

# Geoff Goodfellow's 2016 Tasmanian Tour

Commences  
Hobart, Monday  
22th February.  
Concludes N.W.  
Friday 18th March

Geoff is looking forward to touring Tasmania in 2016 to perform poems from his latest book ***Opening the Windows to Catch the Sea Breeze: selected poems 1983 – 2011***  
A review of this title appears at [http://textjournal.com.au/april15/kelen\\_rev.htm](http://textjournal.com.au/april15/kelen_rev.htm)

Geoff will also present a range of brand new poems based around politics and place, and a number of short stories from a forthcoming collection, discussing how he moves between these two genres. (For story examples see **You Tube** for **'Hamming it Up'** and **'Swanning Around'**.

Along with performing poems, he'll comment on the subject matter and impetus for writing particular poems. With many of the poems he'll have the several drafts he has written, thus being able to demonstrate to students the need to refine original thoughts. Geoff's aim is to ensure a poem becomes an act of communication, as well as a work of art. He will be available to **conduct writing workshops** as well as encourage students to pose questions about his actual writing process.

Among the poems he'll use will be **'A Cardinal Sin'** – a poem reflecting on his own childhood growing up as a Catholic in a working class suburb of Adelaide. This poem is included in the soon to be released **Best Australian Poems 2015** (Black Inc). (Available at the Hobart Book Shop from November) He will also read and talk about his poem **'On With The Game'** which was made into a short film by **Simon Cecere** and featured at the recent 2015 Adelaide Film Festival. Geoff will also have a pair of short & pithy political poems, written as responses to recent national events. These poems are playful and show students how news articles can provide inspiration and subject matter for a poet.

Geoff's poems are more often centred on **important social issues**: domestic violence, abuses of power, mental health, drug and alcohol abuse, etc., and encourage **social and emotional learning** to take place as a matter of course by opening up the conversation.

**Early reservations are advised to allow for your best choice of available times and dates.**

Check out Geoff's website for reviews, study guides, poems and general information:  
**[www.geoffgoodfellow.com](http://www.geoffgoodfellow.com)**

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