

Poetry is the
rhythmical
creation of
beauty in words.

-Edgar Allan Poe



Central
Coast
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Library
Service

Poetry Writing Competition Entry Form

Theme: Peace

Entries can also be submitted online at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraries
or via email to poetrycompetition@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Division: Junior (9-12years) Youth (13-16years) Open (17+)

First Name: **Last Name:**

Home Address:

Suburb: **Phone:** **Email:**

Age: **Date:**

Title of entry and line length:

Library Card number (optional):

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I am over 18 and have read and acknowledged the competition terms and conditions.

Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Consent & Declaration

This section is only required to be completed where the entrant is under the age of 18.

1. I declare that I am the parent/guardian of the entrant.
2. I consent to the entrant entering and participating in the Competition.
3. I have read, and agree to the terms and conditions of the Competition.
4. I declare that this entry has been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Competition.

Name: **Phone:**

Email: **Relationship to entrant:**

Signature: **Date:**

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Poetry Writing Competition 2018 Terms and Conditions

The aim of our competition is to encourage emerging writers to tell a story through poetry, be creative and have fun with their writing. It is an opportunity for writers to develop language, characterisation, structure and dialogue skills, build confidence and write better.

All information on how to enter this competition forms part of these terms and conditions. Entry into this competition is deemed acceptance of these terms and conditions.

This competition is run by Central Coast Council ('Council') ABN: 73 149 644 003 of: 2 Hely Street, Wyong NSW 2259 / 49 Mann Street, Gosford NSW 2250.

The Council reserves the right at any time to disqualify any individual who the Council reasonably believes has breached any of the terms and conditions or engaged in any unlawful or other improper conduct calculated to jeopardise the fair and proper conduct of the competition or the reputation of the Council.

Privacy Notification:

Some of the information that you are asked to provide on this form is personal information, such as your name and contact information. This information is being collected for the purpose of identification; judgement; communication in relation to; and promotion of this entry in Poetry Competition Writing Competition ('Competition') 2018.

The information will be accessible by Council staff, and other third parties who form part of the judging panel for the Competition. It is voluntary to provide personal information on this form, however if the information is not provided, Council will not accept the entry in the Competition. Applications to access or amend the personal information provided on this form may be made to Central Coast Council.

Eligibility:

1. Entry is open to: current library members and residents of the Central Coast Local Government Area.
2. Employees of Council and their immediate families are NOT eligible to enter the Competition.
3. Entrants under the age of 18 must have the written consent of their parent or legal guardian to enter. Entrants under the age of 18 are required to provide proof of consent from a parent or legal guardian by completing the Parent/Guardian consent declaration section on the entry form.
4. Entry to the competition is free.

How to enter the Competition:

5. The Poetry Writing Competition opens at 9am on Wednesday 19 September, 2018 and closes at 5pm on Wednesday 31 October, 2018.

6. Entries can be submitted:

- Via email, at poetrycompetition@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au quoting POETRY COMPETITION/[category] in the subject line
- Online, via Central Coast Council's website at www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraries
- In person, at Council's Library branches. (Library staff will scan and email the entry form and the entry separately to the above email address.)

7. Each entry submitted must have a completed registration form included.

8. All Entries must be received within the competition period as outlined above.

9. Council does not accept any responsibility for any late or lost entries, or any other entries not properly received.

10. Council has absolute discretion; and reserves all rights; to verify the validity of all entries to the Poetry Writing Competition, and to disqualify any entrant who tampers with the entry process or who submits an entry that is deemed to not be in accordance with these terms and conditions.

11. Council will not be liable for any damages or loss suffered as a result of entry to the Poetry Writing Competition.

12. Each entrant releases, and hereby indemnifies to the full extent permitted by law, Council, its employees, agents and assigns, from any and all liability which may arise from and/or all claims in connection with their entry, participation or the prize in the Poetry Writing Competition.

13. Council may cancel or vary the Competition at any time. Council will not be responsible for any loss or costs incurred by the entrant or businesses in relation to such cancellation or variation.

Entry requirements:

14. Entries must be an original poem with a "peace" theme.

15. Entries must be in the following format: Microsoft Word, PDF and typed in Arial 12 font.

16. Entries should be no longer than 50 lines in total. Entries longer than this will not be judged.

17. Entries must be the original work of the entrant.

18. Entries must not contain any name or other identifying material of an individual, without that individual's consent; and must not contain any offensive, defamatory, or discriminatory content.

19. Each entrant can submit a maximum of one entry to the Poetry Writing Competition.

20. Entries must not contain content which is: unlawful, inappropriate, constitutes harassment, defamatory, abusive, threatening, harmful, obscene, profane, sexually orientated, politically motivated, extreme views, racially offensive, demonstrating criminal behaviour, drug use, alcohol misuse, showing neglect, violence or abuse of children. Council may refer any entries containing such content and the personal information of the user connected to any such video to any law enforcement agency at its sole discretion. It is Council's absolute discretion to deem an entry unsuitable.

21. Entries must be complete and decipherable.

Photographs, video footage and licences:

22. Each entrant consents to Council taking photographs and/or video footage of the entrant for the purpose of the Poetry Writing Competition.

23. Each entrant consents, and provides an irrevocable licence, to Council using and publishing, at its discretion, their entry, including the name, and age of the entrant; and any photographs and/or video footage of the entrant for the purpose of the Poetry Writing Competition, including but not limited to:

a. Uploading of the entry on the Council's website: www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraries ("Website");

b. Promotion of the Poetry Writing Competition in the media, both print and online;

c. Display and promotion at any event associated with the Poetry Writing Competition, including the Award Evening/Ceremony/Launch; and

d. Other non-commercial activities related to the functions of Council.

24. On all the above occasions, Council will credit the entrant.

25. Entries must only contain music that you have secured rights to use when appropriate.

26. Please limit the promotion of individual businesses as a core part of the entry. Any use or reference to private businesses will in no way imply or be perceived to imply products or services from that business are superior or favoured by Council.

27. Each entrant agrees that Council will not provide any financial compensation, in relation to any use of their entry or any photographs or video footage of the entrant.
28. Each entrant declares that he/she will not seek now or at any future time any financial compensation from Council in relation to any use of this entry or any photographs or video footage of the entrant.
29. Judging of the of Poetry Writing Competition will be conducted by a panel comprised of independent, professional persons following competition closure on Wednesday 31 October, 2018.
30. Judging will be anonymous and based on a points system. The criteria against which entries will be judged, will include, but not be limited to:
- Interpretation and conveyance of the "peace" theme Creativity
 - Mood Grammar/Punctuation/spelling Language/Vocabulary Structure
 - Overall execution of the poem
31. Short-listing of entries may be undertaken dependant on entry numbers prior to final judging.
32. The decisions of the judging panel in relation to any aspect of the Poetry Competition will be final and binding upon every entrant who enters the Competition. No correspondence regarding any decision of the judging panel will be entered into.
33. The winners of the Poetry Writing Competition as determined by the judging panel will be determined by Thursday 29 November 2018 and notified in telephone and via email. Winners names will be published on Council's website and in Coast Connect and Central Coast Express Newspaper by 6 December, 2018.
34. The presentation of prizes will take place on Wednesday 20 March, 2019.
35. Winning entries will be displayed in the Central Coast Community on World Poetry Day 21 March, 2019.
36. The Poetry Writing Competition prizes are for all categories:
- 1st: \$200 Eftpos card, writing gift pack (journal and pen to the value of \$50)
 - 2nd: \$100 Eftpos card, writing gift pack (journal and pen to the value of \$50)
 - 3rd: \$50 Eftpos card, writing gift pack (journal and pen to the value of \$50)
 - Highly Commended: writing gift pack (journal and pen to the value of \$50)
 - Council makes no warranty or representation as to the condition and suitability for use of the prize.
37. Acceptance of any prize in the Poetry Writing Competition is conditional on signing of Council's release form (Attachment 2).
38. If the prize remains unclaimed for two months from the time notice is given, Council will have the right to determine another winner or not.
39. The prizes are non-transferable and not exchangeable. Prizes cannot be transferred or on sold at a premium, offered as a prize or inducement, packaged or otherwise used for advertising, promotional or other commercial purposes. (if tickets)The Promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to the bearer of any prize sold or otherwise provided or distributed in breach of this condition.

Complaints:

40. If Council receives a complaint from a person/s featured in an entry, or a complaint about the entry, Council may reject / remove the entry from the competition at its absolute discretion. No correspondence will be entered into in relation to any decision of Council in relation to the Poetry Writing Competition.

Further Information:

If you require further information please email ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au