

**THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN WRITERS WA  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025**

**GENERAL MEETINGS**

Tea and coffee supplied

Members \$5

Visitors \$6

**JANUARY**

**21/01/25** Citiplace

Committee Meeting 9.30am – 12md

**General Meeting** 12.15pm – 2pm

BQ Winners Readings

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**2025 Anthology opens - Theme: 'Change'**

**FEBRUARY**

**Wednesday Writing Classes**

**5/2/25 and 12/2/25 Tutor** Aileen Boyer (2) – Topic: Finding Your Voice

**19/2/25 and 26/2/25 Tutor** Helen Iles (2) - Topic – For Aspiring Writers, where to begin.

**18/02/25** Citiplace

Committee Meeting 9.30am – 12md

**General Meeting** 12.15pm – 2pm

Guest Speaker: Michael Trant

Topic: Combining fact and fiction into a story for publication.

**Book Editors Club 2pm – 3pm**

**MARCH**

**Wednesday Writing Classes**

**5/3/25 Tutor** Helen Iles - Topic – The Stages of Physical Intimacy in Romance Writing

**12/3/25 Tutor** Helen Iles - Topic - Writing a Sestina

**19/3/25 Tutor** Helen Iles - Topic – The Art of Writing Creatively

**26/3/25 Tutor** Shirley Eldridge - Topic - Character Development

**15/3/2025** Citiplace

**Writing for Children – When You Can't Draw**

Helen Iles: 12.30pm – 5pm.

Members \$100; Non-members \$130.

**18/3/25** Citiplace

Committee Meeting 9.30am – 12md

**General Meeting** 12.15pm – 2pm

Guest Speaker: Per Henningsgaard - Topic: Editing and Publishing

**Nuts & Bolts Workshop 2pm – 3pm**

**APRIL**

**1/4/25 – The Society of Women Writers WA Book Awards Opens**

**Wednesday Writing Classes**

**2/4/25 and 9/4/25 Tutor** Aileen Boyer - (2) Topic: Choice Words – Making your words count – Editing.

16/4/25 – No Class

**23/4/25 Tutor** Helen Iles - (1) Topic: Storyboarding your plot

**30/4/25 Tutor** Helen Iles - (1) Topic: Marketing Your Book and Yourself

**11-13/04/25 St Catherine's Retreat** - Cost: \$300

**15/04/25** Citiplace

Committee Meeting 9.30am – 12md

**General Meeting** 12.15pm – 2pm

Guest Speaker: Dr Lynne Hunt - Topic: Writing for the Anthology

**Book Editors Club 2pm – 3pm**

## MAY

### Wednesday Writing Classes

**7/5/25 and 14/5/25 Tutor** Aileen Boyer (2) Writing the Ordinary – Make everyday subjects come to life.

**21/5/25 and 28/5/25 Tutor** Helen Iles (2) Public Speaking

**10/5/2025** Citiplace

### How to Self-Publish Your Book Workshop

Helen Iles: 12.30pm – 5pm

Cost: Members \$100; Non-members \$130.

### 17/5/25 – Meet the Author Promotional Day

Venue: State Library Theatre - Event 11.00 to 2.00 pm

**20/05/25** Citiplace

Committee Meeting 9.30am – 12md

**General Meeting** 12.15 – 2pm

Guest Speaker: Deborah Hunn - Topic: Preparing for the Bronze Quill

**Nuts & Bolts Workshop 2pm – 3pm**

**30/05/2025 Submissions Close for the Anthology of ‘Change’**

## JUNE

### Wednesday Writing Classes

**4/6/25 and 11/6/25 Tutor** Helen Iles - (2) Topic: Word for Writers – Computer Skills Part 1

**18/6/25 Tutor** Helen Iles – (1) Topic: Working with Graphics – Computer Skills

**25/6/2025 Tutor** Asha Rajan– (1) Topic: Social Media for Writers

**17/06/25** Citiplace

Committee Meeting 9.30am – 12md

**General Meeting** 12.00pm – 2pm

Guest speaker Tracey Dembo – Writing for Children. 12.00 start

**Book Editors Club 2pm – 3pm**

**21/6/2025** Citiplace

### Writing a Novel – the Essential Elements to Success

Helen Iles: 12.30pm – 5pm

Cost: Members \$100; Non-members \$130.

## JULY

**01/07/25 Bronze Quill Competition Opens**

### Wednesday Writing Classes

**July 2** - Tutor: Lyn Bodycoat - (1) Topic: Getting started on your book

**July 9** - Tutor: Kathleen Knight – (1) Topic: Questioning my writing

**July 16** - Tutor: Kathleen Knight – (1) Topic: Children’s Book Conventions

**July 23** - Tutor: Kathleen Knight – (1) Topic - Writer in Residence –Application Writing

**15/07/25** Citiplace

Committee Meeting 9.30am – 12md

**Annual General Meeting** 12.15pm – 2pm

Book Launches and Book Promotions

Open Mic -

**Nuts & Bolts Workshop 2pm – 3pm**

## AUGUST

**05/08/25** Citiplace

Committee Planning Meeting 10am – 1pm

### Wednesday Writing Classes

**August 6** - Tutor: Kathleen Knight – (1) Topic: Writing short fiction

**August 13** - Tutor: Helen Iles – (1) Topic: Immersive Writing

**August 20 & 27** - Tutor: Helen Iles – (2) Topic: Crime Writing

**16/08/25** Citiplace

### Turning Poetry into Songs Workshop

Helen Iles: 12.30pm – 5pm

Members \$100; Non-members \$130

**19/08/25** Citiplace

Committee Meeting 9.30am - 12md

**General Meeting** 12.15pm – 2pm

Guest Speaker: Open Mike and Ideas Fest.

Topic: Bronze Quill Writing and Expectations

**Book Editors Club 2pm – 3pm**

## SEPTEMBER

**2-6/09/25 Writers Retreat**

Jarrah Forrest Lodge, Dwellingup Cost: TBA

### Wednesday Writing Classes

**September 3** – Tutor – Linda Blackshaw – (1) Topic: Finding Your Voice on Social Media

**September 10** - Tutor: Kathleen Knight - (1) Topic: Writing non-fiction, autobiography and biography

**September 17** - Tutor: Kathleen Knight - (1) Topic: Writing Funny

**September 24** - Tutor: Helen Iles - (1) Topic – Computing Skills for Writers Part 3 – audio/video

**13/9/25** Citiplace

### Marketing Your Book & Yourself

Helen Iles: 12.30pm – 5pm

Cost: Members \$100; Non-members \$130.

**16/09/25** Citiplace

Committee Meeting 9.30am-12md

**General Meeting** 12.15pm – 2pm

Guest Speaker: Readings from the Retreat

Topic:– Preparation for Bronze Quill topics

**Nuts & Bolts Workshop 2pm – 3pm**

**30/09/24 Bronze Quill Competition Closes.**

## OCTOBER

### Wednesday Writing Classes

**October 1, 8, 15, 22** - Tutor: Kathleen Knight – (4) Topic: Travel Writing

**October 29** - Tutor: Helen Iles - Topic: (1) Computer Skills for Writers – Part 4 – Audio book Recording

### 11-12/10/25, Kalgoorlie Weekend Workshops

Topics: TBA

### 21/10/25 Citiplace

Committee Meeting 9.30am – 12md

**General Meeting** 12.15pm – 2pm

Guest Speaker: Open Mike and Ideas Fest.

Topic TBA

**Book Editors Club 2pm – 3pm**

## NOVEMBER

### Wednesday Writing Classes

**November 5, 12 & 19** - Tutor: Helen Iles – (1) Topic: Writing Children’s Picture Books for Non-Artists

**November 26**- Tutor: Kathleen Knight – (1) Topic - Classical Poetry for Influence

### 8/11/25 Citiplace

#### Seniors Week: Writing Your Life Story

Helen Iles: 12.30pm – 5pm.

Cost: \$35

### 18/11/25 Venue – Novotel Langley

#### Bronze Quill and SWWWA Book Awards Luncheon

11.45am – 3pm. Cost: TBA

### ?/12/25 December

Committee Meeting Wind up & Review

9.30am – 12 noon

Venue – Lyn’s place. 1 Sulman Rd Wembley Downs.

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