

2024 RWNZ Conference Programme

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PRE-CONFERENCE WEBINAR

Pre-Conference Online Webinar

Sunday 28 th July 8pm NZT	Making the Most of Your Conference Experience Tanya Nellestein
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CONFERENCE WEEKEND

Thursday 8th August 2024

5:30-6:30	REGISTRATION
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Friday 9th August 2024

8:00-8:30	REGISTRATION	
8:30-9:00	Mihi Whakatau / Welcome to Conference	
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9:30-11:00	Trope Architecture Becca Syme	Couple Chemistry Rachel Bailey
BREAK - MORNING TEA		
11:15-12:45	Trope Architecture Becca Syme	Couple Chemistry Rachel Bailey
BREAK - LUNCH		
1:30-3:00	Strengths Masterclass Becca Syme	Once More with Feeling Rachel Bailey
BREAK - AFTERNOON TEA		
3:30-5:00	Strengths Masterclass Becca Syme	Once More with Feeling Rachel Bailey
CLOSE		
6:00-6:30	REGISTRATION	
6:00pm	First-timers welcome	
6:30pm-9.00pm	COCKTAIL PARTY Theme: The Golden Age of Romance	

Saturday 10th August 2024

8:00-8:30	REGISTRATION			WRITING ROOM OPEN
8:30-8:40	Short Welcome & Housekeeping			
8:40-9:20	Keynote: Write Your Truth Cathy Yardley			
9:20-9:30	Kobo Writing Life (conference sponsor)			
9:30-10:00	Slowly, Then All at Once Amy Andrews			
BREAK - MORNING TEA (& room rearrange)				
10:30-11:30	Six Figures With Short Romance Sadie King	Romance is for everyone - including neurodivergent characters Angelique Jurd	Wearing The Pants - Writing As An Intuitive Author Samara Parish	
MOVE between rooms				
11:40-12:40	Prose in the Market Sacha Black	Rock Your Plot Cathy Yardley		
BREAK - LUNCH				
1:30-2:30	Selling Foreign Rights & International Markets Soraya Lane	Unlock your Midlist Mojo Fiona McArthur	How to hide a dead body (under a pile of red herrings) Amanda Ashby	
BREAK - AFTERNOON TEA (& room rearrange)				
3:00-3:45	Keynote: Write what you love, and win! Sacha Black			
3:45-4:10	NZ Society of Authors Vanda Symons			
4:10-4:30	Raffle Draw & notices			
4:30-5:00	RWNZ AGM (Steff Green)			
CLOSE (and room rearrange)				
7:00 – 10.00(ish)	CONFERENCE DINNER Theme: Colours of Love			

Sunday 11th August 2024

8.30-9:00	Tea & Coffee on arrival			WRITING ROOM OPEN
9:00-10:30	Troubleshooting the Saggy Middle Rachel Bailey (1.5hr)	So You Want To Write A Rom-Com? Amy Andrews (1.5hr)		
BREAK - MORNING TEA (check out by 11am)				
11:00-12:00	Unlikeable characters Sacha Black	Illustrated Cover Design 101 Enni Amanda	Career Counselling For Authors Louisa Duval	
MOVE between rooms				
12:10-1:10	Let's Talk about Sex, Baby! Panel: Sacha Black, Amy Andrews, Courtney Clark Michaels with Amy Blythe,	How to Nail your Premise Rachel Bailey	Rock Your Marketing Plan Cathy Yardley	
BREAK - LUNCH (& Room rearrange)				
2:15-3:00	Keynote: Author4Life Becca Syme			
3:00-3:30	RWNZ Conference 2025 Announcement Raffle Draw, Notices			
BREAK - AFTERNOON TEA				
CLOSE 4:00				