



Media release

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## **New writers network forms in Selwyn**

A new writers network is being formed in Selwyn to support aspiring and established local writers.

The first meeting of the Selwyn Writers Network is planned for Wednesday 24 February from 6.30 – 8.30pm at Lincoln Library.

“There are a number of established writers in Selwyn, as well as many people who are interested in writing or would like to gain more knowledge and skills,” says Rachael Inch, Selwyn Arts Co-ordinator/ Advisor.

“The networking evening will host a number of guest speakers from a range of writing genres who will talk about their experiences and offer advice to other writers. It’s great opportunity for people to get to know other local writers and join a new network which offers support and advice.”

Guest speakers at the networking evening are:

- James Norcliffe: renowned poet, children’s author and writing tutor
- Kim Newth: freelance journalist and blogger
- Heather McQuillan: children and young adult novelist, flash (short) fiction writer and writing tutor
- Glyn Strange: historical non-fiction author and publisher. Glyn is the founding director of the School for Young Writers based in Christchurch.
- Belinda Cullen Reid: journalist, blogger and life history writer living in Malvern.

The networking evening is being organised by Selwyn District Council, the Selwyn Arts Trust and Selwyn Libraries. Selwyn Libraries are planning to run a series of public writing workshops during 2016 to support the new network and others in the community with an interest in writing.

To register to attend the free networking evening email [arts@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:arts@selwyn.govt.nz). Supper is also provided free at the event.

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