

# 2025 Banjo Paterson Writing Awards



**NO  
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in 2025**

## Announcing the **2025** call for entries in 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.

### ENTRY FORM

#### ENTRY DETAILS

Entry title:

Which category are you entering: (please tick)

Short Story (category 1)       Contemporary Poetry (category 2)

ABC Central West Children's Writing Awards (category 3)

If previously published, details of when and where (see entry requirements):

#### YOUR DETAILS

Entrant's name:

Address:

State:

Postcode:

Phone Numbers: (Bus):

(A/H):

Email address:

If entering the ABC Central West Children's Writing Awards, write your age as at 2 May 2025:

Parent carer contact (if under 18):

Phone:

**I have read and understood the entry terms and conditions for the competition, as stated on page 2 of this form.**

Signature:

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The supply of the information by you is voluntary. If you cannot provide, or do not wish to provide the information sought, your request may be unable to be processed.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The competition will be judged to select, in the opinion of the judges, the best entries in the following three categories:

### CATEGORY 1 - Short Story

- First Prize only - \$2,000
- Must not exceed 3,000 words

### CATEGORY 2 - Contemporary Poetry

- First Prize only - \$2,000
- Must not exceed 200 lines

### CATEGORY 3 - Children's Writing Awards (16 years and under)

- First Prize \$200, Second Prize \$100, Third Prize \$100
- Children's Short Story entries must not exceed 1,000 words, or
- Children's Poetry entries must not exceed 30 lines (excluding title)
- Please provide your age as at Friday 2 May 2025 on Entry Form
- Parent/Carer contact details must be provided for entrants under 18 years of age

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The awards are aimed at promoting Australian writing and writers. The only requirement is for Australian content

- Entries must be the unaided work of the entrant
- Entrants name must not appear anywhere on the work
- Entries do not have to be written in the same style as the work of Banjo Paterson or in 'bush' style
- Entries previously published will be considered by the judges providing no payment was received
- If previously published include publishing information (as requested under Entry Details)
- One entry form must be completed for each entry submitted
- Entry forms may be photocopied
- All entries are to be available for reproduction or publication by Orange City Library with copyright being retained by the author
- Winners will be notified by phone on Wednesday 18 June 2025 and formally announced at the Orange Readers and Writers Festival on Saturday 2 August 2025.
- The list of winners and their winning entries will be available to view on Central West Libraries website [www.cwl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cwl.nsw.gov.au), and all winning entries are recorded on [centralwestrecollect.net.au](http://centralwestrecollect.net.au)
- When submitting multiple entries, an entry form must be completed for each entry

### POSTAL ENTRIES

Postmarked prior to 5.00pm Friday 2 May 2025  
Ensure you include:

- Completed entry form
- Entry (with no identifying details)

Banjo Paterson Writing Awards  
PO Box 194  
ORANGE NSW 2800

### EMAIL ENTRIES

Must be received by 5.00pm Friday 2 May 2025  
Ensure you attach:

- Completed entry form
- Entry (with no identifying details)

Email address: [competition@cwl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:competition@cwl.nsw.gov.au)

### LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Enquiries to Orange City Library on (02) 6393 8120 during business hours

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