

Meetings

The Australian Brontë Association meets in Sydney several times a year. Meetings are usually held at the [Castlereagh Boutique Hotel](#) (near Town Hall Station) at 10:30am, though we serve morning tea from about 10:00am. Those who wish to do so, join in a light lunch at a cafe nearby.

At each meeting, a talk on some aspect of the Brontës' life and work is presented.

There is a meeting charge of \$5 (members) and \$10 (non-members).

Saturday 8 November 2025, Susannah Fullerton: THE BRONTËS AND ANIMALS

Susannah Fullerton OAM FRSN, the President of the Jane Austen Society of Australia and the Patron of the Rudyard Kipling Society of Australia, is well-known to ABA members. This timely talk about the Brontës and Animals will follow just a few weeks after the release of Susannah's forthcoming book, "Great Authors and the Cats who Owned Them".

"Throughout history, cats and writers have bonded together in a magical combination of comfort, companionship and inspiration. The famous authors featured in the book range from Samuel Johnson, whose cat Hodge dined on oysters, and Edward Lear, whose charismatic cat Foss was missing half his tail, to Margaret Mitchell, L. M. Montgomery and Dorothy L. Sayers, who rescued her kitten Blitz from a bombsite. Each chapter delves into the relationship between authors and the felines who condescended to share their homes and desks, revealing intriguing aspects of our much-loved writers' lives and celebrating the ways in which cats - pure-bred and moggy, large and small, graceful and eccentric - enriched the world of literature."

Saturday 6 December 2025, 12 noon CHRISTMAS LUNCH IN CELLOS RESTAURANT, CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL, TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE NSW DICKENS SOCIETY

Further details regarding this event will be announced in due course.