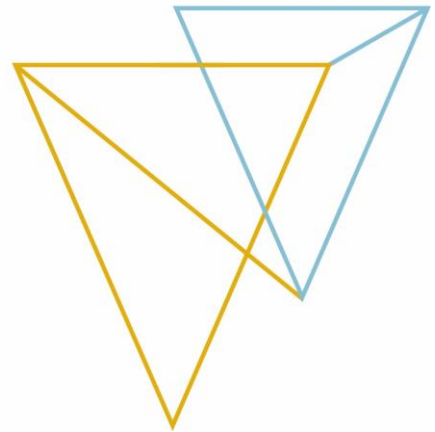


NILLUMBIK PRIZE CONTEMPORARY WRITING 2021



Nilumbik Prize Contemporary Writing 2022 Conditions of Entry

1. Entrants must be Australian residents as of the closing date.
2. Local entrants must live, work or study in the Shire of Nillumbik. Local entries will also be automatically entered into the Open category.
3. Youth writers must be aged 18 years or younger as of the closing date.
4. All stories and poems must be written in English and must be the original, previously unpublished work of the entrant. Publication includes paid publication or any type of online publication.
5. Entries must not have been awarded a prize in another competition.
6. Up to three stories and three pieces of writing can be entered per writer.
7. Each entry in the Open category must be accompanied by an entry fee (\$25-00).
8. Pen names will be accepted and, where provided, will be the name that is used and promoted if the poem/story is shortlisted, or wins an award and is published. The entrant's legal first and last name must also be provided for administrative purposes.
9. Stories that exceed the short story word limit (2,500 words) will be deemed ineligible. There is no limit to the word length for poetry entries.
10. The Judge(s) reserve the right not to award a prize in a category if they deem no entry is of sufficient merit to warrant the prize. The Judge(s) decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
11. Copyright of the stories and poems remains the property of the writer.
12. Current employees of Nillumbik Shire Council, Nillumbik Shire Councillors and members of the Award Readers Groups are not eligible to enter.
13. Entries must be electronically submitted by 11:59pm on advertised the **closing date (Sunday November 7, 2021)**. No late entries will be accepted. It is the writer's responsibility to allow sufficient time to complete the submission process including payment for 'Open' entries.
14. Nillumbik Shire Council reserves the right to retain copies of winning entries and publish them in the Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Writing Anthology, on Council's website, social media including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and in the Arts and Cultural Development eBulletin and in related promotional material.
15. Prizes for the 2022 Award are
 - Open Category Winners (Short Story & Poem) each \$5,000
 - Local Category Winners (Short Story & Poem) each \$2,500
 - Youth Category Winners (Short Story & Poem) each \$1,000
 - At the Mayor's discretion, a Mayoral Award of \$1,000.00 may also be offered