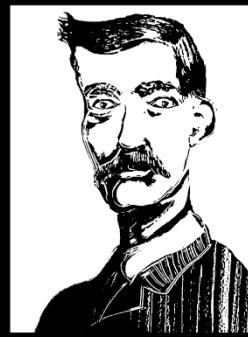


Furphy

Literary Award



OPEN SHORT STORY COMPETITION

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- **Theme:** Australian Life In All Its Diversity.
- **Length:** Not more than 5,000 words
- **Reward:** Prize Money: 1st Prize – \$15,000 and La Trobe University Shepparton Residency (subject to availability), 2nd Prize – \$3,000, 3rd Prize – \$2,000
- **All prizes:** Publication of selected works in an annual publication
- **Registration opens:** February 1st, 2026
- **Closing date for entries:** April 30th, 2026

1. Entrants must be 18 years or more at the closing date of the competition.
2. Authors must be Australian citizens (anywhere in the world) or current Australian residents.
3. All works must be in English, typed in 12-point sized font, 1.5 spaced using Times New Roman, Arial or Calibri (or similar plain font).
4. Entries must be original work and the author's own work and **must not have been generated in any way by an Artificial Intelligence (AI) program.**
5. There is a limit of two entries per person (including anyone writing under a pseudonym).
6. Any entries submitted for this competition should not simultaneously be entered or under consideration for any other competition or award.
7. Entries must not have won a previous award or competition.
8. Entries must be unpublished at the time of submission and remain unpublished until after the winner is notified at the awards ceremony at the end of July 2026. Publication includes in print or any type of online publication.
9. Entries are submitted unencumbered/unrestricted, with full first publication rights available to the Furphy Literary Award and/or nominated publisher. Copyright remains with the author.
10. Any entry may be published by a Furphy Literary Award authorised publisher with current payment for inclusion in a Furphy Literary Award anthology being a one-off payment of \$250.00.
11. The author's name, biography and image may be used in marketing and publicity materials associated with the Furphy Literary Award, and the author will be expected to participate in media interviews, speaking engagements and publicity as required.
12. To preserve anonymity and the 'blind' judging process, uploaded manuscripts must only contain the title and text of the entry/story - any other personal identification (e.g. the author's name) relating to the entrant must not appear on the manuscript including in the header or footer. The author's name must not appear in the digital file. The filename of the entry being uploaded to Submittable must be the name/title of the entry/story.
13. In all matters relating to conditions of entry, the decision of the organisers / Furphy Literary Award is final. In all matters relating to judging of the Furphy Literary Award, the decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
14. The judges will not be required to make an award if they do not consider the entries to be of sufficient standard.
15. Any entries that are considered by the Furphy Literary Award - in its absolute discretion - to be of an offensive nature, will be rejected.
16. Longlisted and Shortlisted writers will be notified.
17. Writing may be works of fiction or narrative non-fiction.
18. Length: Not more than 5,000 words.
19. Theme: Australian Life In All Its Diversity
20. Closing date for entries: Entries must be uploaded or as otherwise directed by 11:59pm, Thursday 30th April 2026 via the following link – www.furphyliteraryaward.com.au
21. All entries must follow the online registration and submission process.
22. The winner of the 2026 Furphy Literary Award will be announced in July 2026 and published on www.furphyliteraryaward.com.au