

## Award Guidelines 2020

The Nib Waverley Library Award for literature was established in 2002 to recognise excellence in research in the creation of a literary work. The award was named the Mark and Evette Moran Nib Literary Award in 2017 and is administered and presented annually by Waverley Council with the support of principal sponsors Mark and Evette Moran, and the generous assistance of community partners Gertrude and Alice Bookstore Cafe.

The award acknowledges works demonstrating a high level of literary merit, readability and value to the community. Nominations may be made in respect of all Australian writers, subject to these guidelines.

In 2020 the award program is made up of a suite of eight prizes, awarded across three categories:

- Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award - \$20,000
- Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize (6 prizes) - \$1,000 each
- People's Choice Prize - \$1,000

The total prize money in 2020 is \$27,000

These guidelines set out the rules of the award program and the terms and conditions on which all nominations are made. You are deemed to have read and agreed to these guidelines by making a nomination.

Further information, including the online nomination form, can be found at:

[www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib2020](http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib2020)

**Nominated books should be forwarded from 1 June 2020 to the following location:**

Mark and Evette Moran Nib Literary Award

C/- Waverley Council

55 Spring St

Bondi Junction NSW 2022

Email: [nibaward@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nibaward@waverley.nsw.gov.au)

Enquires should be directed to the Nib Award Producer

**NOMINATIONS OPEN Monday 25 MAY 2020 AT 9AM and  
CLOSE MONDAY 22 JUNE 2020 AT 23.59PM**

**1 Eligible works**

- a) All kinds of fiction and non-fiction are eligible.
- b) All works submitted must be in English.
- c) Books that are the collaborative effort of not more than two authors, jointly responsible for the entire text, may be nominated. Works of multiple authorship will not be considered.
- d) The nominated work must be the original work of the author/s.
- e) Only new work may be nominated and a book will not be eligible if a significant proportion has previously been published.
- f) Works originally published in digital format are eligible, provided three copies are submitted in hard (printed) copy to facilitate the judging process, and they satisfy all other requirements.
- g) Works published between **1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 are eligible** to enter the 2020 program.

**2 Eligible authors**

- a) Authors whose works are nominated must be Australian Citizens or legal Permanent Residents of Australia.
- b) Authors must be living at the time of entry.
- c) 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.
- d) Authors who are employees of Waverley Council or a sponsor or partner organisation, or a member of the Nib Advisory Group\* or the Friends of Waverley Library Committee are not eligible to be nominated.

**3 Nominations**

- a) In all matters relating to conditions of nomination, the decision of the Nib Advisory Group\* is final, and, any breach of these guidelines may render a nomination invalid.

\*The Nib Advisory Group (NAG) is a consultative panel of representatives from the

publishing and literary fields and includes key program stakeholders including Waverley Council Staff, Award Judges, sponsors and community representatives.

- b) Nominations must be received by Monday 22 June 2020. Any received after that date may not be eligible for consideration. It is the responsibility of the nominator to confirm their nomination has been received by the submission deadline.
- c) Anyone nominating works on behalf of an author is deemed to be doing so with the author's consent. It is the responsibility of the nominator to obtain and be able to demonstrate the author's consent before nominating the work.
- d) An Australian residential address must be supplied for each nominated author.
- e) All nominations must be made through the official online entry form available at [waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib). Nominators who are unable to access this form online should email [nibaward@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nibaward@waverley.nsw.gov.au) for a hard copy form.
- f) For a nomination to be considered, the following items must be received in full by Monday 22 June 2020:
  - i) **A fully completed nomination form entered online (or via hard copy by arrangement) for each nomination.**

This includes the submission of an extract (in PDF format) of no more than 500 words from the book and/or a publisher's blurb for promotional purposes. At least one of these documents must be uploaded to complete this nomination. Any extract provided is for promotional use and is not considered in relation to the overall judging process.
  - ii) **An entry fee of \$60 (including GST) per nomination.**

Due to temporary Waverley Council office closures, in light of the current Covid-19 government guidelines, payment of nomination fees will only be accepted via credit card payment. Within 48 hours of receiving a completed online submission, award organisers will contact the relevant nominator via email with further instruction on how to finalise entry fee payment.
  - iii) **Five copies of each nominated work (or three printed copies in the case of electronic/digital only format)**
- g) Works must be nominated by a person and may not be submitted in the name of a committee or organisation.
- h) There is no limit to the number of works that may be entered by a nominator, or that may be the work of the same author, provided that all other requirements are met.
- i) Confirmation of receipt of nominations will be given within three weeks.
- j) All copies of books submitted become the property of Waverley Council on submission. At least one copy of each submitted book will be entered into the Waverley Library collection and made publicly available. Other copies will be distributed between judges. Following the

judging process, surplus books may be retained by Waverley Council, donated to other libraries or charities, or otherwise divested in any way it may determine.

- k) Entry fees will be applied towards offsetting some part of the associated costs of administration and judges' honoraria.

#### **4 The judging process**

- a) Nominated works will be judged by an independent panel of three or more judges. The judges are selected by Waverley Council staff with guidance from the Nib Advisory Group.
- b) All nominations are assessed against the criteria of:
  - i) excellence in literary research;
  - ii) readability;
  - iii) literary merit and
  - iv) value to the community.
- c) In all matters relating to judging the judges' decision is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.
- d) The judges may determine that an award or prize not be made if the nominated works are not considered to be of sufficient merit, and the judges may divide any of the prizes between a number of nominations if they believe this is warranted.
- e) Nominations may be eligible for the following awards/prizes as determined by the judges:

##### **1) Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize**

The Judges will award this prize to no more than six nominated works which they deem to be the most outstanding of all nominations, with reference to the judging criteria.

Recipients of this prize will form the major award shortlist and each finalist will be eligible to win the Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award and/or the People's Choice Prize.

A brief summary of all research undertaken by the relevant author(s) in relation to short-listed works is required, and must be submitted within 10 days of notification of being shortlisted.

***Each recipient of the Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize will receive \$1,000 (+ GST) and a framed certificate.***

##### **2) The Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award**

The winner of this award will be determined by the judges from the announced finalists, recipients of the Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize.

***The winner of the award will receive \$20,000 (+ GST) and a specially commissioned statuette.***

### **3) People's Choice Prize**

This prize will be given to the finalist who is selected as most deserving by a public vote. Full terms and conditions for this the public voting process can be found at [waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib).

***The winner of the People's Choice Prize will receive \$1,000 (+ GST) and a framed certificate.***

## **5 General**

- a) All winners across all categories, including the major award will be publicly announced and prizes awarded at a function to be held in Sydney on Thursday 12 November 2020.  
(Please note: In light of the rapidly changing Covid-19 situation, this announcement may be delivered digitally from an alternate location. To ensure adherence to the most current government advice, final arrangements for the public announcement of winners and awarding of prizes will be announced via the Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award webpage and eNewsletter in November.)
- b) Due to the volume of nominations received it is not possible to personally notify unsuccessful nominations or provide personalised feedback or comments from judges.
- c) The Nib Advisory Group or Waverley Council representatives may invite any shortlisted or winning author to participate in literary discussions and events, and sign copies of their books.
- d) Nominators of shortlisted titles will be contacted by phone or email by the end of August 2020.
- e) In all cases not covered by these guidelines, or where there may be scope for interpretation, advice should be sought from the Nib Advisory Group with requests made via the Nib Award Producer.
- f) A list of all eligible works nominated for the award may be made available publicly in support of the Mark & Evette Moran Nib Award by Waverley Council, Waverley Library or Nib Award associated partner.

## **6 Promotion of the award**

- a) The publisher and author of any nominated title agree to work in collaboration with Waverley Council to undertake a mutually acceptable program of activities to promote the award program including:
  - i) Supplying biographical and bibliographical information included text extracts of up to 200 words, hi-res jacket and cover images, author photographs and any additional material (trailers, audio extracts, etc) that will help promote the award program.

- ii) Using best endeavours to facilitate recorded interviews and other public activities with authors to be used by the Nib Award Producer across multimedia platforms to promote the Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award.
  - ii) Publishers and Authors are also requested to use all available means, including stickers and social media posts to promote the shortlisted and winning works. Design work for a sticker can be provided by Waverley Council after the announcement of the winners.
- b) Nominated authors agree to their photograph being taken on behalf of Waverley Council and authorise use of such photos or that of any alternate supplied image of themselves in Waverley Council publications, on its website [waverley.nsw.gov.au](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au)), in advertising and other promotional material (i.e. brochures, annual reporting documents, Council's social media platforms). Nominated authors also authorise Waverley Council to share these images with relevant third party Nib Award sponsors, partners and the media, as they see fit; for use in general promotion of the award and publication by these third parties.