

Macintyre Young Writers' Awards Open Entry Information 2023

Who can enter?

Entries are welcomed from writers 18 years and above from within a radius of 120km of Goondiwindi. There is no entry fee.

When do entries close?

Entries close on Friday 13th October 2023. Entries should be emailed to Heather Haley Scanlan at Macintyre Young Writers Inc h.haleyscanlan@gmail.com

Pages should be marked only with the story title so that the writer is anonymous and known only to the Coordinator.

Who are the judges and when are the prizes to be announced?

Judges still to be confirmed at the time of preparing this document. The winners will be announced in The Goondiwindi Argus online and our Facebook site when judging is completed. A prize of \$300 will be awarded to the winner and an encouragement award of \$100 will be awarded to the runner-up. (TBC)

What do I write about and how much should I write?

Entries are accepted in any form of creative writing. Subject matter is limited only by your imagination. Adult entries should be limited to 2000 words.

You may submit as many entries as you like, but each entry must have a title and be attached to a separate entry form.

Conditions of Entry:

Entries will not be returned. Authors should keep their own copy of their work.

The judges' decision will be final. The committee reserves the right to alter the prize schedule, dependent on the number and quality of entries received.

History

Macintyre Young Writers Inc is in its 30th year and continues to receive widespread community support from the many schools, parents, and sponsors in our district. Our Open Competition for people over 18 years of age was established in 2009. In 2013 our first adult writers' workshop was conducted by Dr Kári Gíslason; in 2014 local writer Nicole Alexander also ran a writer's workshop. Dr Kate Cantrell from USQ, Toowoomba, Lecturer in Creative writing conducted a successful workshop in 2021. Lisa Gardoll, a local 'accidental author' was key speaker at an Event to Launch 2023's Open Writers' Competition. Lisa's focus on Self Publishing from her own experience was invaluable to an engaged audience as was her workshop the following morning.

The Goondiwindi Argus continues to be a strong supporter and we thank Ian Jones for his valuable assistance and advocacy over his time with the Argus. Guests at both Literary Dinners and/or at workshops with students, have included Hugh Lunn, Jason 'Rupert' McCall, Mike O'Connor, John Marsden, Stephen Axelsen, Narelle Oliver, Jill Morris, Andy Wright, Marie Nielson, Pauline Clyne, Kerry O'Keefe, Tristan Bancks, Kári Gíslason and Doctor Gregory Smith, author of 'Out of the Forest'.

Our aim in 2023 is to continue to encourage all ages to participate in our writing endeavours whether it be through our School age Competition or our Open Competition.

Committee: Members include Wendy Forsyth, Sarah Little, Di Brown, Ian Jones, Di Dalziel, Michelle Sheridan, Heather Haley Scanlan, Lois Phillips, Robyn Lindores, Christine Border, Nicola McKeowen, Kate McManus, Rebecca Sutton, Joy-Anne Andrianatos, Felicia Smetheram, Hannah Macartney, Mel Jenkins, Vicki McColl, Robyn Macgregor, Naomi Bailye, Felicity Cox, Kathleen Savage, Felicity Quinlan

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact President - Heather on 0427751144, or Goondiwindi State Primary School, 46777333. Members of the Committee will be happy to answer any queries.