

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Organisation

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## Society of Women Writers Victoria Inc.

(1970 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1970

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**Occupation** Arts organisation

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### Summary

The Society of Women Writers Victoria Inc. was formed in 1970 with the aim of drawing together women engaged in writing. By 1971 the society claimed 35 members and in 1973 it began producing its own newsletter. By 1974 membership increased to over 80. Initially affiliated with the existing Society of Women Writers in New South Wales, in 1980 a federal body, The Society of Women Writers (Australia), was formed with the state societies becoming branches. In 2000 the federal body was disbanded and the state societies became independent incorporated bodies.

As of 2004 the Society's website described its aims and activities thus:

'The main aim of SWWV is to draw together women engaged in the writing profession and to strengthen ties between women writers in Australia and overseas. SWWV seeks to do this by the regular conduct of: workshops, poetry and prose readings, seminars, conferences, book launches and literary competitions.' It also runs postal workshops.

### Published resources

#### Newsletter

Write away / The Society of Women Writers Victoria Inc., 1976-

Newsletter / The Society of Women Writers (Australia), Victorian Branch, 1975-1987

#### Book

Equal to the occasion : a scrapbook of vignettes illustrating the life-style of women in Victoria over the last 150 years / collected by the Society of Women Writers (Aust.) Victorian Branch to celebrate the sesqui centenary of Victoria, 1835-1985 ; with an introduction by Lady Hamer., 1985

#### Resource

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