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From Sydney to Alice Springs, Festival of Dangerous Ideas Streams All Around Australia

Two of the most anticipated sessions from the Sydney Opera House's flagship *Festival of Dangerous Ideas* will be livestreamed to 16 sites around Australia on Saturday 3 September, connecting audiences outside Sydney with world-leading thinkers.

In the first Satellite session, **Lionel Shriver**, bestselling author of *We Need To Talk About Kevin* and *The Mandibles*, will suggest that to *Break a Rule a Day* is better for your health than an apple. In the second, journalists **Annabel Crabb** and **David Marr** discuss whether the Federal Election gave us *The Government We Deserve?*

For the first time, Satellite audiences will also have the chance to directly engage with festival speakers. Satellite audiences at James Cook University Townsville and Western Plains Cultural Centre will be able to join a Sydney Opera House Q&A with renowned British philosopher A.C. Grayling via two-way video conferencing. Audiences at other venues can text questions. Each Satellite talk will also be Auslan-interpreted.

Sydney Opera House Head of International Development and co-curator of FODI Danielle Harvey said the initiatives were about ensuring that as many people as possible were able join the FODI conversation: *"By sharing incredible talks with 16 arts centres and venues across the country – up from seven last year – we're extending the reach of the Festival of Dangerous Ideas to spark a nation-wide conversation about the issues that really matter today. Our Satellite events have grown exponentially over the past few years, becoming a crucial part of the festival as a whole."*

FODI sessions will be livestreamed to Alice Springs, Adelaide, Canberra, Darwin, Cairns and around suburban and regional Australia, where communities are creating local events to join in the festival spirit. Whether through including local hosts, panels of community leaders, picnics, lunches or special entry deals, each venue is making the Satellite Festival of Dangerous Ideas event their own. Highlights include:

- [Canberra Theatre Centre, ACT](#) – The first Opera House Satellite event to be held in Canberra, this free event will screen at the Civic Square, where audiences can bring their own picnic rug or chair and settle in for the talks.
- [Windsong Pavilion, Four Winds, Bermagui, NSW](#) – ABC South East NSW Radio veteran and special guest Ian Campbell will facilitate local discussion after each talk, and teens aged 16 and under will be able to attend for free.
- **James Cook University, Townsville, QLD** – Hosted by members of the James Cook University Alumni network and open to the public, the \$20 ticket price includes a midwinter lunch and the chance to interact with philosopher AC Grayling during the video Q&A.

Full list of participating venues:

- [Canberra Theatre Centre, ACT](#)
- [Blacktown City Libraries, NSW](#)
- [Broken Hill City Library, NSW](#)



- [Glasshouse, Port Macquarie, NSW](#)
- [The Joan, Penrith, NSW](#)
- [Merrigong Theatre Company, NSW](#)
- [Museum of the Riverina, Wagga Wagga, NSW](#)
- [Riverside Theatres, Parramatta, NSW](#)
- [Taree Library, NSW](#)
- [Windsong Pavilion, Four Winds, Bermagui, NSW](#)
- [Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo, NSW](#)
- [Alice Springs Public Library, NT](#)
- [Darwin City Library, NT](#)
- [James Cook University – Cairns, QLD](#)
- [James Cook University – Townsville, QLD](#)
- [City Library, Adelaide, SA](#)

These Festival of Dangerous Ideas Satellites follow the success of the Opera House's 2016 All About Women livestream program, which enabled audiences across Australia and New Zealand to discuss ideas that matter to women in their communities.

Across its programming, the Sydney Opera House is using technology to connect with new audiences, from schoolchildren in regional Australia, India and Korea to virtually transporting Stephen Hawking into the Concert Hall as a hologram.

For specific information about each local Festival of Dangerous Ideas event, please visit the relevant websites above.

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

A complete list of events and the festival calendar can be found at: <http://fodi.sydneyoperahouse.com/>

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