

The Nib: Waverley Library Award for Literature 2016

The Nib: Waverley Library Award for Literature is organised by Waverley Council through Waverley Library, with generous support from the Friends of Waverley Library and other partners.

The Award recognises, in accordance with criteria contained in the Guidelines, the most outstanding works submitted annually by Australian writers.

Works originally published in print or digital format may be nominated.

Now in its 15th year, The Nib Award is open to any Australian citizen, or permanent resident of Australia, and offers a major winner's prize of \$20,000.

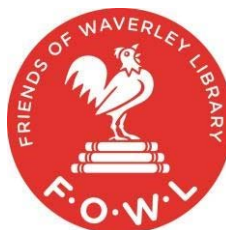
The winning author will also be presented with *The Nib*, a specially commissioned statuette commemorating each year's event.

Each of the shortlisted authors will receive the Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize (\$1,000)

A People's Choice Prize (\$1,000) based on the shortlisted authors, sponsored by Mark Moran Vaucluse, will be awarded.

A Military History Literary Prize (\$3,000), sponsored by Club Bondi Junction RSL Sub-Branch, North Bondi RSL Sub-Branch, and Rose Bay RSL Sub-Branch, will be awarded.

waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib





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Guidelines

The Nib Award will be presented to a writer for a published work that, in the opinion of the judges, is the most outstanding of those nominated.

The Award will be presented for excellence in research in the creation of a literary work of merit, first published between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016. Other factors considered by the judges include readability, literary merit and value to the community.

All kinds of fiction and non-fiction are eligible.

Authors, whose works are nominated, must be Australian citizens or legal permanent residents of Australia and must be living at the time of entry.

If an author dies or ceases to hold Australian citizenship or permanent resident status, after his or her work has been nominated, the judges will not consider that work for the Award.

All works submitted must be in the English language.

Books that are the collaborative effort of not more than two authors, jointly responsible for the entire text, may be nominated. Other works of multiple authorship will not be considered.

The nominated work must be the original work of the author.

New work only may be nominated and a book will not be eligible if a significant proportion has previously been published.

Works may not be entered in the name of a committee, or organisation. There is no limit to the number of titles that may be entered by a nominator, or to those that may be the work of the same author, provided that all other requirements are met.

Employees of Waverley Council, all sponsor organisations, members of the Award Committee and Friends of Waverley Library Committee are ineligible to enter.

People or organisations nominating works on behalf of an author are deemed to be nominating with the author's consent. It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure and to demonstrate that the author's consent is obtained before nominating the work.

All nominations must be made on the official entry form, which should be submitted with five copies of the nominated book and a fee of \$60 per entry (including GST). A separate form must be completed for each nomination.

Works originally published in digital format are eligible, provided three copies are submitted in hard (printed) copy to facilitate the judging process, and satisfy all other requirements.

A brief summary of all research undertaken by the relevant author(s) in relation to those books short-listed will be required, and must be submitted when requested.

Photocopies of the nomination form are acceptable.

Nominations as prescribed must be received by the Project Officer by Friday 15 July 2016. Any received after that date will not be eligible for consideration.

The Award Committee will advise authors and nominators of receipt of nominations within three weeks.

One copy of the winning entry will be retained as part record of the Award's history. All other copies of books submitted will become the property of Waverley Library, for retention, or disposal to other libraries or charities, or in any other way it may determine.

Entry fees will be applied towards offsetting some part of the associated costs of administration and judges' honoraria.

Any breach of the conditions of entry will render an entry invalid.

In all matters relating to conditions of entry the decision of the Award Committee is final.

Nominated works will be judged by an independent panel of three, selected from the literary community. The judges may determine that an award not be made if the nominated works are not considered to be of sufficient merit.

The judges may divide the Award between a number of applicants, if the judges so wish.

In all matters relating to the judging of the Award the decision of the judges is final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into concerning this decision. A shortlist of no more than six books, from which the winner of the Award will be chosen, will be released at least three weeks before the date of the Award winning announcement. In association with this, each of the shortlisted authors, or their representatives, will be presented with the Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize.

The shortlisted authors will also form the basis for a People's Choice Prize.

In addition to The Nib Award Winner, People's Choice Prize Winner and Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize Winners, a special Military History Literary Prize will also be awarded. All books submitted for The Nib will be eligible and no additional nomination requirement, over and above that required for The Nib generally, is necessary.

The Military History Literary Prize is offered, in association with WWI commemorations, for a work which illustrates the service and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and

women, families or the broader home front, during or in relation to **any** theatre(s) of war. Books may be written from a military, social or cultural perspective. All nominations in the running for this prize will also be assessed against the award criteria of excellence in literary research, readability, literary merit and value to the community. All other aspects of the Award Guidelines apply.

The winners of The Nib Award, People's Choice Prize and Military History Literary Prize will be announced in November, with all prizes presented at a public function to be held in late November 2016. It is regretted that no advice will be sent concerning unsuccessful nominations.

The Award Committee reserves the right to invite the winners of The Nib Award and Military History Literary Prize, or a suitable proxy approved by the Committee, to each deliver a talk pertinent to the respective subject of their book, or to the challenges of writing in their genre. These talks may be at Waverley Library, or at a place to be determined by the Committee.

The Award Committee may also call upon, by invitation, other shortlisted authors and People's Choice Prize winner to participate in literary discussions and events, and sign copies of their books.

Publishers are encouraged to provide an extract (in PDF format) of no more than 500 words from the book and/or a publisher's blurb for promotional purposes.

Publishers are also encouraged to use stickers, and any other means, to promote the shortlisted or winning works. Design work for a sticker will be provided by Waverley Library after the announcement of the winners.

In all cases not covered by these conditions and guidelines, or where there may be scope for interpretation, advice should be sought from the Award Committee. Further information, including nomination forms, may be found on the Award website waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib.

Enquiries and requests for nomination forms may also be addressed to:

Project Officer
The Nib: Waverley Library Awards for Literature 2016
C/- Waverley Library
The Ron Lander Centre
32 - 48 Denison Street
Bondi Junction NSW 2022

Telephone: (02) 9083 8709
Email: nibaward@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Please note: a list of all eligible works entered for The Nib Award may be made available and, subsidiary to the major Award, used in conjunction with a Library Reading Program or related activity.

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NOMINATION FORM

This form should be completed in accordance with the guidelines.

Please note:

- In order to be eligible, nominations must comply in all respects with the guidelines.
- Only works published between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016 may be entered.
- Employees of Waverley Council, all sponsoring organisations, members of the Award Committee and Friends of Waverley Library Committee are ineligible to enter.
- A separate form must be completed for each work nominated.
- Five copies of each nominated work (or three printed copies in the case of electronic/digital only format) should be submitted, together with the required fee of \$60 (including GST).
- Promotion of the nominated books via an extract and/or publisher's blurb, book stickers and other means should be undertaken.
- No additional requirement is necessary for consideration for the Military History Literary Prize.

Please submit the completed nomination form by Friday 15 July 2016 to:

Project Officer

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Title of the nominated work

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Publication date (month and year)

Author Details

Title (Ms, Mr, Dr, etc)

First name:

Family name:

Address:

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Preferred telephone contact:

Email:

Australian Citizen ☐ or Permanent Resident ☐ (Please tick)

Joint Author Details (if applicable)

Title (Ms, Mr, Dr, etc)

First name:

Family name:

Address:

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Preferred telephone contact:

Email:

Australian Citizen ☐ or Permanent Resident ☐ (Please tick)



Details of Nominator (if different from previous page)

Title (Ms, Mr, Dr, etc.)

First name:

Family name:

Organisation (if applicable):

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Address:

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Preferred telephone contact:

Email:

Declaration:

- I, (the author/ an authorised representative of the publisher of the work nominated above/ or other agent acting on behalf of the author)*, having read the guidelines relating to The Nib: Waverley Library Award for Literature 2016, hereby nominate this work for the judges' consideration and agree to accept their decision as final.

(* Please delete whichever is not applicable):

- I have provided a PDF extract and/or publisher's blurb which has been emailed to nibaward@waverley.nsw.gov.au Yes/No
- I am unable to provide a PDF extract and/or publisher's blurb but am willing for the library to scan the first two pages for this purpose. Yes/No

(Note: Any extract provided is for promotion use only, including People's Choice Prize. It is not considered in relation to the overall judging process)

We would appreciate knowing how you became aware of this award. Please tick which is appropriate:

- ☐ Library website or mailout
- ☐ Print media
- ☐ Other websites/blogs
- ☐ Previously nominated
- ☐ Other, please specify

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Please note: Entry fee should be attached in accordance with the guidelines.
Cheque should be payable to Waverley Library.
Please call 02 9083 8709 if credit card payment is preferred (1% surcharge applies)

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS IS FRIDAY 15 JULY 2016.

