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Annual Margaret River Short Story Competition 2017

The Margaret River Short Story Competition is now open for entries with a closing date of 15 September 2016. The competition is open to authors of any age and nationality. Winning and short-listed stories will be published in both print and eBook format.

PRIZES

First Prize sponsored by Margaret River Press: \$500 cash prize and a \$500 contribution towards an airfare to attend the launch of the collection. In addition, the winner may take up a two-week writing residency in Margaret River at any time. Accommodation is provided at no cost, but all other expenses during this period and transportation to and from Margaret River will have to be met by the winner.

Second Prize sponsored by Margaret River Press: \$250 cash prize. In addition, the winner may take up a two-week writing residency in Margaret River at any time. Accommodation is provided at no cost, but all other expenses during this period and transportation to and from Margaret River will have to be met by the winner.

Southwest Prize sponsored by Edith Cowan University (Bunbury): \$250 cash prize. The Southwest Prize is open to residents of Bunbury to Augusta, including Dardanup, Boyanup, Donnybrook, Balingup, Greenbushes, Bridgetown, Nannup, Manjimup, Pemberton, Quinninup and Northcliffe.

All monies received from entry fees go towards fees for judges, publishing fees and administrative expenses.

ENTRY CONDITIONS

Please read the instructions carefully and avoid emailing or calling Margaret River Press. However, if you do have a query, please email: info@margaretriverpress.com

Entries open Monday 1 August and close Thursday 15 September 2016. All submissions received after the closing date must be postmarked 15 September 2016. Please send **three** (3) copies of your story to: Margaret River Press, PO Box 47, Witchcliffe WA 6286.
WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ELECTRONIC COPIES.

Entry Fee: AU\$12 per entry and AU\$10 for additional entries. Fees must be paid via direct deposit or by cheque made out to Margaret River Press. Overseas cheques will not be accepted.

An entry cover page (see details below) must accompany each story. Please **do not staple** your entry details to your story.

Entry limit: There is no entry limit but a fee per entry applies.

Theme: Open.

Word count: There is no minimum word count but a maximum word count of 3000 words applies.

Format: Page numbers must be shown on the bottom right-hand corner of each page of the story, and the title of the story is to appear on the top left-hand corner of each page. **The writer's name is not to be shown on any of the pages of the story.** Stories must be typed on A4 paper with 1.5 spacing and in 12pt Times New Roman typeface. Entrants must submit three printed copies of each story. Entries will not be returned. If your story is longlisted, you will be required to send an electronic copy.

Copyright remains with the writer. Margaret River Press has first option to print the work in a publication of selected work from the competition. Writers also consent to their work being published electronically in whole or in part by Margaret River Press. Publication may also occur in a physical display or through the local media.

Entries must be an original story by the submitting writer and **not previously published, short-listed or a prize winner in any other competition.**

Acknowledgement of receipt: Due to the large number of entries, individual entries will not be acknowledged. We provide updates of longlisting, short-listing and winners on our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter and through our newsletter). To subscribe to our newsletter, please visit our website (<http://margaretriverpress.com/>) and enter your details on the 'Join Our Newsletter' form.

Story selection: The judges' decision is final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into. Judges are not compelled to award a prize in any category.

Condition of award: A condition of entry is that the general category winner (if a resident in Australia) and the Southwest winner must be available to participate in events in the promotion of the publication.

Editing: The editor of the collection reserves the right to undertake editing of the works selected in consultation with the writer.

Withdrawal of an entry from the competition is permitted upon notification in writing to Margaret River Press. Entry fees will not be refunded.

Eligibility: Staff and representatives of Margaret River Press are not eligible to enter.

Announcement of winners: Due to the large number of entries, only short-listed writers and winners will be informed.

TIMELINE

The longlist will be completed by the end of January 2017.
The short list and winners will be selected and informed by the end of February 2017.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

There is no entry form provided but an A4 page containing the entrant's details must be sent with each entry. Please provide a **typed** sheet with the following details as set out below. Fees must be paid by direct deposit or cheque.

1. Fees

1. Direct deposit transaction receipt number
2. Date of direct deposit and name of account holder
3. **OR** 'Please find cheque attached'

2. Entry

1. Title of story
2. Word count
3. Entrant's name
4. Entrant's email contact
5. Entrant's telephone no. (mobile if available)
6. Entrant's postal address (Street or PO Box number, Postcode and State)
7. Eligibility for SW Writer Prize (please provide location)
8. Agree to receive our newsletter and other email notices: Yes/No

Declaration:

I agree to comply with the Conditions of Entry and declare this story to be my original work.

Writer's Signature _____

Date _____

Deposit details:

Account Name: Helm Wood Publishing Pty Ltd
Bank: Bank West

Branch: Perth

Account No: 4881707

BSB: 306-089

BIC/Swift Code: BKWAAU6P

Description to be used: MRSS2017 and initials of first name and surname

Cheques are to be made payable to: Margaret River Press

All entries to be mailed to: Margaret River Press, PO Box 47, Witchcliffe,
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