

# NEWC

New England Writers' Centre

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From deep inside legendary bushranger territory, the New England Writers' Centre is urging you to stand and deliver your writing! In 2017, NEWC has six prizes on offer for crime writers, including a prize for Emerging Writers who have not yet been published.

All genres of crime writing are eligible, from hard-boiled to comic, paranormal to rural, noir to cosy. Entries welcome from anywhere in Australia.



### The New England Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Fiction

First Prize: \$500

For a story up to 2,500 words

*Sponsored by The School of Arts, University of New England*

### The New England Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Non-fiction

First Prize: \$500

For an article up to 2,500 words

*Sponsor to be announced shortly*

### The New England Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Poetry

First Prize: \$500

For a poem up to 60 lines

*Jointly sponsored by the New England Writers' Centre and another sponsor to be announced shortly*

### The New England Award

\$250 for the best entry in any category by a resident of New England

*Sponsored by Reader's Companion Bookshop, Armidale*

### Emerging Authors Award

\$250 for the best entry in any category by a new, unpublished writer (over 18)

*Sponsored by Friends of Tamworth Libraries*

### Youth Award

\$150 for the best entry in any category by writers aged under 18.

*Sponsored by Christmas Press and Little Pink Dog Books*

## reader's companion



Post and Email entries accepted:

New England Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Writing  
New England Writers' Centre  
PO Box 1219, Armidale, NSW, 2350  
or Email to :  
newcompetitions@gmail.com

# ENTRY FORM

Entries are now open. Entries close September 21, 2017. Results announced November 16 2017.

Name of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of New England (to be eligible for \$300 NE Award)  Yes  No

Unpublished writer \*(to be eligible for \$200 Emerging Authors Award, see condition 3 below)  Yes  No

If Youth (under 18) please state age here:

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Fiction  Non-Fiction  Poetry

Length: \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 Entry fee submitted as:

Money Order  Cheque (payable to New England Writers' Centre)  In person at the NEWC

Trybooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/LVJN>) Date of payment or receipt number: \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Deposit : Deposit directly into our account: New England Writers' Centre, BSB: 932000

Account No: 618658. Please make sure you include your name and NET prize as reference when you make an online deposit.

## Terms and conditions of entry:

1. Entry is open to all Australian residents.
2. All works submitted must be unpublished commercially, whether in print or online, must not be on offer to any outlet or have won a prize or be currently entered in any other competition, and must be wholly the original work of the entrant. It is however permitted for work to have been published non-commercially on a blog or website.
3. \*An unpublished writer means not having had any of your work previously published in traditional form in a commercially produced book or anthology, or more than twice in commercial magazines, whether in print form or online. You may have had work self-published or in free online journals.
4. A completed entry form and entry fee must be submitted with each entry.
5. As judging will be carried out anonymously, the author's name or other identifiers should not appear anywhere on the work itself. The title on the work must be identical to the title on the entry form.
6. Postal Entries: Two copies of entries to be provided. Entries to be printed, double-spaced, on one side of the paper only, on plain white copy paper. Pages should be numbered and the title should appear on every page.
7. Manuscripts will not be returned, so please do not send your only copies.
8. Receipt of entries will be acknowledged by email after the closing date for the competition. This will serve as an official receipt of the entry fee. No other receipt will be issued. Entry fees are non-refundable.
9. Entry instructions including word and line limits and details of prizes form part of these terms and conditions.
10. Winning entries may be published on the website of The Armidale Express, which will have first publication rights. Winning entries will also be published on the NEWC website. All copyright remains with authors.
11. Four judges will be appointed. The decisions of the judges will be final and no correspondence entered into.
12. Winners will be notified in early November 2017, and results announced on the NEWC website on November 16th.

I have read the terms and conditions of entry and agree to abide by them:

Entrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If under 18, a parent or guardian or teacher should counter-sign)