



**ABOVE:** Pat and Jordan Holton, of Kaoota, and Courtney Hill, of Holwell.

**BELOW:** June Reid, of Bellerive, and Carol McNamara, of Howrah.



**LEFT:** June Williams, of Dodges Ferry, and Kellie Williams, of Kingston.

**ABOVE:** Jamie Tabor, of Kingston, and Tina Smith, of Blackmans Bay.

**RIGHT:** Karen Lee Thompson, of Stanthorpe (QLD), and Kym Raneberg, of Barossa Valley (SA).

## Novel launch

**8** *STATES of Catastrophe*, a debut novel by Tasmanian-born writer Karen Lee Thompson, was launched at Mawson Pavilion on Hobart's waterfront last Thursday.

Thompson now lives in Queensland, but wanted to launch her first novel in her home state.

The novel charts the mysterious coincidences and a series of catastrophes accompany an ex-journalist and his faithful dog as they twist their way around the country. Hobart and Richmond feature as locations in the book.

*8 States of Catastrophe* will be published in late February by Brolga Publishing through Pan Macmillan and will be available at local book stores.

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**ABOVE:** Muriel McClelland, of Lindisfarne, and Betty Parker, of Rosny.

