

Williamstown Literary Festival 2025

Ada Cambridge Poetry Prize 2025

For Victorian poets

\$500 first prize

Competition closes at midnight March 7, 2025

Conditions of entry:

1. This prize is open to all poets over 18 years of age who live in the state of Victoria. The winner of the previous year's Ada Cambridge Poetry prize (in this case 2024) is not eligible to enter the current year's competition (2025).
2. Entry fee is \$15.
3. Poems may be on any topic.
4. Poems may be in any form, up to 30 lines in length.
5. 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. Entrants should not submit poems that are partly – or fully -- generated by AI. Any AI use for creative or editing purposes should be attributed, with details of how it was used.
6. Entries must be typed in Arial 11 font and be single-spaced. If you are submitting two poems, please include them on separate pages of a single Word document.
7. A maximum of **two** poems may be submitted per individual. The entry fee of \$15 is the same whether you are submitting one or two poems.
8. To maintain anonymity for judging purposes, the author's name should not appear on any part of the poem(s).
9. The poem(s) should be uploaded as a Word document (*not* PDF) via the Williamstown Literary Festival's website at <https://www.willylitfest.org.au/home/writing-prizes/ada-cambridge-writing-prizes/>. Please use the title(s) of your poem(s) as the name of your Word document, *not* your name. The website includes an online form for submitting your details, including your name, bio, postal and email addresses, and the title(s) of your poem(s), and instructions for paying the \$15 entry fee. If you have difficulties with submission, please send your poem(s) and personal details as an attachment by email to the Festival Secretary at c.ringrose@willylitfest.org.au.

10. An entry fee of \$15 must be paid to the Williamstown Literary Festival Bendigo Bank account, BSB: 633-000 account number 203291216, with 'ACPP' and the author's full name as the reference. For example, the payment reference for Mary Writer's submission would be 'ACPP Mary Writer'.
11. Closing date for entries is **midnight Friday March 7, 2025**. No late entries will be accepted.
12. The poems will be judged in terms of originality, creativity and expressiveness. Entries should be carefully proof-read, as presentation will be taken into consideration when judging. Last year's winning entry, and the comments of the judges, can be read on the Williamstown Literary Festival website www.willylitfest.org.au
13. The prize winners will be announced at the Williamstown Literary Festival in **June 2025**.
14. The winner will receive a prize of \$500. In the event of there being joint winners, the prize money will be equally divided.
15. The shortlisted poems, including the winning entry, will be published in the Ada Cambridge anthology or online.
16. Authors retain copyright, but the Williamstown Literary Festival Committee reserves the right to reproduce the whole or any part of the poem in any format (whether or not it is a winning entry) for purposes of promoting the Williamstown Literary Festival.
17. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
18. Poems will not be returned, so authors should retain a copy of the original.