



Ada Cambridge Biographical Prose Prize 2018

For western suburbs writers

\$1000 first prize

Competition closes Monday 5 March 2018

Online entry only

Conditions of entry:

1. This prize is open to writers 18 years and over who live, work or study in the western suburbs of Melbourne. The winner of the previous year's Ada Cambridge Biographical Prose prize (in this case 2017) is not eligible to enter the current year's competition (2018).
2. There is no entry fee.
3. Stories must be biographical (that is, based on a true life experience of the writer or another person).
4. Stories must be between 1000 and 3000 words in length. The work must be original, written in English and not have been previously published. It should not have won a prize in any other competition.
5. Entries must be typed in Arial 11 font, and be double-spaced. Page numbers should appear on every page.
6. Only **one** entry per person.
7. To maintain anonymity for judging purposes, the author's name should not appear on any part of the story.
8. The story should be uploaded as a Word document to the Hobsons Bay Libraries website at libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au; this includes an online form for submitting your details. If you have difficulties with this please email competitions@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or phone Hobsons Bay Libraries on 1300 462 542.
9. Closing date for entries is **Monday 5 March 2018**. No late entries will be accepted.
10. The winning story will be selected on the basis of its originality, the vividness of its narrative and its effectiveness as a biographical piece. Entries should be carefully proof-read as presentation will be taken into consideration when judging. Last year's winning and shortlisted entries, and the comments of the judges, can be read in the 2017 Ada Cambridge anthology, available at Hobsons Bay Libraries.
11. The prize winners will be announced at the Williamstown Literary Festival, 16 and 17 June 2018.
12. The winner will receive a prize of **\$1000**. In the event of there being joint winners, the prize money will be equally divided. All whose stories are shortlisted will receive a certificate and a copy of the book.
13. Ten stories will be published, including the winning entry, those highly commended or commended and a selection from the shortlisted stories.
14. Authors retain copyright, but the Williamstown Literary Festival Committee reserves the right to reproduce the whole or any part of the story in any format (whether or not it is a winning entry) for purposes of promoting the Williamstown Literary Festival.
15. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. Stories will not be returned, so authors should retain a copy of the original.

Western suburbs postcodes eligible for entry in the Ada Cambridge Biographical Prose Prize 2018:

Brimbank: 3020, 3021, 3022, 3023, 3033, 3036, 3037, 3038

Hobsons Bay: 3015, 3016, 3018, 3025, 3028

Hume: 3043, 3045, 3047, 3048, 3049, 3059, 3060, 3061, 3062, 3063, 3064, 3427, 3428, 3429, 3430

Maribyrnong: 3011, 3012, 3013, 3019, 3032

Melton: 3023, 3037, 3335, 3337, 3338, 3340, 3427

Moonee Valley: 3031, 3033, 3034, 3039, 3040, 3041, 3042

Wyndham: 3024, 3026, 3027, 3029, 3030, 3211

