



2017 SOUTHERN CROSS LITERARY COMPETITION

Ballarat Writers Inc invites writers to enter the 2017 Southern Cross Literary Competition.

Opening date: Monday, 17 July 2017

Closing date: Monday, 16 October 2017

Short stories to 3000 words, open theme

First prize: AUD \$1000, 2nd prize: AUD \$400 , 3rd prize AUD \$100

Highly commended: two to be awarded from a shortlist of five

Results announced December 2017

Enter online at: www.trybooking.com/QZHE

Ballarat Writers Inc is a not-for-profit organisation, Incorporation No. A001874SK

2017 JUDGE

Maurilia Meehan is winner of The State of Victoria Short Story Award and her first novel was shortlisted for the Australian Vogel Award. Penguin Australia published her second novel, *Fury*. *Fury* was translated into German. It was shortlisted for The Age Book of the Year and the prestigious Miles Franklin Award. *The Sea People* was shortlisted for the Braille Talking Books Award. The outrageously provocative *Adultery* (Penguin) has the glory of being one of the most stolen books from libraries... a great honour bestowed on it by passionate readers. *Adultery* has been made into a screenplay, with the assistance of Film Victoria. *The Bad Seed* is an intriguing ghost story, inspired by the mists of the Daylesford region where Maurilia now lives. *Madame Bovary's Haberdashery* was published by Transit Lounge Publishing in 2013, and her new release, *5 Ways to Be Famous Now*, was out September 2016.

WINNING WRITERS AND STORIES

The winning stories will be announced and read at an award presentation in Ballarat in November 2017. The full results and judge's report will be published on the Ballarat Writers Inc website <www.ballaratwriters.com> in December 2017.



COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Competition is open to anyone over the age of 18 years as of Friday 17 July 2017
- Entries must be the original work of the applicant
- Entries must not have been published elsewhere, broadcast, or won a prize in any competition
- Entry fee is AUD\$20.00 per story (\$17.00 for financial members of Ballarat Writers Inc)
- Applicants may submit up to three entries, each at the specified entry fee
- The entry fee is payable online by credit/debit card before midnight on the closing date – refer to submission instructions below
- Entries must be emailed to the email address below before midnight on the closing date – refer to submission instructions below
- Postal entries must be postmarked on or before the closing date
- All entries to be in English, double-spaced and using a standard 12 pt font such as Times New Roman
- Applicant's name must not appear on the story
- Fees will not be refunded
- No corrections will be accepted or correspondence entered into
- Results will be announced on the website: <www.ballaratwriters.com> in December
- Copyright remains with the author
- The judge's decision is final

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. The 2017 submission process has **two parts**:
 - a. **PAY** the entry fee **online** by credit card through Trybooking. A booking fee of 30 cents applies to each entry. See below for the payment website.
 - b. **EMAIL** your story to the email address below. Save your story as a PDF file, and then attach it to your email. In the subject title, put 'Southern Cross Competition 2017'. In the body of the email, include your full name, the title of the story and the word count. The email address by which you submit your entry will be the email address we use to contact you if necessary.
2. **Both parts** above must be completed before midnight on the closing date, Friday 16 October 2017.
3. **Postal entries** must include your story/ies, an entry form for each story and payment (cheque or money order) and postmarked on or before the closing date.

Submission to:

PAY fee online at: www.trybooking.com/QZHE

EMAIL story to: competitions@ballaratwriters.com

Send postal entries to **PO Box 2738 BAKERY HILL VIC 3354**

Queries:

Email: competitions@ballaratwriters.com

Competition website: www.ballaratwriters.com