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Publishing workshop planned for writers

A workshop later this month aims to help aspiring and established local writers get their works published.

The workshop is the second opportunity for the newly established Selwyn Writers Network to meet. The first meeting of the new network in February attracted over 40 writers. The workshop is planned for 6.30pm on Tuesday 24 May at Lincoln Event Centre.

Jenny Howarth from Wilys Publications will be presenting the workshop. She is a New Zealand novelist, non-fiction writer and journalist with a Masters degree in History. Her publications include *The Art of War: New Zealand war artists in the field 1939-1945*, *Hooked: the Story of the New Zealand fishing industry* and *The Road's the Mode: The Story of New Zealand's Road Transport Industry*.

Jenny will cover how to approach a traditional book publisher including writing a synopsis, cover letter and biography of yourself and how to self-publish a work. The workshop will also look at the advantages and risks of self-publishing, the importance of reviews and how authors can get their books into shops and libraries.

Arts Advisor Rachael Inch says the workshop is being organised as previous surveys of local writers have identified that they wanted to receive more information about how to publish their works.

The workshop will run for around two hours and is free to attend, however registration is essential. To register your interest please email arts@selwyn.govt.nz by 17 May 2016.

The workshop is being organised by Selwyn District Council and supported by the Selwyn Arts Trust.

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