

Dear Members of HWC



What a wonderful start to the year. Thank you to everyone who posted comments on our facebook page outlining what you gained from Marion Halligan's 'conversation' last Sunday. If you missed the event she was also on ABC 1233 last Monday. Marion chats in the interview about growing up in Newcastle, living in Canberra and about writing. The interview is posted on the [members' section](#) of the website along with the Newcastle Herald article published last Saturday about Marion:

“I was writing stories but not really doing anything with them and I made a resolution that by the time I was 40, I’d get something published. You can go on thinking you’re going to be a writer one day, but one day has to happen and I decided if one day didn’t happen pretty soon, I was doomed, I wasn’t going to get anywhere.” Halligan

The password to the members' section of our website is Catch22 and is case sensitive.



Next week, Margo Lanagan is at the LockUp Cultural Centre 'In Conversation' with Jenny Blackford from the HWC board 5:30pm, January 31st. Members and non-members are welcome: \$8 at the door or FREE if you become a member for 2013. [An online interview with Margo and a short story can be read here to familiarise yourself](#) Margo is multi-award winning as [wikipedia outlines](#) and she was born in Newcastle.

HWC Workshops

As well as hosting our writers-in-residence we have also planned our workshops for 2013: Editing, Travel Writing, Non-Fiction, Children's Writing, Screenwriting and much more

6th February: If you are a new member of HWC we encourage you to attend our Newcomers Course. This is for beginners or for people who have written for years but want to expand their writing opportunities this year. We enjoy writing and studying memoir, flash fiction and the short story.

There are still vacancies in the **Young Writers creative writing workshop** for 14-16 year olds this Friday 25th January 10am - 2pm. Please let young writers in this age range know they can just turn up on Friday @ the LockUp(\$30 pay at the door). Why not let your facebook friends know? The 11-13 year olds have written some fantastic works as a result of their workshop - to be published soon - so we are hoping for more from this Friday's group.

[for a list of all our 2013 workshops click here](#)

Congratulations

The Summer Short Stories competition has seen 13 HWC members represented amongst the 25 finalists: James Turvey, Cynthia Hyde, Ted Bassingthwaighte, Karen Whitelaw, Mark liston, Bev Henwood, Sheree Christoffersen, Brenda Proudfoot, Anthony Wood, Ian Bowrey, Holly Bruce, Megan Buxton and Julie Simpson. The competition was judged blind so it just goes to show that Hunter Writers Centre has some of the region's best writers as members. The winners are announced this Saturday 26th January in the Newcastle Herald. Thanks to our local newspaper for supporting writing in our region and Hunter Writers Centre.

For quick updates and last minute announcements throughout the year keep in touch via Facebook: www.facebook.com/hunterwriterscentre

Newcastle Writers Festival

Hunter Writers Centre is a cultural partner in the organisation of the inaugural Newcastle Writers Festival. [Keep watch on the website](#) for the announcement of the program or join the festival's Facebook page.

Welcome to all members - remind your friends they can [become a member](#) for as a little as \$44 for the year. Your contribution and a grant from ArtsNSW keeps our doors open.

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