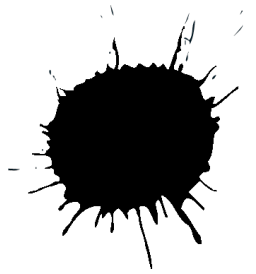


## August Newsletter

**HUNTER  
WRITERS  
CENTRE**



Dear Members of Hunter Writers Centre,

### Writing Gym - 9th August

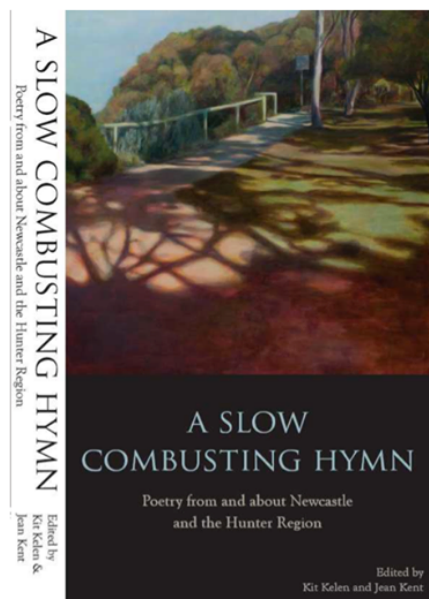
Local Crime Fiction author, Wendy James, is conducting a **Writing Gym** for prose writers on 9th August. This is a one-day workshop for writers at all stages. Exercises will be given to warm up your imagination and get writers of every level inspired and actively writing. Wendy won the 2006 Ned Kelly Award for Best First Crime Fiction and was shortlisted for the Nita May Dobbie Award for women's writing.

[Click here to register](#) - only \$25

[Wendy's website](#)



### Anthology by Hunter Poets - 9th August



Hunter Writers Centre is proud to provide funding support for the production of

#### **A Slow Combusting Hymn**

- an anthology of poetry from and about Newcastle and the Hunter Region, edited by Kit Kelen and Jean Kent. This anthology is described as a poetic map of the Hunter Valley featuring poets ranging from the world-renowned Les Murray and established poets such as Judy Johnson, Kim Cheng Boey, Jan Dean, Christopher Pollitz, Magdalena Ball, Keri Glastonbury and Mark Tredinnick to emerging writers. Most of the poets included are HWC members.

#### **Why not join us:**

Lovett Gallery, City Library, Laman Street, Cooks Hill  
Saturday, August 9th, from 10.30 am for 11 am

### Grief Awareness Month - 29th August: Live Reading

The Grieve Writing Competition closed July 4 and the competition has been judged and the shortlist selected. Now that the judges have made their selection, HWC staff are busy preparing the anthology which will be on sale at the Live Reading on Friday 29th August. There will be 8 awards altogether and more than 60 works published. Remember you can vote for your favourite piece as part of the People's Choice award.

**The Live Reading will be held at the Harold Lobb Concert Hall, Newcastle Conservatorium. 5.30-8pm, 29th August. Gold coin entry but you must book a place:**

[Click here to book a seat at the Grieve Live Reading](#)

[Purchase the 2013 collection of the top 25 stories for only 99c from Amazon](#)

### **Radio Plays Project**

We have received terrific interest from members over our upcoming Radio Plays Project which will be part of our end of 2014 wrap-up celebration. The entry form is now open for you to submit your plays so start thinking about a plot for your 7 minute script.

[Click here to learn more about the project](#)

### **A Writing Opportunity: Anne Frank Exhibition - City Library, Newcastle**

Newcastle City Library will present an Anne Frank exhibition in the Lovett Gallery from October and HWC members are invited **to Write a letter to Anne**. We recently explored this writing exercise in the monthly writing group (held second Saturday of each month) and there were some captivating letters written to the young victim of the Holocaust. We plan to make your letters available to people visiting the exhibition. Send your letter to us at [contact@hunterwriterscentre.org](mailto:contact@hunterwriterscentre.org) and we will prepare a book of your letters.

[Click here to find out more about our writing groups](#)

