

# PORT WRITERS INC

## OPEN LITERARY COMPETITION 2021

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Short Fiction:** to 2500 words

**Non-Fiction:** to 2500 words

**Poetry:** to 32 lines

The competition opens **24 April 2021** and closes at midnight on **31 July 2021**.

Winners will be notified via email on **Monday 18 September 2021** and awarded on **Saturday 23 September 2021** at the Port Writers Inc meeting held from 1 pm at the Rotary Community Centre, Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie, NSW.

All entries must be paid for and accompanied by a completed entry form.

**Entry submission:** by email to [portwritersinc@gmail.com](mailto:portwritersinc@gmail.com) with **subject heading: 2021 competition**

**Entry fee:** \$5.00 per entry. Payment details on the entry form (please include your surname as reference with payment)

1. Entries must be original, unpublished either in print or online, not have received an award in another competition, and not be under consideration elsewhere from the time of entry in this competition until the official announcement of winners. Any work that has appeared in the public arena, including self-publishing and social media, is considered published.
2. Entrants must be over 18 years, Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
3. The Hastings Prize is open to residents of the Port Macquarie Hastings Council area.
4. A limit of 3 entries in each category is permitted per entrant for a total of 9 entries.
5. Entries which infringe on the intellectual property rights of any third party, contain any objectionable content, profanity or are potentially insulting, inflammatory or defamatory will be ineligible for judging. Entrants will be notified but entry fees will not be returned.
6. The decisions of the judging panel are final, and no correspondence will be entered into concerning award decisions.
7. Not all prizes may be awarded.
8. Submissions exceeding the word count limit will be disqualified.
9. Entrants retain the copyright of any works submitted.
10. Entries to be formatted as follows:
  - Document size A4 saved as Microsoft Word .DOC or .DOCX
  - Font: Times New Roman 12 point
  - Line spacing: single spaced
  - Paragraphs: no spacing before or after. New paragraphs to be indented.
  - Margins: 2 cm all-around
  - Title and Page number to be in the header of each page
  - Author's name must NOT be visible on the document including the document properties.(Note: It makes it easier for us if you get the formatting right but if you get in a tangle with it, don't worry – you will not be disqualified.)



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