

Pam Makin

STORYTELLER

Living and working on Kurna land

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PRACTICE

Pam Makin is a writer, performer, and arts facilitator living on unceded Kurna Yerta. She writes mainly in short forms - poetry and flash. Pam is a regular speaker at Adelaide's rich selection of open mics and curated readings, and has written and performed work for Adelaide Fringe Festival. As part of Ellipsis Poetry, she hosts and facilitates a range of events and programs.

Relevant Accredited Training

- Diploma of Youth Work
- Certificate IV Celebrancy
- Certificate III Community Services

Recent Certification

- Access 2 Arts - Foundations of Audio Description
 - Autism SA - Autism Friendly Charter
 - Suburban review - Jumpstart a Journal
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EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2019 to present

ARTS FACILITATOR

Ellipsis Poetry

August 2024 to present

Co-founder of Ellipsis Poetry with Jazz Fechner-Lante. Ellipsis Poetry facilitates:

- Ellipsis Open Mic, monthly spoken word open mic
- Poets Take Over! quarterly curated showcase
- Today Adelaide, Tomorrow the World! annual poetry competition
- The Poets' Forum, monthly community critique circle

Special events include:

- Eclipse, collaboration between seven poets on the theme of body image, Adelaide Fringe Festival 2025
- All Roads Lead to Bowie, written and performed by Pam Makin and Jazz Fechner-Lante, Adelaide Fringe Festival 2026 and Winter 2026 encore performances Adelaide and Barossa

Spoken Word SA

July 2025 to present

Volunteer at slam events (registrations and adjudication)

WRITING COMPETITIONS

Totally Lit Micro Fiction Prize

Winner - *The Real World Isn't What I Thought It Was* 2025

Runner up - *What We Lose on the Swings* 2024

Writers' Hour Magazine

October 2024

Winner - *Common Scents*

Mindshare Creative Writing Awards

2024

Winner - *Fred is Lost*

Short listed - *Alyssa Finds Her Way*

Wakefield Weekly Writing Competition

November 2024

Runner up - *Ghost of a Chance*

Furious Fiction

Short listed - *Come to the Window* May 2021

Long listed - 14 stories December 2019 - March 2026

CURATED WRITING

- Print

42 Stories Anthology

November 2024

Four stories

Adelaide: Mapping the Human City

2020

Under Adelaide Bridge

Zine 1 - Paroxyam Press

2025

Pasta Divination & Streetscape Adelaide

The Bunyip

March 2026

Democracy Tastes Like a Cheap Sausage on White Bread

Poetic City Canberra

June / July 2023

Five poems - Haiku 4 You project

- Online

JAKE

December 2024

The hinge on the garlic press is loose

Meniscus

Vol 11, Issue 1. 2023

The Science of Seduction

Mindshare

October 2024

Brave

InDaily: Poets Corner

2023

Six poems

Five Fleas Itchy Poetry

2023 & 2024

Six poems

- Streets

Poetic Canberra: Haiku 4 U

2023

Five poems

Raining Poetry in Adelaide

2021

Wings (subsequently published in Saltbush review in Raining Poetry feature)

SPOKEN WORD ARTIST

Copper Coast Open Mic Feature artist at regional open mic event	December 2025
SA State Slam Heat 3 Sacrificial poet	August 2025
Spoke n Slurred Feature artist at open mic event for Paroxysm Press	March 2025
Thriller Album Tribute A spoken word tribute to Michael Jackson's <i>Thriller</i> album	January 2025
So Storytelling performance to open visual art exhibition, Front Room Gallery, Edithburgh	August 2023
Creative Spaces Summit Accompanied spoken word performance as part of the Regional Showcase. Collaboration with musician, Cara Boehm	July 2023
Biome An arts network long table lunch, including presentations by artists working in various disciplines.	March 2023
Poetry with Purpose A showcase performance of Spoken Word to raise funds for youth mental health research.	July 2022
Arcadia A micro-festival to mark the closing of Adelaide Central Market Arcade.	June 2022
Social Hearts Club Feature artist at open mic event - <i>All the Strangers Came Today</i>	November 2021
The Good Word Feature artist at open mic event	October 2021
SA Poetry Slam State Final Finalist	September 2021
Mixed Bag Poetry Feature artist at open mic event - <i>Glimpse</i>	September 2021
Winter Slam Finalist at Spoken Word SA's Winter Slam	July 2021
For the Love of Adelaide RA showcase of poetry written about the city of Adelaide, curated by Deb Stewart.	October 2020
Rover Car Club of SA Storyteller at club meeting in September, and end of year celebration in December.	2020
Wanderlust A regional community arts festival and Fringe Festival event, engaged across a four hour period as wandering bard (street performer).	February 2020
Speak Feature storyteller at this regional storytelling event.	June 2019
Summer Slam Runner up at Spoken Word SA's Summer Slam	June 2019

RESIDENCY

Adelaide City Library (Spoken Word SA)

April / May 2023

The residency project, titled *Shakespeare's Monkeys*, focussed on the structure of Shakespearian sonnets. Members of the public were invited to engage in an exploration of meter, rhyme, sonnet writing, and zine making across three two-hour workshops and four informal drop-in sessions.

WORKSHOPS

Norwood & Kensington Writers

July 2026

A workshop on the art of flash

Gawler Poets

June 2024

A workshop for *The Self-Taught Poet*

Barossa Writers Inc

April 2023

A workshop for members on short form writing

The Station

October 2020

A workshop marking Mental Health Month on writing for oneself

EVENT HOST

Natural Festival *Be Natural* Poetry Slam

October 2025

Co-host and segment facilitator of monthly spoken word performance and open mic event, including annual Fringe festival show.

VoiceBox

August 2023 to June 2024

Co-host and segment facilitator of monthly spoken word performance and open mic event, including annual Fringe festival show.

The Good Word

April 2021 to June 2023

Co-host and segment facilitator of monthly spoken word performance and open mic event, including annual Fringe festival show.

STEWARD

Gawler Show

2021

Steward for Creative Writing competitions judging.