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## **Submission**

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Te Ara Korowai. I have been attending writing class on Wednesday evenings for over 2 years. I have noticed over that time how beneficial the time spent together in the group has been for many of those who attend. It is a very supportive, encouraging, validating space that is co-created by the tutor/leader and ask of the people who attend. I have noticed new arrivals are often diffident, lacking confidence and self-esteem about their writing initially - but the open, friendly non-judgmental 'space' provides somewhere for them to thrive, grow, contribute fully and enjoy being in a highly inclusive environment. It's a really positive, creative and valuable resource for many of those who attend . I strongly advocate some ongoing council support for this community and mental health resource . Thank you. Bob Cavanagh. I work as a couples therapist - and am experienced in being stunned to how people reading to their environment and interactions with others.