

# *Coal Creek Literary Festival*

Writing Competitions for 2019

## **ENTRY FORM**

**Bert van Bedaf Memorial Short Story - \$500 prize plus trophy**

**Open Poetry - \$200 prize**

**Entries Close Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2019**

(Late entries will not be accepted)

### **Personal Details:**

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone Number:.....

Email Address:.....

### **I enclose the following submissions: Please tick relevant category**

Title and Category:	Story	Poem
1. ....	[ ]	[ ]
2. ....	[ ]	[ ]
3. ....	[ ]	[ ]
4. ....	[ ]	[ ]

(Continue on separate sheet if required)

**Entry Fee** Short Story - \$15 per submission, Poetry - \$10 per submission

### **Payment Details (Please tick selected option)**

[ ] I have enclosed a cheque/money order made payable to Coal Creek Community Park and Museum for the amount of \$ \_ \_ \_ . 00

[ ] I will pay via EFT the amount of \$ \_ \_ \_ .00 over the phone. - Call Coal Creek Community Park and Museum on 5655 1811

[ ] I will pay via PayPal – Link for payment is on webpage

Please identify your payment using the following format:

[Last Name\_First Name – LIT FES]

# **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

## **Entries which do not conform to the following rules will not be accepted**

1. Submissions must be in English and be the original work of entrants. The author must be living. No alterations can be made to a submission once received.
2. Submissions must be unpublished (excluding personal blogs or websites), must not have won any other competition, and must not be under consideration by any publisher, literary journal or for any other prize for the duration of the competition.
3. Entrants' names must not appear on any page of the work, but only on the entry form.
4. Each submission must be accompanied by an entry form and entry fee.
  - (a) The form must be complete.
  - (b) Multiple submissions are permitted.
  - (c) Separate entry forms are not required for each entry.
  - (d) The entry fee should accurately reflect the number of submissions.
  - (e) Submissions may be paid for with one of the following - cheque, money order or EFT, or by credit card.
  - (f) As entries will not be returned, entrants should keep a copy of their work.
5. Entrants must sign the declaration on the entry form to be eligible.
6. Submissions must be typed on A4 pages.
  - (a) Pages should be numbered and the title of the submission should appear on each page.
  - (b) Hard copies should be printed single side only.
  - (c) Submissions may be made electronically and emailed to [coalcreekliteraryfestival@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:coalcreekliteraryfestival@southgippsland.vic.gov.au) or mailed to Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, PO BOX 193, Korumburra VIC 3950
7. Entries must have no additional decoration, borders, frames or illustrations.
8. Submissions must comply with their nominated category guidelines, including word count (a maximum of 500 words or 20 lines of poetry).
9. Coal Creek Literary Festival committee members and writers who are presenters or judges at this year's festival, are not eligible to enter these competitions.

10. Submissions must be postmarked on or before the closing date, and be complete with entry form and correct copies of submission(s) and entry fee.

11. Any submission for which the fee has not been received by close of business on the closing date, or is incomplete, will be ineligible for entry.

12. If entrants withdraw their submission, the entry fee will not be refunded.

13. Copyright will remain with the author.

Coal Creek Literary Festival reserves the right to quote extracts from submissions, but not to exceed “fair dealing” provisions of the Copyright Act, in order to promote the Coal Creek Literary Festival. This is separate from the licence entrants grant to Coal Creek Literary Festival to reproduce short and long listed submissions in full subsequently.

14. The judge’s decision will be final and no correspondence about the result will be entered into.

15. There will be no feedback from Judges.

16. Prize winners will be announced at 12 noon at the Literary Festival on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2019.

17. Winners ONLY will be notified by telephone.

18. The winning entries in the short story and poetry competitions will be published in The Great Southern Star Newspaper.

**Bert van Bedaf Memorial Short Story Prize:**

Stories must be fictional, no more than 500 words.

Times Roman Font, Size 12, double spaced in Word Document format, or PDF

**Open Poetry Prize:**

Free or rhyming verse, no more than 20 lines.

Times Roman Font, Size 12, double spaced in Word Document format, or PDF

A collection of entries will be compiled and will be available for sale on the day of the festival, and afterwards through Coal Creek. Funds raised from the sale of the collection will be used to cover festival costs.

The publication will represent the original documents handed in. No corrections will be made to the documents for publication.

**Please tick box if you do not wish to have your work published in this collection**

## **Tips from the Judge**

- Short stories are assessed on many grounds including originality, structure, conclusion and character creation, use of language, entertainment, readability, grammar/spelling, social/moral issues, and educative/inspirational value.
- Stories are not expected to score highly on every criteria, in fact this may not be possible, but winning stories tend to score well across most criteria. Hence a comedic piece may score very well on entertainment, but a tragic story may score more highly on educative/inspirational value, while a descriptive story may score best on the use of language.
- All writers should re-read their work carefully for spelling, grammar and typos, because submissions need to be ready for publication.
- If a writer is not sure about spelling or any other aspect of their story, ask a friend to read it and comment – you don't have to change a thing, but new eyes see different things.
- Judges will not be giving any feedback on entries.

### **I have read and understood conditions of entry:**

Entrant's Signature:.....Date:.....

Return to [coalcreekliteraryfestival@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:coalcreekliteraryfestival@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

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