



Marion Scrymgour
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GHAN TRIP FOR WRITERS

The Ghantastic Writers' tour is officially underway – a 2 week journey from Darwin to Adelaide to encourage creative writing in some of Australia's remotest areas.

Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour farewelled the six writers on their whistlestop tour of the Northern Territory and South Australia.

The writers are Andrew Bovell, John Romeril, Philip McLaren, Leonie Norrington, Sam Wagan Watson and Leah Flanagan

"This Writers' Tour is a fantastic—or should I say a 'Ghantastic'—concept ... and one the we're very proud to support through Arts NT," Ms Scrymgour said.

"It's a very creative way of promoting literature ... and the power of the written word ... and if it inspires just a few kids to put pen to paper—or finger to keyboard—it will have been worthwhile."

Ms Scrymgour said the journey was also a great way of promoting Indigenous writing ... and bringing together Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal writers to share their ideas and stories.

"The writers will pass through the lands of the Kungarakayn, Warray, Wagiman and Jawoyn; the Wardaman, Mangarrayi, Yangman, Jingili and Mudburra; the Warlmanpa, Warumungu, Kaytej and Anmatyerre.

"These are names that will describe the rhythm of the country with far more beauty and clarity than the sound of wheels on tracks of steel."

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