



Mayors' short story challenge



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It's on again...

The Mayors' Short Story Challenge 2023

Alexandrina Council, City of Victor Harbor and the District Council of Yankalilla have been running the Mayors' Short Story Challenge since 2010 and we invite your school and students to join the 2023 Challenge.

The creative writing "Challenge" is held during term two each year for school aged children, from reception to year 10 and each school is invited to participate.

This year's 'Challenge'...

There are four group categories:

Reception - Year 2 Category

Year 3 - Year 4 Category

Year 5 - Year 7 Category

Year 8 - Year 10 Category

The winner from each section will receive a \$50 gift voucher with the overall winner for each Council receiving a \$50 gift voucher.

The winning school in each Council District receives \$1000.

Winners will be announced at a joint regional presentation at the City of Victor Harbor Library in early September 2023. Schools will be notified by invitation late August 2023.

We look forward to receiving your schools' entries for 2023.





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Competition details

The Challenge opens on Monday 1 May and closes on Friday 7 July 2023.

Entry is open to all registered school aged children (Reception to Year 10) in the City of Victor Harbor, Alexandrina Council and District Council of Yankalilla.

Entries must be submitted to your schools Council area library by **5pm Friday, 7 July 2023**.

Criteria

- Only 1 entry per person.
- Word limit: Reception to 7 up to 500 words, Years 7 to 10, between 500-1000 words.
- Story and picture books are acceptable, although judging emphasis will be on readability, originality, language and presentation.
- **To ensure equity of the competition, entries must be completed in class (with limited guidance only for spelling) so that the content is reflective of the students' abilities and genuine ideas.**
- All entries must be original and previously unpublished.
- Entries must be submitted by class teachers/home school. parents only, with a completed 'Class Entry Form' on top of each class bundle (attached in Word Format).
- Completed 'Class Entry Forms' need to be emailed to library@victor.sa.gov.au as well as a copy printed and attached to the student class entries and delivered to the Victor Harbor Library.



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- Home School student entries can be submitted to their Council area library by their parent (indicated as their teacher on the entry coversheet), with proof of home school registration attached.
- Email submissions will not be accepted.
- Copyright remains with the author; however, the Victor Harbor Public Library, Alexandrina Libraries and Yankalilla Library reserve the right to publish winning entries, at their discretion.
- Authors are encouraged to retain a copy of their stories as entries will not be returned.
- Winners will be announced in September 2023.
- The judges' decision is final.

If a Home School student entry is the overall winner, the major prize of \$1000 will remain with the council library for community collection use. The winner can offer suggestions on collection additions but will remain the property of the council library.

For any enquiries please contact:

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