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All About Women, All Around Australia

Two of the most anticipated sessions in the **Sydney Opera House's All About Women** festival will be livestreamed to an unprecedented 21 Western Sydney and regional New South Wales, plus interstate and international communities on Sunday 6 March.

Satellite events will be held across NSW, Victoria, Queensland and New Zealand. The first livestream will be the keynote **All About Women** panel, "What Needs To Change," featuring President and CEO of the New America Foundation **Anne-Marie Slaughter**, co-founder of feminist site *The Toast* and advice columnist for *Slate* **Mallory Ortberg**, Russian writer and LGBT activist **Masha Gessen**, Canadian climate and energy campaigner **Crystal Lameman** and CEO of Carnival Australia **Ann Sherry**.

The second session will be *Orange Is the New Black* memoirist **Piper Kerman** on making mistakes, the women you meet in a US prison, and her work to improve prisoners' rights.

Now in its fourth year, the **All About Women** festival is a unique platform for women's voices on contemporary issues and ideas. Last year the festival was livestreamed to four satellite venues. Many of this year's venues will create local community events around the livestream, encouraging people all over the map to share their own unique stories.

NSW Deputy Premier and Minister for the Arts Troy Grant said: *"The Sydney Opera House belongs to everyone, whether they live in Sydney or regional Australia. The use of streaming technology to give audiences everywhere access to leading local and international talents is a fantastic way to bring the best of arts and culture to regional communities."*

Danielle Harvey, Head of International Development at the Sydney Opera House and co-curator of All About Women, said: *"The growth of this year's All About Women Satellite events through partnerships with more than 20 regional and metropolitan centres is an absolute game changer. These Satellite shows make a real and significant impact in their local area and we're thrilled to enable women across Australia and New Zealand to not only participate in such an important event but encourage them to make the events their own."*

Satellite event highlights include:

- [Dubbo Regional Theatre, NSW](#) – In its second year hosting an AAW Satellite event, the Dubbo Regional Theatre has invited Jen Cowley, editor of the Dubbo Weekender and 'middle-aged jack of many trades' to lead a Q&A after the first panel.
- [Horsham Regional Art Gallery, VIC](#) – Keynote panel "What Needs to Change?" will be followed by a panel of community leaders from Wimmera including Cr Ray Kingston, Mayor of Yarranbiack Shire Council discussing what needs to change in the local area.
- [James Cook University, Townsville, QLD](#) – Following the live stream, chaired by Professor Nola Alloway, Director of the JCU Conflict Management and Resolution Program Judith Herrmann will explore what justice means to women affected by violence based on her research in Rwanda.
- [Frankston Arts Centre, VIC](#) – Quick-witted comedian and presenter Tracy Bartram will facilitate a local Q&A session after each panel.
- [Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre, QLD](#) - MECC in partnership with Zonta Club of Mackay will run a fundraising brunch, with gold coin donations upon entry to the Satellite event going to Lowana House, a facility that provides accommodation for women in crisis.

Full list of participating venues:

- [Blacktown City Libraries, NSW](#)
- [Byron Community Centre, NSW](#)
- [Dubbo Regional Theatre, NSW](#)



- [Glasshouse, Port Macquarie, NSW](#)
- [Hothouse Theatre, Wodonga, NSW](#)
- [Jetty Memorial Theatre, Coffs Harbour, NSW](#)
- [Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, NSW](#)
- [Museum of the Riverina, Wagga Wagga, NSW](#)
- [Parramatta Riverside Theatre, NSW](#)
- [Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre, NSW](#)
- [Australian Centre for the Moving Image, VIC](#)
- [Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo, VIC](#)
- [Frankston Arts Centre, VIC](#)
- [Horsham Regional Art Gallery, VIC](#)
- [Empire Theatres, Toowoomba, QLD](#)
- [James Cook University, Townsville, QLD](#)
- [Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre, QLD](#)
- [State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane, QLD](#)
- [Tanks Arts Centre, Cairns, QLD](#)
- [Auckland Museum, NZ](#)
- [WORD Christchurch and University of Canterbury, NZ](#)

Across its programming, the Sydney Opera House is dedicated to sharing Opera House experiences with the largest possible audience through the use of recording and broadcast technology. Schoolchildren from regional Australia (and as far afield as India) see inside the Opera House through live, interactive digital tours; Julian Assange and Stephen Hawking were virtually transported to live audiences in the Concert Hall; and people around the world watched online as Naomi Klein delivered her sold-out Festival of Dangerous Ideas address in 2015.

For specific information about each local All About Women event, please visit the relevant website.

For more information about Satellite events, or to register interest in getting involved, visit <http://aaw.sydneyoperahouse.com/events/satellite-events>

A complete list of events and the festival calendar can be found at: sydneyoperahouse.com/aaw

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