

2016 Banjo Paterson Writing Awards



Announcing the 2016 call for entries to the Banjo Paterson Writing Awards

These awards established in 1991, aim to honour Banjo Paterson, a great Australian writer and favourite son of Orange with a competition to foster writing with Australian content.

Official entry form for:



ENTRY DETAILS

Entry Title: _____

Which category are you entering: (please tick relevant category)

- ☐ Short Story (category 1) ☐ Open Poetry (category 2) ☐ Bush Poetry (category 3)
☐ ABC Central West Radio Children's Writing Awards

If previously published, details of where and when: _____

YOUR DETAILS

Entrant's Name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

If entering the ABC Central West Radio Children's Writing Awards, write your age as at 15 April 2016: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____ (Bus.) _____ (A/H)

PAYMENT DETAILS

I have enclosed entry fee/s - \$10 per adult entry or \$5 per Children's Writing Awards entry:

TOTAL enclosed \$ _____

- ☐ Cash
☐ Cheque
☐ Money Order } (PAYABLE TO ORANGE CITY COUNCIL—Banjo Paterson Writing Awards)

OR

Please debit my credit card no:

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[] Bankcard [] Mastercard [] Visa

Expiry date:

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Authorisation signature: _____

Total amount of Debit \$ _____

I have read and understood the entry conditions for the competition. Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

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2016 BANJO PATERSON WRITING AWARDS

The aim of these awards is to honour Banjo Paterson, a great Australian writer and favourite son of Orange, with a competition to foster short story writing or poetry with Australian content.

CONDITIONS

1. The Competition will be judged to select, in the opinion of the judges, the best entries in the following categories:

- Short Story (Category 1)
- Open Poetry (Category 2)
- Bush Poetry (Category 3)
- ABC Central West Radio Children's Writing Awards

First prize will be \$1,000, second \$400 and third \$200 in each of Categories 1 and 2. The third category is bush poetry with prizes of \$500 for first, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third. Children's Writing Awards prize money is 1st prize \$200, 2nd and 3rd \$100 each.

2. Entry forms are available from:

Orange City Library, PO Box 35, ORANGE NSW 2800 or at www.cwl.nsw.gov.au
Phone (02) 6393 8120, Fax (02) 6393 8100 or email: library@orange.nsw.gov.au

*ENTRIES WILL NOT BE RETURNED THEREFORE PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ONLY SEND COPIES NOT ORIGINALS.

3. Entries close on FRIDAY 15 APRIL 2016. Entries postmarked this date will be eligible.

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Entries with entry form and fee must be received by last mail on Friday 15 April 2016.
- Entries must be the unaided work of the entrant.
- To assist with judging, name of entrant should NOT appear on actual work.
- CATEGORY 1 (SHORT STORY) MUST NOT EXCEED 3,000 WORDS. THE LENGTH OF POETRY IN CATEGORIES 2 AND 3 MUST NOT EXCEED 200 LINES.

- Entries in Categories 1 and 2 and the Children's Writing Awards do not have to be written in the same style as the work of Banjo Paterson or in 'bush' style as the awards are aimed at promoting all forms of Australian writing and all writers. The only requirement is for Australian content - be it theme or style.
- Entries previously published will be considered by the judges providing no payment was received. Please include publishing information as requested under Entry Details.
- An entry fee of \$10 must accompany each adult entry, \$5 each children's entry, along with an entry form for each piece of work. The entry forms can be photocopied.
- Entries with entry form and fee must be received by last mail on Friday 15 April 2016, addressed to Banjo Paterson Writing Awards, PO Box 194, Orange NSW 2800.
- NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED.
- All entries are to be available for reproduction or publication by Orange City Library with copyright being retained by the author.
- The winners will be notified by phone on Monday 4th July and announced at the Orange Readers and Writers Festival on 9th July and the list of winners and their winning pieces will be available at Central West Libraries website www.cwl.nsw.gov.au and the winning entry published in the Central Western Daily newspaper.
- The ABC Central West Radio Children's Writing Awards are for children aged 16 and under. The maximum number of lines of poetry is 30, excluding the title. A short story must not exceed 1,000 words. Entry fee is \$5 per entry and must be addressed to Children's Writing Awards Banjo Paterson Writing Awards, PO Box 194, Orange NSW 2800. Enquiries to Orange City Library Ph (02) 6393 8120 during business hours.

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Andrew Barton Paterson (1864 – 1941)
poet, solicitor, journalist, war correspondent
and soldier as well as a ballad writer,
horseman and bushman was born on 17
February 1864 at Narrambla near Orange,
New South Wales. His parents lived at
Buckinbah Station at Yeoval and when his
uncle died at Illalong, near Yass, the family
then relocated there to run the farm.

He trained as a solicitor but also contributed
some verse to the Sydney Bulletin under
the pseudonym of "The Banjo", taken from
the name of a horse. The works for which
Paterson became famous were mostly
written before the First World War, and
are collected in three books of poems,
The Man from Snowy River and Other
Verses (1895), Rio Grande's Last Race
and Other Verses (1902), and Saltbush Bill,
J.P. and Other Verses (1917). His prose
works include An Outback Marriage (1906),
and Three Elephant Power and Other
Stories (1917). Paterson's most famous
work is Waltzing Matilda, written in 1895,
and now an unofficial anthem of Australia.
He died in Sydney in 1941.