

# **President's Report: Gippsland Writers Network**

**1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**

## **Overview**

A year of consolidation with a solid paid membership base and the receipt of a grant from Latrobe City Council.

## **Committee**

The committee consisted of:

- President, Vicky Daddo
- Treasurer, Tash Agafanoff
- Secretary, Ben Langdon
- Committee member, Sally-Anne Watson Kane

## **Members**

The membership base remained steady with approximately 120 contacts on the mailing list, 60 of whom were financial members, an increase on the previous year.

## **Promotions**

A monthly EDM was sent to paid members and an abridged version to non-financial members.

## **Events**

Two face to face creative events were held:

Masterclass: Outlining and Creative Thinking on 16 September 2023 at Traralgon Library facilitated by Ben Langdon, attended by five people.

Write for your Life: A Day of Creative Writing on 17 February 2024 at Moe Library featuring three sessions:

- Writing Memoir Workshop with Sally-Anne Watson Kane
- Panel with Alli Parker, Scot Gardner and Sally-Anne Watson Kane
- Writing Personal Narratives Workshop with Scot Gardner

This event was so popular that the workshops were held twice to satisfy demand. It attracted 36 registered bookings.

There were three online Write With Me sessions delivered.

## **Digital Presence**

The website is updated as often as possible to promote meetings and events. Social media accounts (Instagram and Facebook) remained underutilised due to lack of time and resources.

### **Other Memberships**

The Gippsland Writers Network was a paid group member of Writers Victoria for the 2023-24 year.

### **Summary**

While memberships remained steady, more work is needed to promote the network to increase and retain members. Hosting face to face workshops demonstrated the desire of local creatives to attend in person events.