLAY WORKSHOP	SAT 15 + SUN 16 AUGUST, 10AM	ROSNY FARM
★ ENCHANTED SLIME MOULD FOREST FLOOR TALK	SAT 15 AUGUST 10AM + SUN 16 AUGUST 1:30PM	THE BARN AT ROSNY FARM
THE CLITORAL CHRONICLES	FRI 21 AUGUST 7PM + SAT 22 AUGUST 5PM + 7PM	PEACOCK THEATRE
★ ECO-CAVE: WORK-IN-PROGRESS SHOWING	SUN 23 AUGUST, 11AM	MOONAH ARTS CENTRE
★ FROM FACT TO FICTION	SUN 23 AUGUST, 5PM (BOOKINGS REQUIRED)	BEVS

FIELD TRIPS

Ferment your heart out, connect with nature (and yourself), stargaze in some of our darkest corners, and feast with Palawa knowledge-holders.

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE
WURANGKILI LIWARI NIPALUNA	MULTIPLE DATES AND TIMES*	THE SPRINGS, KUNANYI
MUSHROOM WORKSHOP AT TUNNEL HILL	MULTIPLE DATES AND TIMES*	MOUNT RUMNEY
TRADITIONAL FINNISH SAUNA HEALING	MULTIPLE DATES AND TIMES*	SECRET LOCATION, SOUTH HOBART
STYX VALLEY OF THE GIANTS: BIG TREE IMMERSION	SAT 8 AUGUST, 7:45AM	STYX VALLEY (MEET AT TMAG, HOBART)
TASTE OF COUNTRY: PALAWA FINE DINING & CULTURAL TOUR	SAT 8 AUGUST, 11:30AM	PIYURA KITINA/ RISDON COVE
CONNECTING TO COUNTRY, A PRACTICE FOR EVERYONE	MULTIPLE DATES AND TIMES*	WATERWORKS RESERVE (HUT 9)
KUNANYI BIOBLITZ	SUN 9 AUGUST, 2PM	THE SPRINGS, KUNANYI
THE SECRET WORLD OF TASMANIAN BATS	TUE 11 + WED 12 AUGUST, 5:30PM	FERN TREE COMMUNITY CENTRE
MOUNT PLEASANT RADIO TELESCOPE TOUR	THU 13 + SUN 16 AUGUST, 4:30PM	MT PLEASANT OBSERVATORY
DARK SKY DINNER	THU 13 AUGUST, 5:30PM	FROGMORE CREEK
SEA FOREST FARM TOUR	SAT 15 AUGUST, MULTIPLE SESSIONS*	SEA FOREST, TRIABUNNA

*SEE WEBSITE FOR ALL DATES AND TIMES

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DR KARL: LIVE IN BURNIE
PLUS MORE EVENTS IN THE NORTH AND NORTH WEST

FIELD TRIPS CONT.

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE
DR KARL: LIVE IN BURNIE	SAT 15 AUGUST, 10AM	BURNIE ARTS CENTRE
RETRACING DARWIN: A GUIDED HISTORICAL WALK	SAT 15 + SUN 16 AUGUST, 10AM	THE BARN AT ROSNY FARM
FERMENTATION MASTERCLASS	SUN 16 AUGUST, 10AM	FERMENTHQ, LAUNCESTON
EXPANDING THE COSMOS AT MOUNT GNOMON	MON 17 AUGUST, 5:30PM	MOUNT GNOMON FARM, PENGUIN
ANTARCTIC CONNECTIONS TASMAN PENINSULA TOUR	SAT 22 + SUN 23 AUGUST, 9AM	TASMAN PENINSULA
SOUNDS OF RENEWAL: ACOUSTIC RESTORATION IN ACTION	SAT 29 AUGUST, 10AM	THE QUOIN, ROSS

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BEAKER STREET FESTIVAL

Welcome to our 10th Birthday Party Festival.

We kick off with Hobartica, our Antarctic Outpost on Nipaluna/Hobart's waterfront. Our second weekend is the Festival Epicentre, where you'll find Main Stage talks, live music, microscopy booths and zoological oddities, exhibitions, amiable wandering scientists, seriously good food and drink, and such a bounty of distractions that you may forget to go home. Throughout August and around our spectacular island home of Lutruwita/Tasmania, we've put together a mind-expanding lineup of Field Trips, Workshops, Dinners, and more at stunning locations hosted by experts in every corner of the state. It's science, but not like you're thinking. Come along to quench your thirst… for knowledge.

Beaker Street acknowledges and pays respect to the Palawa/Tasmanian Aboriginal community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land on which we come together to discover and share knowledge. Always was, always will be, Aboriginal land.

The information in this program was correct at the time of printing. For the most up-to-date info and detailed event descriptions, visit beakerstreet.com.au

EAT AND DRINK

HOBARTICA 6 – 9 AUGUST
Enjoy dinner and a polar nightcap inside our Antarctic precinct with some of Tassie's best local fare, from a hearty winter stew by Rough Rice to Frank Restaurant's famous meatballs, to freshly shucked oysters, and why not pair them with a krill cocktail?

FESTIVAL EPICENTRE 14 – 16 AUGUST
Calling all Thirsty Nerds! We've got a bar in every venue, and most of them sell cake. Enjoy a beverage at City Hall, TMAG, the Hope & Anchor, and our Market Place Street Party for celebratory drinks, delicious meals, and a hearty serve of merriment.

AROUND THE ISLAND
Our program of dining and drinking events spans every corner of the state, from Indigenous astronomy and nomnoms at Mount Gnomon Farm in Penguin, to a full day of fermentation in Launceston, to a mushroom growing workshop inside an abandoned railway tunnel in Mt Rumney.

VIEW DINING + DRINKING EVENTS
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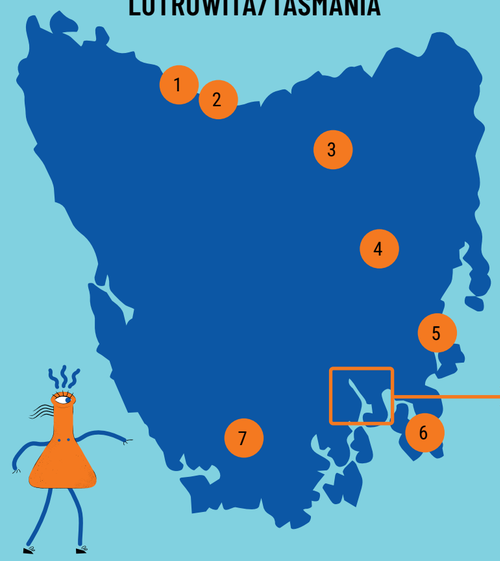


1. BURNIE
2. PENGUIN
3. LAUNCESTON
4. ROSS
5. TRIABUNNA
6. TASMAN PENINSULA
7. STYX VALLEY

NIPALUNA/HOBART AND SURROUNDS

8. PIYURA KITINA / RISDON COVE
9. CAMBRIDGE
10. MOUNT RUMNEY
11. ROSNY
12. HOBART CITY
13. KUNANYI + FERN TREE
14. MOONAH

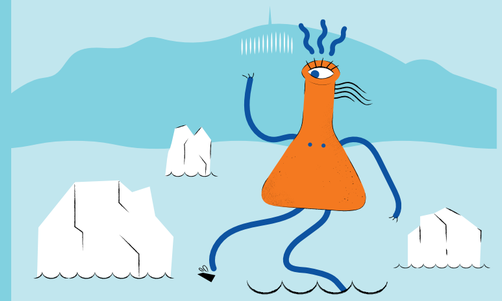
FESTIVAL PRECINCTS

15. CITY HALL
16. HOPE & ANCHOR
17. TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
18. KENT & KENT ANTIQUES

HOBARTICA

Mawson Place + Waterside Pavilion
Nipaluna/Hobart
6 – 9 August

Head down to the waterfront to find the last outpost before you hit "The Ice". Check out our cosy Antarctic night market, geodesic domes, VR tours of Macquarie Island, Celestial Concerts, live music and talks, and a POLARoid photo booth. Enjoy delicious things to eat and drink around open fires, and then take the Polar Plunge Challenge!



HOBARTICA THURS 6 AUGUST

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EVENT	TIME	VENUE
★ STATEMENT OF COUNTRY	5:15PM	MAWSON PLACE
★ KRILL PARTY w/ HIGGS BOSON AND THE COLLIDERS	5:30PM–LATE	WATERSIDE PAVILION
★ SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY	6PM–LATE	MAWSON PLACE

HOBARTICA FRI 7 AUGUST

EVENT	TIME	VENUE
CELESTIAL SESSIONS: HANNAH FOLEY	5–9:30PM	CELESTIAL DOME
★ ANTARCTIC NIGHT MARKET	5–9:30PM	MAWSON PLACE
POLAR PLUNGE CHALLENGE	5–9:15PM	MAWSON PLACE
DISPATCHES FROM THE ICE: A WILD SEA WITHOUT END	5:15PM	WATERSIDE PAVILION
★ ANTARCTIC LOUNGE	6–9:15PM	WATERSIDE PAVILION
★ SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY	6PM–LATE	MAWSON PLACE
★ SCIENCE OPEN MIC: ANTARCTIC EDITION	6:45PM	WATERSIDE PAVILION
STOWAWAY: A NERDY NIGHTCLUB w/ DJ SHARKRA	9:30PM–1AM	WATERSIDE PAVILION

HOBARTICA SAT 8 AUGUST

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EVENT	TIME	VENUE
ONE IN A KRILLION: MAKE YOUR OWN METAL KRILL	2:30PM, 3:15PM, 4PM	WATERSIDE PAVILION
SENSORY WINE TASTING	3:30PM	FRANK RESTAURANT
CELESTIAL SESSIONS: JODE BREWSTER	5–9:30PM	CELESTIAL DOME
★ ANTARCTIC NIGHT MARKET	5–9:30PM	MAWSON PLACE
POLAR PLUNGE CHALLENGE	5–9:15PM	MAWSON PLACE
DISPATCHES FROM THE ICE: ANTARCTICA'S ANCIENT DNA	5:15PM	WATERSIDE PAVILION
★ ANTARCTIC LOUNGE	6–9:15PM	WATERSIDE PAVILION
★ SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY	6PM–LATE	MAWSON PLACE
★ POWERPOINT KARAOKE: ANTARCTIC EDITION	6:45PM	WATERSIDE PAVILION
STOWAWAY: A NERDY NIGHTCLUB w/ LSF	9:30PM–1AM	WATERSIDE PAVILION

HOBARTICA SUN 9 AUGUST

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★=FREE

EVENT	TIME	VENUE
★ CAN HOBART BECOME A SWIMMABLE CITY AGAIN?	1:30PM	WATERSIDE PAVILION
★ SHIFTING ANTARCTICA FLOOR TALK	2PM	KENT & KENT ANTIQUES
★ ANTARCTIC NIGHT MARKET	3–8PM	MAWSON PLACE
POLAR PLUNGE CHALLENGE	3–7:45PM	MAWSON PLACE
DISPATCHES FROM THE ICE: THE LOUDEST EXHALE	3:15PM	WATERSIDE PAVILION
CELESTIAL SESSIONS: WHERE WATER MEETS	3:30–8PM	CELESTIAL DOME
★ ANTARCTIC LOUNGE	4–8PM	WATERSIDE PAVILION

THE SECOND ACT BEGINS

Ten years ago, I had a vision for what a great night out could be: Microscopes on bar tables, chatty scientists roving through the crowd, fascinating talks kicking off friendly debate, live music, drinks, dancing, and great conversations between strangers everywhere you looked.

I never could have imagined how strongly the idea would resonate. I'm incredibly grateful for the wonderful community that has grown around the Festival: the hundreds of scientists, artists, and creatives who have brought it to life, and, of course, the thousands of fabulous nerds who turn up to be part of it every year.

We're marking Beaker Street Festival's 10th year with our 2026 theme **The Second Act**. At a time of reckoning and reinvention for humanity, the theme is a provocation to interrogate our assumptions, invite debate, ask harder questions, and reaffirm our connection with each other, in real life.

Thanks for your love over the past decade. I can't wait to celebrate with you this August!

Dr Margo Adler
Beaker Street Founder and Creative Director

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