



CAL Waverley Library Award for Literature

2009

'The Nib': CAL Waverley Library Award for Literature is organised by Waverley Council through Waverley Library, with the Copyright Agency Limited's Cultural Fund as the major sponsor.

The Friends of Waverley Library also lends its support to the Award, which recognises the most outstanding works by Australian writers, submitted for the Award each year. Award criteria are contained in the Guidelines.

Now in its eighth year, this major Award, open to any Australian Citizen, or permanent resident of Australia, offers a winner's prize of \$20,000.

The winning author will also be presented with "The Nib", a specially commissioned statuette commemorating each year's event.

Additionally, each of the short-listed authors will receive the Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize.

www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/library/award





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Guidelines

The Award will be presented to a writer for a published work that, in the opinion of the judges, is the most outstanding of those nominated.

The Award will be presented for excellence in research in the creation of a literary work of merit, first published between 1st July 2008 and 30th June 2009. Factors examined by the judges will also include readability, innovation, knowledge, literary merit and value to the community.

All kinds of fiction and non-fiction are eligible.

Authors, whose works are nominated, must be Australian citizens or legal permanent residents of Australia and must be living at the time of entry.

If an author dies or ceases to hold Australian citizenship or permanent resident status, after his or her work has been nominated, the judges will not consider that work for the Award. Should the author of the work chosen for the Award die, before the Award is presented, the prize money will be paid to the author's estate.

All works submitted must be in the English language.

Books that are the collaborative effort of not more than two authors, jointly responsible for the entire text, may be nominated. Other works of multiple authorship will not be considered.

The nominated work must be the original work of the author.

New work only may be nominated and a book will not be eligible if a significant proportion has previously been published in book form.

Works may not be entered in the name of a committee, or organisation. There is no limit to the number of titles that may be entered by a nominator, or to those that may be the work of the same author, provided that all other requirements are met.

Employees of Waverley Council, Copyright Agency Limited and members of the Award Committee are ineligible to enter.

People or organisations nominating works on behalf of an author are deemed to be nominating with the author's consent. It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure and to demonstrate that the author's consent is obtained before nominating the work.

All nominations must be made on the official entry form, which should be submitted with five copies of the nominated book and a fee of \$55 per entry (including GST). A separate form must be completed for each nomination.

Works originally published in electronic or digital format are eligible, provided three copies are submitted in hard (printed) copy to facilitate the judging process, and satisfy all other requirements.

A brief summary of all research undertaken by the relevant author(s) in relation to those books short-listed will be required and must be submitted as will later be notified.

Clear photocopies of the nomination form are acceptable.

Nominations as prescribed must be received by the Project Officer by Friday, 10th July 2009. Any received after that date will not be eligible for consideration.

The Award Committee will advise authors and nominators of receipt of nominations within three weeks.

One copy of the prize-winning entry will be retained as part record of the Award's history. All other copies of books submitted will become the property of Waverley Library, for retention, or disposal to other libraries or charities, or in any other way it may determine.

Entry fees will be applied towards offsetting some part of the associated costs of administration and, especially, judges' honoraria.

Any breach of the conditions of entry will render an entry invalid.

In all matters relating to conditions of entry the decision of the Award Committee is final.

Nominated works will be judged by an independent panel of three, selected from the general literary community. The judges may determine that an award not be made if the nominated works are not considered to be of sufficient merit.

The judges may divide the Award between a number of applicants, if the judges so wish.

In all matters relating to the judging of the Award the decision of the judges is final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into concerning this decision.

A shortlist of no more than six books, from which the winner of the Award will be chosen, will be released at least three weeks before the date of the Award winning announcement. In association with this, each of the short-listed authors, or their representatives, will be presented with the Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize at a public function to be held in late October / early November.

The winner will be announced and the Award presented at a public function to be held in November 2009. The precise date will be published and the winner notified of the result in advance of that date. It is regretted that no advice will be sent concerning unsuccessful nominations.

The Award Committee reserves the right to invite the winner of the Award, or a suitable proxy approved by the Committee, to deliver a talk pertinent to the subject of his/her book, or to the problems of writing in its genre. This talk may be at Waverley Library, or at a place to be determined by the Committee.

In all cases not covered by these conditions and guidelines, or where there may be scope for interpretation, advice should be sought from the Award Committee.

Enquiries and requests for nomination forms should be addressed to:

*The Project Officer
'The Nib': CAL Waverley Library Award for Literature 2009
C/- Waverley Library
The Ron Lander Centre
32 - 48 Denison Street
Bondi Junction NSW 2022*

*Telephone: (02) 9386 7709
Facsimile: (02) 9386 7700
Email: library_enquiries@waverley.nsw.gov.au*

Please note that a list of all eligible works entered for the Award will be made available and, subsidiary to the major Award, may be used in conjunction with a Library Reading Program or related activity.



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NOMINATION FORM

This form should be completed in accordance with the guidelines and returned by Friday, 10th July 2009 to The Literary Award Committee, The Ron Lander Centre, 32-48 Denison Street, Bondi Junction, NSW 2022.

Please note:

- In order to be eligible, nominations must comply in all respects with the guidelines.
- Only works published between 1st July 2008 and 30th June 2009 may be entered.
- Employees of Waverley Council, Copyright Agency Limited and members of the Award Committee are ineligible to enter.
- A separate form must be completed for each work nominated.
- Five copies of each nominated work (or three printed copies in the case of electronic/digital format) should be submitted, together with the required fee of \$55 (including GST).

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Title of the nominated work

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Publication date (month and year)

Author Details

Name: Title (Ms, Mr, Dr, etc)

First name:

Family name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident (Please tick)

Joint Author Details (if applicable)

Name: Title (Ms, Mr, Dr, etc)

First name:

Family name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident (Please tick)



Details of Nominator (if different from previous page)

Name: Title (Ms, Mr, Dr, etc.)

First name:

Family name:

Organisation (if applicable):

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Address:

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Telephone: (Bus.) (Home)

Email:

Fax:

Declaration:

I, (the author/ an authorised representative of the publisher of the work nominated above/ other agent acting on behalf of the author)*, having read the guidelines relating to 'The Nib': CAL Waverley Library Award for Literature 2009, hereby nominate this work for the judges' consideration and agree to accept their decision as final.

(* Please delete whichever is not applicable).

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Please note: Entry fee should be attached in accordance with the guidelines.
Cheque should be payable to Waverley Library.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS IS FRIDAY, 10th JULY, 2009