



# WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

**WRITING COMPETITION  
1 JULY - 31 AUGUST 2022**



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## Competition summary

**What's Your Story?** is a writing competition presented by Stonnington Libraries as part of the annual literary festival, **[untitled]: our writers, readers and stories**.

Works can be fiction or non-fiction and based on any theme, however must be original and previously unpublished at the time of entry.

Prizes are awarded for Short Story, Poetry and Creative Writing. To enter the short story and poetry categories you need to be 18 years or over and living in Victoria, while young people aged 5 to 17 years, who live, go to school or work in Stonnington, are invited to enter one of three creative writing categories.

You can enter more than one category if applicable however there is a maximum of one entry per category. For more information, please refer to the 'Categories and Prizes' section.

If you have any questions about the writing competition, please email [libraryevents@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:libraryevents@stonnington.vic.gov.au)

## Important dates

Starting date: Friday 1 July 2022

Closing date: Wednesday 31 August 2022

Category winners will be notified in writing by Friday 11 November 2022.

## Instructions for entering the writing competition

Entries must be submitted online.

Visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library/Writing-Competition](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library/Writing-Competition) to enter online.

All entries must be received by 11.59PM on 31 August. Late entries will not be accepted.

## Privacy policy

Stonnington Libraries Information Privacy Policy aligns with the City of Stonnington Information Privacy Policy. We comply with our duties under the Information Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014. View Council's Information Privacy Policy at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/System-Pages/City-of-Stonnington-Information-Privacy-Policy](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/System-Pages/City-of-Stonnington-Information-Privacy-Policy).

## **Categories and Prizes**

### **Poetry – Adult**

For: Victorian residents 18+ years

Guidelines: Maximum 40 lines

Prize: \$500

### **Short story – Adult**

For: Victorian residents 18+ years

Guidelines: 1000 word limit

Prize: \$500

### **Creative writing, 5 to 8 years**

For: Young people aged 5 to 8 years who live or go to school in Stonnington.

Guidelines: 300 to 500 word limit. The entry can be fiction or inspired by real events experienced by the author.

Prize: \$100 book voucher

### **Creative writing, 9 to 12 years**

For: Young people aged 9 to 12 years who live, work or go to school in Stonnington.

Guidelines: 500 to 750 word limit. The entry can be fiction or inspired by real events experienced by the author.

Prize: \$200 book voucher

### **Creative writing, 13 to 17 years**

For: Young people aged 13 to 17 years who live, work or go to school in Stonnington.

Guidelines: 750 to 900 word limit. The entry can be fiction or inspired by real events experienced by the author.

Prize: \$300 book voucher

## **Entry Form: Short Story - Adult**

This entry form is for the Short Story – Adult category of the 'What's Your Story?' Writing competition.

Please read the following entry conditions before submitting your story:

1. The closing date is 31 August 2022 at 11.59pm.
2. There is a limit of one entry per person.
3. The person entering the competition must be aged 18 years or over, as at 31 August 2022.
4. The person entering the competition must be the author of the story.
5. Entrants must currently reside in Victoria (Australia).
6. Entries submitted must be original and unpublished at the time of entry.
7. Late entries will not be accepted.
8. Entries longer than 1000 words will not be accepted.
9. Entries are confidential and cannot be marked with the author's name or initials.
10. The author's name and details must be confined to the entry form.
11. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. Winners will be notified in writing by 11 November 2022.
13. Stonnington Library and Information Service reserves the right to reproduce the entry in publications and/or promotional materials and products (including online), on its website and/or social media.

To assist with judging, please submit your entry with the following formatting:

- First and subsequent pages must show the title of the story at the head of each page.
- All pages must be numbered.
- Entries must be typed in black.

## Entry Form: Short Story - Adult

Please print clearly:

Name

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Date of birth (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Victorian resident?      YES / NO

Are you a Stonnington resident?      YES / NO

Title of story

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Do you agree with the conditions of entry?      YES / NO

**Entrant's declaration:** This story is my own original work, I have read the conditions of entry, and my story is not longer than 1000 words.

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Signature

## **Entry Form: Poetry - Adult**

This entry form is for the Poetry - Adult category of the 'What's Your Story?' Writing competition.

Please read the following entry conditions before submitting your poem:

1. The closing date is 31 August 2022 at 11.59pm.
2. There is a limit of one entry per person.
3. The person entering the competition must be aged 18 years or over, as at 31 August 2022.
4. The person entering the competition must be the author of the story submitted.
5. Entrants must currently reside in Victoria (Australia).
6. Entries submitted must be original and unpublished at the time of entry.
7. Late entries will not be accepted.
8. Entries that exceed the 40 line limit will not be accepted.
9. Entries are confidential and cannot be marked with the author's name or initials.
10. The author's personal name and details must be confined to the entry form.
11. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. Winners will be notified in writing by 11 November 2022.
13. Stonnington Library and Information Service reserves the right to reproduce the entry in publications and/or promotional materials and products (including online), on its website and/or social media.

To assist with judging, please submit your entry with the following formatting:

- First and subsequent pages must show the title of the poem at the head of each page.
- All pages must be numbered.
- Entries must be typed in black.

## Entry Form: Poetry - Adult

Please print clearly:

Name

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Date of birth (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Victorian resident?      YES / NO

Are you a Stonnington resident?      YES / NO

Title of poem

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Do you agree with the conditions of entry?      YES / NO

**Entrant's declaration:** This story is my own original work, I have read the conditions of entry, and my poem does not exceed the 40 line limit.

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Signature

## **Entry Form: Creative Writing, 5 to 8 years**

This entry form is for the Creative Story Writing - 5 to 12 years category of the 'What's Your Story?' Writing competition.

Please read the following entry conditions before submitting your story:

1. The closing date is 31 August 2022 at 11.59pm.
2. There is a limit of one entry per person.
3. The person entering the competition must be between 5 and 12 years old, as at 31 August 2022.
4. The person entering the competition must be the author of the story submitted.
5. The person entering the competition must either live or go to school in the City of Stonnington.
6. Late entries will not be accepted.
7. Entries longer than 500 words will not be accepted.
8. Entries submitted must be original and unpublished at the time of entry.
9. Entries are confidential and cannot be marked with the author's name or initials.
10. The author's personal name and details must be confined to the entry form.
11. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
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To assist with judging, please submit your entry with the following formatting:

- First and subsequent pages must show the title of the story at the head of each page.
- All pages must be numbered.
- Entries must be typed in black.



## Entry Form: Creative Writing, 5 to 8 years

Please print clearly:

**Name**

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**Date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you live or go to school in the City of Stonnington? YES / NO**

**Title of story**

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**Do you agree with the conditions of entry? YES / NO**

**Entrant's declaration:** This story is my own original work, I have read the conditions of entry, and my story is not longer than 500 words.

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Signature

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Parent/guardian's signature

## **Entry Form: Creative Writing, 9 to 12 years**

This entry form is for the Creative Story Writing, 9 to 12 years category of the 'What's Your Story?' Writing competition.

Please read the following entry conditions before submitting your story:

1. The closing date is 31 August 2022 at 11.59pm.
2. There is a limit of one entry per person.
3. The person entering the competition must be between 9 and 12 years old, as at 31 August 2022.
4. The person entering the competition must be the author of the story submitted.
5. The person entering the competition must either live or go to school in the City of Stonnington.
6. Late entries will not be accepted.
7. Entries longer than 750 words will not be accepted.
8. Entries submitted must be original and unpublished at the time of entry.
9. Entries are confidential and cannot be marked with the author's name or initials.
10. The author's personal name and details must be confined to the entry form.
11. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
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To assist with judging, please submit your entry with the following formatting:

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- All pages must be numbered.
- Entries must be typed in black.

## Entry Form: Creative Writing, 9 to 12 years

Please print clearly:

**Name**

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**Date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you live or go to school in the City of Stonnington? YES / NO**

**Title of story**

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**Do you agree with the conditions of entry? YES / NO**

**Entrant's declaration:** This story is my own original work, I have read the conditions of entry, and my story is not longer than 750 words.

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Signature

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Parent/guardian's signature

## **Entry Form: Creative Writing, 13 to 17 years**

This entry form is for the Creative Story Writing – 13 to 17 years category of the 'What's Your Story?' Writing competition.

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4. The person entering the competition must be the author of the story submitted.
5. The person entering the competition must either live, work or go to school in the City of Stonnington.
6. Late entries will not be accepted.
7. Entries longer than 900 words will not be accepted.
8. Entries submitted must be original and unpublished at the time of entry.
9. Entries are confidential and cannot be marked with author's name or initials.
10. The author's personal name and details must be confined to the entry form.
11. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. Stonnington Library and Information Service reserves the right to reproduce the entry in publications and/or promotional materials and products (including online), on its website and/or social media.
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- Entries must be typed in black.

## Entry Form: Creative Writing, 13 to 18 years

Please print clearly:

**Name**

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**Date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you live, work or go to school in the City of Stonnington? YES / NO**

**Title of story**

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**Do you agree with the conditions of entry? YES / NO**

**Entrant's declaration:** This story is my own original work, I have read the conditions of entry, and my story is not longer than 900 words.

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Signature

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Parent/guardian's signature (if entrant is under 18 years of age)