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Writing NSW is pleased to announce that the **2025 Kids and YA Festival** will return on **Saturday 9 August**, directed by one of Australia's most popular authors for children, **Jacqueline Harvey**.

Jacqueline has commented, 'We hope you enjoy this opportunity to come together with some of Australia's finest children's and young adult authors, illustrators and publishing professionals to learn more about the industry, make connections and further your own writing journey.'

'From our Keynote Address with current Australian Children's Laureate Sally Rippin, to meeting authors and illustrators across a range of genres, you'll hear about their successes, challenges, how they've built their careers and how they're staying there, as well as insights into what's hot and not in 2025. There will be a unique opportunity to sit in on a mock acquisitions meeting with the team from Penguin Random House and the chance to pitch your own work in progress to a range of Australia's top publishers.'

This year's festival showcases some of Australia's most exciting up-and-coming talent as well as dearly loved authors. We will examine emerging trends in the children's book market, engage with celebrated authors, and offer informative panels and discussions about publishing and writing for children and young adults. The festival will be held in Callan Park, Lilyfield on 9 August 2025.

The full program, along with the registration details, will be announced in June. Find out more [here](#).

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