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Writers' Workshop



Next Meeting: February 20, 2026

*****Time: 10.30 a.m.*****

at:

Frutties

Planète Charmilles, Charmilles

Assignment: Things That Matter

Leader: Zinat

The meeting was chaired by **Rose** who also acted as secretary during **Marlene**'s absence while travelling. Also present were **Zinat** and **Mer**. Apologies were received from **Marlene**, **Françoise** and **Carolyn**.



Business:

There being no business to discuss this month, members' contributions were put forward.

Readings:

The topic '**December Holidays**' took the form of personal essays.

Zinat's contribution, *December Holidays*, was couched in the third person, and told of two

different views of the festive season: one negative in view of the season's increasing commercialisation, and one positive, which told of long-term advance planning, anticipation of the decorations, family get-togethers, gifts, best clothes, glitz and glitter.

Rose's essay, *That Time of the Year*, looked at family relationships, also with family get-togethers, and a time to mend fences or reminisce about loved ones who were no longer there.

Mer's piece was off-topic, an excerpt from a novel she is writing entitled *Fern and Charles*. It is based on her work in law enforcement, and tells of two

detectives leaving a crime scene and their reactions to the event.

A lively discussion followed each submission.



Future Dates & Assignments

Please note the optional assignments and dates, with leaders:

March 20: Seasons - Marlene

April 17: Open – Carolyn

May 15: Birth- Rose

June 19: Poetry - Marlene

July 17: Secrets and Lies in History -Zinat

August 21: Loss - Carolyn

September 18: Crime - Marlene

October 16: Book Review - Rose

November 20: Memories –

Marlene

December 11: Open - Marlene

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