

'The Power of Words' Writing Competition



We know that Latrobe City has a strong and proud history of power generation for the state, but the City is so much more than that. Our 'Power of Words' writing competition aims to encourage pride in the City as well as promoting it as a place to visit, through story-telling.

How does Latrobe City inspire you? This year, entrants are asked to write to one of a selection of photographs of Latrobe City. View the photos:

- Social media @latrobecity on Instagram or @latrobecitylibraries on Facebook
- Website at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library
- in person or your local branch

Take a creative look at Latrobe City and make your prose sing.

Prizes and Sponsors

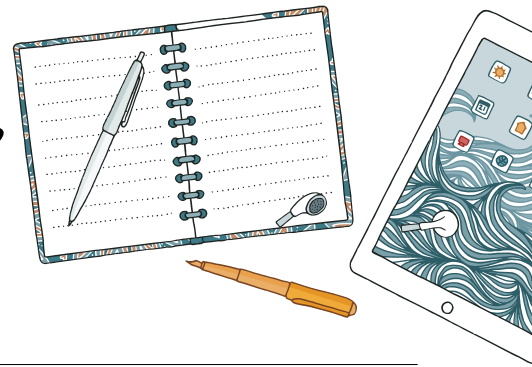
There is one prize of \$500 for the winning story. Runners-up certificates will be awarded. The winning and selected stories will be published in an anthology to be printed by Reader's Emporium book shop in Traralgon. Copies of the anthology will be available for purchase at the shop and at Latrobe City Libraries.

Entry Guidelines

- Complete the entry form and attach it to your story. Do not put your name on the story. Entrants must be aged over 18 years.
- Email your entry to libraryevents@latrobe.vic.gov.au, with the subject header 'Power of Words' no later than 5pm (AEST) on Friday 26 August 2022.
- Entries must be submitted in Arial or Times Roman font size 11, double-spaced, printed on one side of the paper only. Story length must not exceed 2000 words. No hand-written entries will be permitted. Entries must not have been published previously and/or have been used to win prizes in any other competitions.
- Our judges will be looking for stories that show originality and imagination, promote Latrobe City and are well structured.
- One prize of \$500 will be awarded to the winning story. Certificates will be awarded to highly commended stories. Winning or awarded stories may be posted on the Latrobe City Libraries website and printed in an anthology to be published at a later date. The successful entries will be announced at a presentation in late 2022 at a venue and on a date to be confirmed. Only the entrants who have submitted winning or awarded stories will be contacted.
- The judges' decision is final. Please understand we cannot provide feedback to individual entrants.

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Entry form

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Full name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Post Code: _____

Email: _____

Entry title: _____

Word count: _____

Which photo
inspired your
story?

Signature: _____

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Terms and conditions

1. The promoter of this competition is Latrobe City Council ("Council"), located at 141 Commercial Road, Morwell, Victoria 3840.
2. Information on how to enter forms part of these conditions. Participation in the 'Power of Words' ("Competition") constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
3. Entry is open to Australian citizens. Employees of Council and their immediate families are ineligible to enter.
4. The Competition commences at 6pm (AEST) on 21 May 2022 and closes at 5pm (AEST) on 26 August 2022 ("Competition Period").
5. This Competition is a competition of skill. Chance plays no part in determining the winner. Each entry will be individually assessed by a panel of judges, based upon creative merit.
6. Entries must not have been published previously and/or have been used to win prizes in any other competitions.
7. Entries must be submitted in Arial or Times Roman font size 11, double-spaced, printed on one side of the paper only. Story length must not exceed 2000 words. No hand-written entries will be permitted.
8. To enter, participants must email their entry with a separate, completed entry form to libraryevents@latrobe.vic.gov.au. If the author's name is contained in the entry in any location other than the entry form, the entry may be disqualified at the absolute discretion of Council.
9. Entrants must be 18 years or over.
10. Only one entry per person.
11. Entries must be received within the Competition Period. Entries are deemed to be received at the time they are received by Council's database. Council accepts no responsibility for any late, lost, misdirected, damaged or undelivered entries due to technical disruptions, network congestion or for any other reason.
12. Entries that include defamatory statements about a person living or deceased, misleading or false information, plagiarism, excessive bad language or content of an otherwise offensive nature will be disqualified. Incomplete or indecipherable entries will be deemed invalid.
13. All entries will be assessed and selected by a panel of judges as soon as reasonably practicable after 26 August 2022. There will be one winner selected in total ("Winner").
14. The prize awarded to the Winner consists of a cash amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00 – "the Prize"). Independent financial advice should be sought as tax implications may arise as a result of accepting the Prize.
15. The panel of judges reserves the right not to award the Prize if it considers entries do not meet the criteria or quality required.
16. Runners up will also be chosen ("Runners Up") by the panel of judges. The number of Runners Up selected will be determined based on the quality of entries and each will receive a Certificate of Commendation.
17. When contacted the Winner and Runners Up will be required to further confirm their agreement to these Terms and Conditions by response. The Prize and Certificates of Commendation will be issued to the successful entrants in accordance with these conditions and subject to such confirmation.
18. The Winner and Runners Up will be notified via email as soon as practicable after 26 August 2022.

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19. All reasonable attempts will be made to contact the Winner and the Runners Up. If a successful entrant fails to respond to Council's email within 7 days of that email being sent:
 - a. if the entrant is the Winner, Council will reserve the right to withdraw the Prize and select an alternate Winner;
 - b. if the entrant is a Runner Up, Council will reserve the right to withdraw the Certificate of Commendation.
20. Entrants retain all ownership rights in their entry. However, by submitting an entry to the Competition, entrants hereby grant Council an irrevocable, non-exclusive, world-wide, royalty free, sub-licensable and transferable license to use, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works of and display the entry for the purposes of conducting and promoting this Competition and advertising and marketing Council and/or Latrobe City on all media now known or later devised. This licence includes but is not limited to publication of the entry on the Latrobe City Libraries website and in an anthology of high quality competition entries.
21. Council reserves the right, at any time, to verify the validity of entries and entrants (including an entrant's identity, age and place of residence), to disqualify any entrant who submits an entry that is not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions or who tampers with the entry process. Failure by Council to enforce any of its rights at any stage does not constitute a waiver of those rights.
22. If the Competition is interfered with in any way or is not capable of being conducted as reasonably anticipated due to any reason beyond the reasonable control of Council, Council reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to the fullest extent permitted by law (a) to disqualify any entrant; or (b) subject to any written directions from a regulatory authority, to modify, suspend, terminate or cancel the Competition, as Council considers appropriate.
23. The Winner and Runners Up agree to participate in any news and media/PR activities surrounding the Competition. The Winner and Runners Up authorise Council to use their name, voice, image and likeness for advertising and publicity purposes in any media in perpetuity worldwide without additional compensation. The Winner and Runners Up agree to sign such other documentation as Council may require to confirm these rights.
24. Council (including its officers, employees and agents) excludes all liability (including negligence), for any personal injury; or any loss or damage (including loss of opportunity); whether direct, indirect, special or consequential, arising in any way out of the Competition, including, but not limited to, where arising out of the following:
 - (a) any technical difficulties or equipment malfunction (whether or not under Council's control);
 - (b) any theft, unauthorised access or third party interference;
 - (c) any entry that is late, lost, altered, damaged or misdirected (whether or not after their receipt by Council) due to any reason beyond the reasonable control of Council; or
 - (d) any tax liability incurred by the Winner or any other entrant.
25. By entering the Competition, each entrant is taken as consenting to Council using the entrant's personal information to administer the Competition, announce the Winner and Runners Up and disclosing the entrant's personal information to organisations that assist Council with administering the Competition and announcing the Winner and Runners Up, and to third parties as required by law. Council is bound by the Information Privacy Principles in the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 and its Privacy Policy is available at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Council/Our_Organisation/Corporate_Documents/Council_Policies/Citizen_Confidentiality_and_Privacy_Policy. An entrant may access and correct any personal information held by Council, upon request to Council.