

The Novel Writers Collective (group 2)

The Novel Writers Collective (group 2) is a small group of writers in various stages of their manuscript. We range from published authors to beginners on their first draft. We cover a wide variety of genres and aim to support each other regardless of personal taste. We strive to create a comfortable and safe environment where all opinions are valid and the writer can choose to use what they do or do not find valuable to their work. You will be amazed how much you can learn when you read outside your preferred genre.

Each fortnight we gather at KSP Writers Centre to check-in on each others progress, share a writers tip or piece of advice centred around writing, while three members will be given an opportunity to receive verbal feedback on up to 3000 words according to the pre-structured schedule.

We use a website called WetInk, (requires a small yearly fee) which allows writers to present work online and gives the group ample time to read, reflect and leave written feedback before the fortnightly in-person discussions.

There are also other great benefits to using Wetink, such as group discussions, sharing links or useful information you have discovered and all the resources from the writers tips can be easily accessed, as well as all work and critics. All our schedules are easily accessed on Wetink too.

When joining the group you are committing to giving comprehensive feedback each fortnight, (around 1-2hrs) and participating in discussions so each member receives equal time and support.

Our Monday evenings work something like this;

6pm *Welcome and catch up/check in.* We take turns reflecting on our writing for the previous fortnight. Was there any breakthroughs? Did you meet a goal? Or did you not write at all? (Thats ok too)

6:30pm *Writers Tip.* This tip is provided by one member each fortnight and is scheduled so you have lots of time to plan. It can be as simple or as complicated as you like. Some members prepare powerpoint presentations others simply read from notes and others initiate a discussion on a certain writing topic that may benefit the group. (There is no right or wrong way to provide a writers tip)

7:00pm *Break.* Time for a cup of tea and a good opportunity to pay the fee for the session. (\$12 Non-members, \$5 Members). Don't forget to give your cash or eftpos receipt to the facilitator.

This break often happens later and depends on how the night is running and the discussions taking place.

7:30pm *Feedback.* Each fortnight 3 members of the group will receive verbal feedback. They must upload or copy and paste their work into Wetink two weeks prior so that members have an opportunity to read, reflect and critic the work.

We ask that this critic happens before the session designated for verbal feedback so that every writer gets equal time on their work and that all members are able to contribute to the discussion. We divide the time equally between the 3 writers receiving feedback, usually 30-45mins, depending on the session.

If you know you can't attend a session, it is asked that you make an effort to leave written comprehensive feedback on the work to ensure all writers work receives equal attention.

The schedule for who is receiving feedback next will be available in Wetink, we plan are schedules in 3 month blocks.