



Laid-back but lots of fun for authors

FOURTEEN years ago, the Arana Writers' Group held its first meeting with just two members.

Today, the group is still going strong, meeting each month with up to 10 regular members.

"Although we are a bit laid-back, it's still lots of fun," The Gap's Dalma Hunt, the group's first member said.

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The group last week celebrated their 14-year anniversary with the launch of an anthology of stories and poetry, *Arana Anthology*, written by the group.

Mrs Hunt said the writers' group accommodated all ages and skill levels, with various members having work published on a regular basis.

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All members are encouraged to invite newcomers to the meetings.

"It's just to see what a writing group is and what it's like," Mrs Hunt said. Phone 3351 3401.



■ Dalma Hunt with her book.

> mary ryan's top ten

1. *THE One-Armed Cookbook*, \$29.95
Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital

2. *The Secret*, \$34.95
Rhonda Byrne

3. *Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart*, \$22.95
Gordon Livingston M.D.

4. *Dying Was The Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me*, \$22.95

William E Hablitzel M.D.

5. *The Woods*, \$32.95
Harlan Coben

6. *Nineteen Minutes*, \$32.95

Jodi Picoult

7. *On Chesil Beach*, \$29.95
Ian McEwan

8. *The God Delusion*, \$35.00, Richard Dawkins

9. *Children of Hurin*, \$49.99
J.R.R. Tolkien

10. *Creative Journal Writing*, \$27.95
Stephanie Dowrick