



2007 BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL

Festival Writer: **Janie Conway-Herron**

Janie Conway-Herron is a lecturer in creative writing at Southern Cross University. She has a PhD in writing from the University of Western Sydney and a Masters in creative writing from the University of Technology Sydney. Janie has extensive experience as a novelist, poet, musician, lyricist and scriptwriter and her work has been published in a number of journals and anthologies including; *To The Edge: Poetry from Byron Bay and Beyond*, *Australian Humanities Review*, *The International Journal of Critical Psychology*, *Linq* and, *Belonging in the Rainbow Region: Cultural Perspectives on the North Coast*.



Recently returned from conducting creative writing workshops with Burmese women refugees for Altsean Burma, her work reflects her passion for human rights and explores landscapes of identity in both an historical and contemporary context. Her novels *Stories and Secrets* and *Spotlighting* are currently being considered for publication. She is currently working on a third novel, *Looking for Elsie* due to be completed in 2008.

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