



# The Society of Women Writers NSW Inc.

## Calendar 2026

TBA	<b>CELEBRATING DOROTHEA MACKELLAR   Picnic at St Mark's Darling Point with Deborah Fitzgerald</b>	
Wednesday 10 June	<b>Workshop 10:15 am-12:00 noon</b> <b>Vanessa Proctor</b> – <i>Writing Place, from Poetry to Prose</i>	<b>Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm</b> <b>Member Spotlight:</b> <b>Sue Woolfe</b> – <i>Too close to the bone? Writing about family.</i>  <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>Libby Hathorn</b> – <i>Through a Glass Darkly</i>
Wednesday 8 July	<b>Workshop 10:15 am-12:00 noon</b> <b>Zoe Gaetjens</b> – <i>Writing YA (Young Adult) Fiction</i>	<b>Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm</b> <b>Member Spotlight:</b> <b>Elizabeth Lancaster</b> – <i>The Bounty of Memoir: Friendship, Illness and Writing About Real People</i>  <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>Anita Jacoby AM</b> – <i>Stories Happen to People Who Tell Them</i>
School holidays - Monday 6 July to Friday 17 July		
<b>Willoughby Literary Festival</b> Sunday 19 July 10:00 am-4:00 pm SWW NSW Panel Discussion on 19 July Libby Hathorn, Julie Thorndyke, Karen Hendriks and Susanne Gervay		
<b>Inaugural Hilarie Lindsay Prize Award Ceremony</b> Friday 24 July 1:30-3:30 pm <b>Sparkling High Tea</b> Parliament of NSW		

Wednesday 12 August	<b>Workshop 10:15 am-12:00 noon</b> <b>Ashley Kalagian Blunt</b> – <i>Strengthen Your Narrative Drive</i>	<b>Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm</b> <b>Annual General Meeting</b>  <b>Member Spotlight:</b> <b>Teresa Petersen</b> – <i>Daphne du Maurier</i>  <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>TBA</b>
Wednesday 9 September	<b>Workshop 10:15 am-12:00 noon</b> <b>Julie Thorndyke</b> – <i>Tanka: a little song of life</i>	<b>Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm</b> <b>Member Spotlight:</b> <b>Lindsay Lewis</b>  <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>Susan Wyndham</b>
School holidays - Monday 28 September to Friday 9 October		
Wednesday 14 October	<b>Workshop 10:15 am-12:00 noon</b> <b>Susanne Gervay</b> – <i>Sustaining the Creative Life</i>	<b>Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm</b> <b>Member Spotlight:</b> <b>Devika Brendon</b>  <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>TBA</b>
Wednesday 11 November	<b>Workshop 10:15 am-12:00 noon</b> <b>Elisabeth Storr</b> – <i>Telling Detail: research for historical fiction</i>	<b>Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm</b> <b>Member Spotlight:</b> <b>TBA</b>  <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>TBA</b>
Wednesday 9 December	<b>Workshop 10:15 am-12:00 noon</b> <b>Deborah Abela</b> – <i>Finding the Joy: The Key to Writing for Kids</i>	<b>Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm</b> <b>Member Spotlight:</b> <b>TBA</b>  <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>TBA</b>
School holidays - Friday 18 December 2026 to Wednesday 27 January 2027		

The Society of Women Writers NSW Inc. meets on the second Wednesday of each month (February to December) in the Michael Crouch Room (or other room, to be advised on our website/in our newsletter), The State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

Additional functions such as Saturday workshops and special luncheons may be held from time to time at The Women's Club, 179 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, via Zoom or at other venues.

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