

AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC FESTIVAL 2026
PRESENTED BY THE MAWSON’S HUTS FOUNDATION

FESTIVAL PROGRAM

For full program details see mawsons-huts.org.au/australian-antarctic-festival



Wednesday 19 August	Thursday 20 August	Friday 21 August	Saturday 22 August	Sunday 23 August	
FESTIVAL EVE	FESTIVAL DAY ONE	FESTIVAL DAY TWO	FESTIVAL DAY THREE	FESTIVAL DAY FOUR	
MAWSON AFTER DARK Hadley's Orient Hotel 6:00pm to 8:00pm TICKETED – Bookings essential.	PHILLIP LAW LECTURE - DR EDWARD DODDRIDGE Stanley Burbury Lecture (UTAS) 6:00pm FREE – Bookings essential.	ANTARCTIC HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION SUMMIT IMAS Aurora lecture 2:30pm to 5:00pm FREE – Bookings essential.	ANTARCTIC EXPO Princess Wharf No.1 and PW1 Forecourt 10:00am to 4:00pm FREE - View the full program for event details.		
EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE ACROSS THE FESTIVAL Aurora Flavours Trail Discover Antarctic-inspired flavours across Hobart. View the full Festival program for participating venues. Through the Antarctic Lens Channel Museum FREE - Donations appreciated ‘Antarctica is Melting’ By David Neilson Temporary Gallery, Maritime Museum of Tasmania FREE on the AAF weekend Islands to Ice: The Great Southern Ocean and Antarctica Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery FREE Antarctic Legends at Hadley's Orient Hotel Experience Mawson's Lunch and visit the Amundsen Room. FREE – Ask staff on arrival. Murder at Hadley's Orient Hotel Art Bar, Hadley's Orient Hotel FREE – Drinks available to purchase. Australia and Chile: Guardians of the Southern Ocean PW1 Forecourt Celebrate Australia and Chile's shared Antarctic connections and roles as gateways to the frozen continent, with animations by Eggpicnic.	ANTARCTIC SPIRITS Event starts at Lark Distillery 5:30pm to 7:30pm TICKETED – Bookings essential.	POLAR PATHWAY WALKS Departing from the Mawson's Huts Replica Museum 10:30am and 1pm FREE – FULLY BOOKED			
	THE AUSTRALIAN GLACIOLOGY COMMUNITY REUNION Livestream FREE	MIGHTY INDEED - FILM SCREENING CSIRO auditorium 6:00pm to 8:00pm TICKETED – Bookings essential.	PENGUIN ROOKERIES Princess Wharf No.1 – 10:00am to 4:00pm Waterside Pavilion – 10:00am to 3:00pm FREE - you can paint your own penguin for small fee.		
		ANTARCTIC TWILIGHT MARKET Brooke street Pier 4:30pm to 9:00pm FREE – Food and drinks available to purchase.	ANTARCTIC GATEWAYS POSTCARDS EXCHANGE DISPLAY Waterside Pavilion 10:00am – 3:00pm FREE - Make your own to keep or add to the display		
			IMAS PRESENTATIONS Including a panel with the first women south. IMAS Aurora Lecture 10:30am to 1:30pm FREE – Bookings essential. Arrive by 10:30am to secure your seat.	MAWSON'S FAMILY DAY Mawson's Place 10:00am to 3:00pm FREE - View the full program for event details	
			PAINT N' SIP AT FRIDA'S MAC01 2:30pm to 4:00pm TICKETED – More info coming soon.	ANTARCTIC YOUTH CONNECTIONS Waterside Pavilion 10:00am to 3:00pm FREE – View the full program for event details.	
			VOYAGE THROUGH THE HEROIC AGE Aboard the Lady Nelson - Elizabeth St Pier 11:00am & 1:00pm TICKETED – Bookings essentials.	ANTARCTIC SCICOMM STORIES AT TMAG Islands to Ice Level 2 in the Argyle Galleries 11:00am to 1:00pm FREE – Intimate venue.	
			MAWSON'S HUTS GALA DINNER Hadley's Orient Hotel 6:00pm -10:00pm SOLD OUT	FROM WATER TO WHISKY Lark Cellar Door 2:00pm to 4:00pm TICKETED – Bookings essentials.	
ADDS ON EXPERIENCES AT THE ANTARCTIC EXPO Tommy Choo Choo's Antarctic Express Take a virtual visit to Antarctica VR Zone with UKAHT & NZAHT Discover Aurora Expeditions Antarctic Cities Passport Adventure Collect stamps, explore Festival venues and discover the cities that connect the world to Antarctica. Ice Pact exhibition By Jorg Metz + Whale Poo children's storytelling		THE GREAT WHITE WHALE: SCREENING + DIRECTOR Q&A State Cinema 6:30pm to 8:30pm *Extra session on Monday 24 TICKETED – Bookings essentials.			
		‘THEY SOME COOL FILMS’ WITH REWIND CINEMA Back Studio Soho, 6 Washington St, South Hobart Enjoy Antarctic thrillers and family favourites, including The Thing, Alien vs. Predator, Cool Runnings and Happy Feet TICKETED – Bookings via Rewind Cinema.			
MAWSON'S HUTS REPLICA MUSEUM + BETWEEN SEA AND ICE: SOUTHERN OCEAN WATERCOLORS EXHIBITION \$10 ADULTS. Children 16 and under free with an adult. Thursday 20 and Friday 21 August: 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Closed in the morning for education tours. Saturday 22 August 10:00am to 5:00pm FREE ENTRY: Sunday 23 August 10:00am to 3:00pm Mawson Family Day					