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Create NSW and Byron Writers Festival seek writers for *Write North Writers' Group Residency*

Applications are now open for mid-career to established NSW writers for the *Write North Writers' Group Residency* through a new partnership with Create NSW and Byron Writers Festival.

The Residency, valued at almost \$40,000 (including total in-kind and cash value of the residency plus \$10,000 direct financial support to the writers' group), will support a writers' group of up to four members in a creative residency across seven days from 7-13 September in Byron Bay. The successful group will receive mentorship from award-winning, established author Charlotte Wood and further development in the individual writers' projects towards publication. The mentorship includes workshops, group discussions and consultation sessions.

Create NSW Executive Director, Chris Keely said, "Storytelling is integral to the Arts and in shaping our community. I'm delighted that in partnership with Byron Writers Festival, a group of NSW writers will have the opportunity to workshop and develop their stories during the residency and be supported in their personal, creative and career advancement.

"We will assist each writer to continue their project after the residency through the delivery of \$10,000 in financial support to the successful group, and together with Byron Writers Festival, we look forward to reading their stories in the future when they reach publication."

Byron Writers Festival Director Edwina Johnson said, "This vital residential writers' program could not proceed without the support of Create NSW. Byron Writers Festival is committed to nurturing the writing careers of emerging voices, both within and from outside our region.

"Charlotte Wood has a strong connection to our region and has participated in several previous Festivals. Her affinity and talent will offer inestimable opportunity to the program participants. I can't think of a better mentor.

"Immersion in a collaborative writing program surrounded by the natural beauty of the Northern Rivers is undoubtedly a special opportunity where creative magic can happen."

Applications for this Residency will be assessed by Byron Writers Festival and members of the Create NSW Literature Board. The total in-kind and cash value of the residency includes funding towards travel to Byron Bay, accommodation and per diems. This residency opportunity comes with \$10,000 financial support for the successful group to continue their writing development after the residency.

Applications for the 2020 *Write North Writers' Group Residency* are now open and close 5pm Monday 27 July 2020. Full guidelines and information can be found [here](#).

In addition to *Write North*, Create NSW offers opportunities for individuals and groups to receive support through other Fellowships and the Arts and Cultural Funding Program. Information is available on the Create NSW website: www.create.nsw.gov.au