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Dear Members

Over 100 people have already joined Hunter Writers Centre for 2014. It is terrific to see how many writers are returning and to welcome all the new writers. We hope you enjoy the programs this year.

Bookings are not required for [Ramona Koval 'In Conversation'](#) on January 29th at the Lovett Gallery. Join us for a drink from 5pm then we start the event at 5.30pm.

If you are new to writing you may wish to attend the [Newcomers Course](#) on 1st February

If you are an ongoing prose writer and did not [register for Our Writing Days](#) in 2013 now is the time. The first gathering is 8th February and our March gathering concentrates on [Autobiographical Fiction](#). These are stand-alone prose writing sessions so you can attend as you wish.

New password for Members

As a member of HWC we provide you with a dedicated area of our website. You can access [the members' section](#) with the password **Orwell1984** (please note it is case sensitive)

Also remember...

Members of HWC are eligible for a 10% discount at Maclean's Booksellers, Hamilton. There are no membership cards issued this year but give your name to the Maclean's Booksellers staff and they will check the list we supply them.

Members also receive a discount on our workshops. For example, you only pay \$5 to see Ramona Koval and approximately \$20 less on other workshops throughout the year.

And members can join any of our writing groups: book clubs, prose and poetry groups, children's writing group. Perhaps you would like to establish a writing group yourself? We are here to support you and can promote your literary activity.

The [Lit Events Near and Far](#) section is a on the website where we to promote your activities – book launches, readings etc. We can also assist in obtaining venues for your events. Contact us at info@hunterwriterscentre.org

We encourage you to join us on Facebook as this is where you receive instant quick updates of activities and latest news. If you do not have a facebook account, the members' newsletter page helps you create one.

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Literary Events About Town

As seen on the [members' page](#), here is our local lit news:



Kathryn Fry is our new poetry group co-ordinator. Kathryn has been a member of HWC since relocating to the area a few years ago. She has published poems in a number of anthologies, most recently in Famous Reports 44 and Australian Love Poems 2013, and won the Henry Lawson Verse first and second prizes 2013. She values the HWC poetry group's regular sessions to workshop members' poems and is coordinator of the group in 2014. Contact Kathryn via info@hunterwriterscentre.org

Kaz Delaney (aka Kerri Lane) will be launching her latest YA novel 'Almost Dead' at Charlestown Library this Saturday (11th January) at 10.30am. RSVP for catering: 0410428038

Member **Magdalena Ball** has released the January 2014 Compulsive Reader review newsletter. Magdalena is a long term member of Hunter Writers Centre and her review site is highly regarded around the world. [Sign up for this free newsletter](#)

Member **Lauren Hislop** recently had an opinion article in the Newcastle Herald. [Read it here](#)

Why not send us your news?

Regards,
Karen Crofts
Director