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**Australian author Damien Brown at the Open Book Festival**

The Australian High Commission is proud to be supporting a visit to South Africa by acclaimed Australian author, and medical doctor, Damien Brown. Damien has recently published *Band-Aid for a Broken Leg*, an account of life as a doctor without borders in Angola, Mozambique and South Sudan from a humanitarian and medical perspective. Mr Brown will travel to Cape Town to attend the Open Book Festival, which will take place from 7 - 11 September 2013.

The Open Book Festival includes a large number of events over 5 days featuring acclaimed international writers such as Ian Rankin, Patrick deWitt and Marli Roode. Damien will participate in a number of Open Book panel sessions and events, the details of which can be found on the Open Book Festival website: <http://openbookfestival.co.za/authors/damien-brown/>

Damien will be participating in a number of community outreach events during his visit including a reading and Q&A session at Claremont High School and a public speaking at the University of Cape Town. Damien will also be holding interviews with SABC 2, SAFM and Sunday Times and will feature as a keynote speaker at a Doctors Without Borders fundraising dinner in Johannesburg on 12 September.

The Australian High Commission is delighted to be supporting Australian author, and doctor, Mr Damien Brown through our public diplomacy program.

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