



The Society of Women Writers NSW Inc.

Calendar 2026-2027

TBA	CELEBRATING DOROTHEA MACKELLAR Picnic at St Mark’s Darling Point with Deborah Fitzgerald	
School holidays - Monday 28 September to Friday 9 October		
Wednesday 11 November	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am Elisabeth Storrs – <i>The Telling Detail: Transforming Research into Compelling Fiction</i>	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Presentation of Members’ Book Awards 2026 Fiction: Margaret Wick Non-fiction: Carmel Bendon Poetry: Marcelle Freiman Children’s/YA: Gail Erskine
Hilarie Lindsay Prize Opens 30 October, closes 27 February		
Wednesday 9 December	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am Deborah Abela – <i>Finding the Joy: The Key to Writing for Kids</i>	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Off the Shelf Choir Christmas Book Fair Member Spotlight: Pippa Kay – <i>Beyond Doubt and Conviction</i> Guest Speaker: Catherine DeVrye – <i>Beyond Timbuktu: Journeys of Hope & Humanity</i>
School holidays - Friday 18 December 2026 to Wednesday 27 January 2027		
No Workshop or Literary Event in January 2027		
Committee Planning Meeting 13 January 2027		

Wednesday 10 February	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am Marcelle Freiman	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Presentation of Di Yerbury Residency 2027 Member Spotlight: Christine Sykes Guest Speaker: Nadia Wheatley
Hilarie Lindsay Prize Closes 27 February		
Wednesday 10 March	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am Jane Messer – <i>The Craft of Revision</i>	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Member Spotlight: Jane Messer Guest Speaker: Sue Turnbull
National Writing Competition Opens March, closes 30 June		
Biennial Writers Grant Opens March, closes 4 July		
School holidays - Monday 12 to Friday 23 April 2027		
Wednesday 14 April	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am Jude Chapman – <i>Crime Scenes: Exploring Setting as a Character</i>	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Member Spotlight: TBA Guest Speaker: TBA
Wednesday 12 May	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am Eleanor Limprecht	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Member Spotlight: TBA Guest Speaker: Eleanor Limprecht
Wednesday 9 June	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am Meredith Jaffe – <i>Characterisation</i>	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Member Spotlight: TBA Guest Speaker: TBA
National Writing Competition Closes 30 June		

Di Yerbury Residency Opens 30 June, closes 30 October		
Biennial Writers Grant Closes 4 July		
School holidays - Monday 5 to Friday 16 July 2027		
Wednesday 14 July	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am Dinuka McKenzie – <i>Elements of a Crime Novel</i>	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Presentation of Hilarie Lindsay Prize 2027 Member Spotlight: TBA Guest Speaker: TBA
Wednesday 11 August	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am TBA	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Presentation of Biennial Writers Grant 2027 Member Spotlight: Carmel Summers Guest Speaker: TBA
Wednesday 8 September	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am TBA	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Member Spotlight: TBA Guest Speaker: TBA
School holidays - Monday 27 September to Friday 8 October 2027		
Wednesday 13 October	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am TBA	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Member Spotlight: TBA Guest Speaker: TBA
Di Yerbury Residency Closes 30 October		

Wednesday 10 November	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am TBA	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Presentation of National Writing Competition Awards 2027 Member Spotlight: TBA Guest Speaker: Emily McGuire
Wednesday 8 December	Creative Writing Workshop 10:00 am-11:45 am Aly Burnham	Literary Event 1:00-2:30 pm Member Spotlight: TBA Guest Speaker: Aly Burnham
School holidays - Tuesday 21 December 2027 to Friday 28 January 2028		

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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