

AWARD WINNING AUSTRALIAN WRITING

THE BEST WINNING WRITING FROM SHORT STORY & BUSH POETRY COMPETITIONS NATIONALLY

Short story writing in Australia is alive and well. Just how well is being judged by over 300 short story writing and bush poetry competitions from Melbourne to Darwin and Bundaberg to Boyup Brook. Some, like The Age Short Story competition are high profile, others like The 'Page Seventeen' Short Story Competition are not. But they all encourage people to write and send in their work in the hope that it will strike a chord, and who knows, even win. And then what? Perhaps, at best, publication in The Age or The Village Voice or the Australian Bush Poets Association bi-monthly magazine...

Now Award Winning Australian Writing brings the writing that wins short story and bush poetry awards around Australia to a wider audience. Well, perhaps The Age has a wider readership, but there is certainly something to be said for being published in book form ... a book is forever! It is hoped it will encourage and inspire as well as entertain.

AWAW is also a tribute to the voluntary work of the passionate people who organize writing groups, such as the Eastern Writer's Group, founded in 1938 'to give writers a chance to discuss their works in progress,' and The Hal Porter and Alan Marshall short story competitions, honouring the memory of two great Australian writers. And you've got to love the Boyup Brook Short Story Competition (with a theme of Blue Gum trees) that was held to try to save their 'weekend of books'. It attracted five adult entries, including Graham Calley's gem, 'Country Living.'

Each story includes a bio of the author and profile of the writing competition.

NSW Writers' Centre Inner City Life Short Story Competition
The Age Short Story Competition
Boyup Brook Short Story Competition
Alva Probert Memorial Short Story Competition
Australian Bush Poetry National Written Championship
Cancer Council of Victoria Arts Awards Short Story Competition
The Authors' Ally South East Queensland Short Story Competition
Northern Territory Literary Award:
Dymock's Arafura Short Story Award
Page Seventeen Short Story Competition
Bundaberg Bush Lantern Awards



Avant National Short Story Competition
Alan Marshall Short Story Award
Australian Horror Writers Association Flash and Short Story Competition
Queensland Rural Women's Network Cultural Competition
Queensland University of Technology Urban Country Music Festival Bush Poetry Competition
Hal Porter Short Story Competition
Boroondara Literary Awards
Noorat and District Agricultural and Pastoral Society Creative Writing Competition
Eastern Writers Group Biggest Little Short Story Competition
Cut Short CAE Short Story Competition
The Uni Pub ANU Short Story Prize
Hadow Stuart Short Story Competition
Australian Shadows Award
Blackened Billy Verse Competition
ABC Radio Regional Production Fund Short Story Project

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