Makerspaces Australasia Symposium 2026 schedule

Thursday 3 December

8:30am	**Registration**
9:15am	**Official opening**
10:00am	**TALKS** *Makerspace community* **Claire Chaikin-Bryan** Making Around the World: The Fab Lab Network and FAB26 · 20 min **David Riley** Library Makerspace: Building a Culture of Community Access, Trust and Ownership · 20 min **Lewis Yip** Keeping People Safe in a Community Makerspace · 20 min
11:20am	*Morning tea*
11:40am	**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS AND TOURS** *Choose one* **Cameron Whiting** Making Apps Talk with OSC · 50 min **Carol Igglesden** Written in Sand: Making, Iteration, and the Case for Impermanent Text · 50 min **Campus Tours** · 60 min
12:40pm	*Lunch*
1:40pm	**TALKS** *Helping your users* **Jesse Xu** Developing Asynchronous Self-Help Resources for the Uninitiated · 20 min **Zane Kelbrick** Where There's a Will, There's a Way: Solving Makerspace Headaches · 20 min **Nina Dakin** Iteration and Design Thinking in Makerspaces for Kids · 20 min
3:00pm	*Afternoon tea*
3:15pm	**TALKS** *Projects* **Chun-Kit Chui** International Symposium on Academic Makerspaces (ISAM) 2027 · 10 min **Fitorio Leksono** Swara Ball Project · 20 min **Steph Piper** The Tarot Terminal – A Viral Project · 20 min
4:25pm	**Closing remarks**
4:45pm	*Optional Sundowner at The Tav*

Friday 4 December

9:00am	**Arrive**
9:30am	**Welcome**
9:45am	**LIGHTNING TALKS** *Projects* **Ashlyn Poole** Pocket Laboratories · 10 min **Rachel Okazaki** A Physical Therapist, Pastry Chef, and Fiber Artist Walk into a Makerspace… Making Space to Become · 10 min
10:20am	*Walk to the HIVE / JCG*
10:30am	**HIVE (Hub for Immersive Visualisation and eResearch) and John Curtin Gallery** *Includes morning tea*
12:15pm	**TALKS** *Designing spaces* **Kirsten Hudson** *(online)* The Crucible Effect · 20 min **Steve Yan** Making Values Visible: Affordance Ecologies in Architecture School Makerspaces · 20 min **Louise Sligar** Reimagining Library Spaces for Creativity and Innovation · 10 min
1:15pm	*Lunch*
2:15pm	**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS AND TOURS** *Choose one* **Matthew Payor** Designing Intuitive Spaces · 50 min **Dr Waldemar Jenek & Carlo Riveral** One Model, One Truth: AI, CAD & Compliance · 50 min **Campus Tours** · 60 min
3:15pm	*Afternoon tea*
3:30pm	**Makerlympics**
5:00pm	**Closing remarks**
5:15pm	*Optional Sundowner at Varsity*