

# Thunderbolt Prize

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## For Crime Writing

From deep inside legendary bushranger territory, the New England Writers' Centre is urging you to stand and deliver your writing! In 2020, NEWC has six prizes on offer for crime writers. 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 of up to 2,500 words.

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### **The New England Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Non-Fiction**

First Prize: \$500

For an article of up to 2,500 words.

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### **The New England Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Poetry**

First Prize: \$500

for a poem of up to 60 lines.

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### **The New England Award**

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

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### **The Emerging Authors Award**

\$250, for the best entry in any category from new, unpublished  
writers only (over 18).

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### **The Youth Award**

\$150, for writers under 18,

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# ENTRY FORM

**Entries open May 4 . Entries close July 31, 2020.** Results announced early October 2020.

All entries must be emailed to **nethunderboltprize@gmail.com**. **All entries must be received by 11:59pm AEST, on the 31st of July, 2020. No hardcopy submissions will be accepted this year.**

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

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

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

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

Resident of New England (to be eligible for \$250 NE Award)      Yes      No

Unpublished writer \*(to be eligible for \$250 Emerging Authors Award, see condition 3 below)      Yes      No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 (adult) or \$5 (Youth) Entry fee submitted as:

Money Order      Cheque (payable to New England Writers' Centre)

Trybooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BJMNM>) 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 entries 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. Entries must be emailed and received by 11:59pm (AEST) on the 31st of July, 2020. No hard copy submissions will be accepted.
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 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 will be entered into.
12. Winners will be notified early October, and results announced on the NEWC website at the end of October.

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)