



Dear Members,



This is a photo of our new premises – City Library, Laman St, Newcastle. This is where the majority of our workshops are held and where Hunter Writers Centre offices are now located. Do you want to hold a writing-related or lit event at a Newcastle region library? As an HWC member we can book a space for you and assist with promotion. Newcastle Region Libraries include these branches: City (4 spaces), Hamilton, Adamstown, Wallsend, Beresfield, Thornton, Dungog, Raymond Terrace and Gloucester. The best way to contact us is via email info@hunterwriterscentre.org



Travel Writing

This is Walter Mason. Walter is conducting our [Travel Writing with Spirit](#) course on Saturday March 29th 10am-2pm. There are a few places still available. If you want to learn how to create engaging and meaningful stories out of your adventures and journeys, Walter is *the* person to show you. After attending the course, join us for the

Travel Writing Live Read at



3 Tudor St, Newcastle West

(cnr Tudor/Hunter Sts Newcastle West)

4-6pm

Saturday 29th March

BYO your drinks, snacks will be served

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Thank you to: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley (1st prize)

Kathmandu Kotara (2nd and 3rd prizes)

Maclean's Booksellers (People's Choice Award)

[Click here to see full website details](#)

Other Upcoming Events at HWC



Robert Watson's workshop [Marketing Your Book](#) is next Saturday, 22nd March. Only 4 spots left so hurry to book now. This course is for authors who have not started to write their book yet, authors whose books are substantially written and authors who have unsold copies of their books. Only \$44 for members.



Poetry - 24th May - Poet Cassandra O'Loughlin will be running a workshop on Saturday 24 May: narrative voice, showing/telling, craft and technique. Cassandra is an Arts graduate from the University of Newcastle. She won the University Medal in 2010 and is currently completing a PhD in Ecopoetics. Her poems have appeared in Southerly, Overland, Mascara, Eureka Street, Antipodes, Earthlines, Catchfire Press publications, and others. She won the Catchfire Press regional poetry prize in 2004. Here is a link to three of her poems: <http://mascarareview.com/cassandra-oloughlin/> Registration is available soon via our website.



And she's back by popular demand: **Kerri Lane** (pictured) is holding a workshop on [Writing for the Education Market](#) - **Saturday 31st May**. This one will be teach you how to make money as a writer. Yes, it can sometimes happen.

Mentorships

Children's author Kerri Lane recently completed a mentorship with member Fiona Crotty-Smith. Are you interested in a mentorship? All the information is on the members' section of the website – read all about it and get in touch with us. [All information is available here](#)

Writing Resources

The members' section of the website has been updated with over 25 new competitions and many publishing opportunities. Remember your password to this section of the site is Orwell1984. [Follow the link now](#)

Our members sharing their stories on the web

[If you follow this link you will access](#) all the writers who recorded stories as part of the She:True Stories project presented by YWCA, HWC and the libraries. How wonderful that 11 out of 12 of these writers are members of HWC.



Our member, Donald Cohen, is president of Catchfire Press. They are seeking any HWC members who are keen to join the Catchfire Press team. Catchfire Press is a Hunter Valley publishing house located in Newcastle, incorporated in October 1998. Please email Don via info@catchfirepress.com.au

Reminder – Special General Meeting

Remember the HWC Special General Meeting will be held 5.30pm, 19th March at City Library, Laman St, Newcastle



Do you have a book you have written that you would like to sell at the Newcastle Writers Festival? Please contact us so we can let you know the details of we can help promote and sell your book.

The Newcastle Writers Festival needs more volunteers. In exchange for 3.5 hour work you will receive a free t-shirt and entry to that day;s standard City Hall sessions. Open time slots are the afternoon of Sat 5th April and both morning and afternoon of Sunday 6th April. Email admin@newcastlewritersfestival.org.au

Literary Societies, Newcastle

Did you know Newcastle has a Jane Austen Society? All meetings are held in The Dungeon, Adamstown Uniting Church, 228 Brunner Rd, Adamstown. JAS Hunter contact is Lyndel Elsley 4023 3103

Are you interested in joining a Shakespeare Society that a few of us are forming? If so, write to newcastlewriters@gmail.com

Regards,
Karen Crofts
Director