



Word Weavers

*Word Weavers is all about Words, Writing and Reading
A gathering of the like-minded to write, learn, discuss and be inspired*

SPREADING THE WORD – WRITING COMPETITION

As part of the celebrated Whittlesea Country Music Festival 2017 on Saturday 11th Feb. Word Weavers are celebrating our rural life with a day of storytelling, bush ballads, and a writing competition with entries read aloud at the festival.

Theme: *Australian rural/country life*

Closing date for entries: 16th December 2016

Category One: Short story/memoir/yarn

Junior (up to 11 years) up to 100 lines

Youth (12-18 years) up to 750 words

Open (over 18 years) up to 750 words

Category Two: Bush verse / ballad

Junior (up to 11 years) up to 20 lines

Youth (12-18 years) up to 40 lines

Open (over 18 years) up to 40 lines

All Entries must comply with the Theme and be suitable for oral presentation.

Prizes awarded to all Winners of each section with Highly Commended awards issued at the judges' discretion. All prize winners and Highly Commended award winners will also receive a Word Weavers pen.

Conditions of entry:

Entry is free for all Junior and Youth entries.

Entry fee for the Open sections is \$5 per entry, per category. (see entry form for payment details)

No email entries will be accepted.

Each entry must have text, title and page numbers to appear on the manuscript, not the author's name.

A completed cover sheet ENTRY FORM must be attached.

Multiple entries are allowed. Indigenous tales welcome.

No clip art or decoration of any kind is to be included.

Submissions must be the original work of the author, and not previously have won a prize, been published or broadcast. Anything distributed in the public arena including social media is considered published.

Submissions must be typed, double spaced in Times New Roman 12 point font on single-sided A4 paper.

The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Please note that Manuscripts will not be returned.

Winners will be notified within 6 weeks of the closing date

Results will be announced at the Whittlesea Country Music Festival on 11th February 2017.

All entrants give permission for their entries to be read aloud in the Word Weavers story-tellers tent at the Whittlesea Country Music Festival.



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Word Weavers of Whittlesea Spreading the Word writing competition 2017

Entry Form:

Entry is free for all Junior and Youth entries.
Entry fee for the Open sections is \$5 per entry, per category.

Address entries to:

Word Weavers
Writing Competition
c/ Whittlesea Library
57-61 Laurel St
Whittlesea
VIC 3757

Entries must be postmarked on
or before 16th December 2016

Entrant details (in block letters)

Family Name:		Given name:	
Postal address:			
Suburb:		State:	Postcode:
Email:			
Preferred Phone Number:	Home:	Mobile:	

Entry details (in block letters)

A- Short story/Memoir/Yarn
B- Bush verse/Ballad

please tick appropriate box

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior	Youth	Open
(up to 11 yrs)	(12-18 yrs)	(over 18)

Category (A or B)	Title of entry	Word count for prose Line count for verse

Payment details (tick as appropriate)

All cheques/money orders are to be made payable to Whittlesea Community House Inc.	Total amount paid
<input type="checkbox"/> Online bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque or Money order	

If paying online/bank transfer please use the details below:

Bank: Bendigo Bank BSB; 633 000	Account Name: Whittlesea Community House Inc. Account Number: 145677076
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IMPORTANT In the reference write **WW and your surname** so your payment can be matched to your entry.

I have read the conditions of entry for this Competition and agree to abide by them.

Signed:

Date: