

## 2018 Joseph Furphy Commemorative Literary Prize

Calling all poets and story writers! Entries are invited to the 2018 Joseph Furphy Commemorative Literary Prize.

Now in its twenty-sixth year, the Literary Prize was inaugurated in 1993 to commemorate 150 years since the birth of Joseph Furphy. Under the pen name of Tom Collins, Joseph Furphy wrote a number of books and articles. His best known work is *Such is Life*. The Furphy Foundry Pty Ltd generously donates the prize money for this annual writing competition.

Poetry entries may be on any subject and in any style and will be judged in two sections. The Youth Section is for entrants up to 18 years of age and carries a prize of \$75 for a poem of up to 30 Lines. The Open Section carries a prize of \$150 for a poem up to 40 Lines. Robyn Black is the Judge for the Open Poetry section. Robyn is a poet, the President of the Goulburn Valley Writers' Group Inc., and a former editor of Tamba Magazine. David Kelly is the Judge for the Youth Poetry section. David is a poet and a former Organiser with the Poets' Union Inc.

Entries for the Short Story Competition will be judged in three sections.

The Junior Section caters for entrants up to 12 years of age and carries a prize of \$50 for a story of up to 2,000 words. The Youth Section, for entrants 13 to 18 years of age, carries a prize of \$100 for a story of up to 3,000 words. The Open Section carries a prize of \$300 for a short story with a maximum word limit of 3,500 words.

The Judges for the Short Story Competition are John Lewis (Open Section), Pauline Roberts (Youth Section) and Suellen Drysdale (Junior Section). John is the Chief of Staff and a columnist for the Shepparton News, Pauline is the winner of the Kingston Artz Blitz 2015 Creative Writing Prize, and Suellen is a children's author and Vice-President of the Goulburn Valley Writers' Group Inc.

Please find attached an entry form which may be photocopied as needed. Additional entry forms are available from all branches of the Goulburn Valley Libraries, or may be downloaded from our website: [www.gvlibraries.com.au](http://www.gvlibraries.com.au)

**Entries for the competition close on 19 October 2018.**

For further information please contact the event organiser, Jan Sutton, at Goulburn Valley Libraries, Administration on 1300 374 765.

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