Call for Special Events @ PyCon AU 2017

PyCon Australia 2017 is being held in Melbourne from Thursday 3 August to Tuesday 8 August. We are calling for expressions of interest in running an event such as a miniconf, workshop, seminar, icebreaker/social event or independent associated events.

Email the committee at contact@pycon-au.org to register your interest as soon as possible. Just let us know who you are and what you might be interested in running. We'll send out further info to those interested and help develop their proposal.

The conference schedule is as follows:

> **Thursday 3 August:** Paid tutorials (tutorials will be organised separately and we are not yet taking expressions of interest for these -- stay tuned!)
> **Friday 4 August:** Specialist track day (e.g. miniconfs and seminars)
> **Saturday 5 August:** Conference main track day one
> **Sunday 6 August:** Conference main track day two
> **Monday 7 August:** Sprints and workshops day one
> **Tuesday 8 August:** Sprints and workshops day two

This call is open to all, so that any person or group wishing to organise an event may apply. Organisers of events in previous years wishing to run their events again still need to apply as part of this process. The organising committee will review and select the events to include in the PyCon Australia 2017 program. Event organisers will be part of the organising team.

Types of events that could be included (other ideas are welcome!):

- Up to four Specialist Tracks on Friday 4 August (e.g. DjangoCon, Education seminar)
- Workshops running in parallel with the sprints (e.g. DjangoGirls, Young Coders)
- Associated events run independently, but taking advantage of the presence of a large contingent of Pythonistas in Melbourne (e.g. Software Carpentry workshops)
- Icebreaker events for the opening evening or other social events. Please note, there will be no officially organised conference dinner this year.

These events have been hailed as a major highlight by conference attendees and rely on community members coming forward to help organise them.

Event Selection Schedule:

Call for expressions of interest:	**8 November - 3 December 2016**
Shortlisting of submissions:	**3 December 2016 - 15th January 2017**
Finalising of shortlisted bids:	**30 January 2017**
Special event list finalised:	**5 February 2017**

The committee may consider late submissions if they will improve the conference. Early submissions will have priority for rooms and other support.