



Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award Judging Panel EOI

Waverley Council invites experienced and emerging writers, academics, literary critics, and publishing industry professionals to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to join the Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award Judging Panel for the 2023 and 2024 awards. **Submissions close 1 May 2023.**

Background

The Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award is Waverley Council's annual celebration of the best in Australian research-based literature. Entries are open to all Australian writers regardless of their experience, chosen subject matter or genre. Submitted works are judged against the specific Award criteria of excellence in research, high level of literary merit, readability and value to the community. Winners are decided by an independent panel of three judges, each bringing a different spectrum of experience from across the literary world. Established in 2002 as The Nib Waverley Library Award for Literature, this prestigious prize has so far distributed more than \$350,000 directly to deserving Australian authors. The Nib Award is well loved and respected by both Waverley residents and the wider literary community and remains the only award program of its kind presented by an Australian local government authority.

In 2023, the Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award offers a total of over \$50,000 prize money, including a record \$40,000 major prize. Other prizes include:

- Alex Buzo Nib Shortlist Prize (6 x \$1,200 prizes)
- The Nib People's Choice Prize (\$4,000 prize)

The Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award is made possible through the generous support of principal sponsors Mark & Evette Moran, and community partner Gertrude & Alice Bookstore café Bondi.

Role

Council seeks a new Nib Award Judge to join the Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award Judging Panel.

Term

This position is offered for a two-year tenure covering the 2023 and 2024 Nib Award programs. (May 2023 to November 2024).

Responsibilities

The incoming Nib Award Judge will join the established judging panel to distinguish which of the year's incoming nominations best meet the Nib Award specific criteria; identifying a longlist, shortlist and eventual major prize winner in the timeframe allocated. Nib Award Judges also participate in the Nib Advisory Group (NAG), a consultative panel of representatives from across the publishing and literary industry, program sponsors, community representatives and other key program stakeholders including Waverley Council Staff.



Commitment

Throughout the tenure period, the incoming Nib Award Judge is required to commit to:

- Remaining impartial and objective, and adhering to the Nib Award Conflict of Interest Policy
- Attending and contributing to Nib Advisory Group and Judges' meetings, remotely or in person. NAG meetings are held quarterly. Judges may gather 3-4 times between June and October.
- Attending the Awards ceremony annually in Sydney (8 November in 2023, 2024 TBC)
- Promoting and supporting the Nib Award program
- Maintaining the high level of confidentiality that is associated with the role
- Adhering to Waverley Council's Staff Code of Conduct

Guidelines

Established Nib Award Judging Process Guidelines direct the role of Nib Award Judges and will be supplied to the successful candidate. Nib Award Judges are also guided by Waverley Council's Staff Code of Conduct and the Nib Award Conflict of Interest Policy.

Pay

An honorarium of \$3,000 (+GST if applicable)/year is offered for this role.

Diversity and inclusion

Waverley Council encourages and promotes an open, tolerant, and inclusive community where everyone thrives and has an opportunity to be heard. Waverley Council is committed to providing equal employment opportunities and we encourage applications from people from diverse groups, including, but not limited to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people; people from culturally diverse backgrounds; young people; older workers; people with disabilities; LGBTIQ people; and other under-represented groups.

Submissions

Interested applicants are asked to supply a short statement (limited at 350 words), or complete the optional action as listed, in response to each of the following:

1a) A short biography detailing background and experience as an experienced or emerging writer, academic, literary critic, or publishing industry professional (with an additional option to upload a CV to support response).

1b) Option to upload a CV to support the supplied response to question 1a.

2) A description of advocacy, or willingness to become an advocate, for research, literature, and Australian publishing.

3) Interest in joining the judging panel

4) Judging criteria for the Nib Award includes high literary merit, quality of research, readability and value to the community. Please supply the title of a recent (last 5 years) literary work, which you feel best fulfil this criterion. You may wish to add brief comments.

5) Values in relation to diversity and inclusion



The application process

Expressions of interest are to be submitted via the online form accessible at waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib. Applications will first be assessed by Council staff and a shortlist presented to the Nib Advisory Group. The successful applicant will be contacted no later than 19 May 2023