

Lionel Bowen

2024 **YOUNG
WRITERS'
AWARD**

**ENTER NOW
FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!**

Enter your poetry and short stories.
WIN cash prizes, eReaders and more!

ENTRIES CLOSE 11 AUGUST 2024

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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Lionel Bowen Young Writers' Award, named in honour of former Mayor of Randwick and former Deputy Prime Minister Lionel Bowen AC, seeks to uncover the writing talents of young people in Randwick City and its neighbouring suburbs.

Entrants have the chance to win fantastic prizes and the added thrill of seeing their work published as an eBook collection that can be borrowed and enjoyed by all library members.

THEME: THE FUTURE IS WILD

A rich biodiversity is important to keep our planet in balance. Randwick City is home to a large variety of native plants and wildlife. Native animals need bushland, private gardens and public parks to thrive in urban areas. How can we create an environment where diverse native wildlife, plants and humans live together in harmony forever?

Build your story or poem around the theme *The Future is Wild*. Let your creativity flow in words, your short story or poem can be based on reality or be completely out of this world and imaginary.

ENTRY

Students are invited to submit a short story (max 2,000 words) or a poem (max 30 lines) based on the theme. There are three divisions in each category:

Division	Prizes Short Story (Max 2,000 words)	Prizes Poetry (Max 30 lines)
Senior – School Years 10-12	1st Prize – \$400 + new eReader 2nd Prize – \$200 Highly Commended – \$100	1st Prize – \$300 + new eReader 2nd Prize – \$150 Highly Commended – \$75
Junior – School Years 7-9	1st Prize – \$300 + new eReader 2nd Prize – \$150 Highly Commended – \$75	1st Prize – \$200 + new eReader 2nd Prize – \$100 Highly Commended – \$50
Primary – School Years 3-6	1st Prize – \$200 + new eReader 2nd Prize – \$150 Highly Commended – \$75	1st Prize – \$150 + new eReader 2nd Prize – \$100 Highly Commended – \$50

JUDGING CRITERIA

Each work submitted will be judged across several broad criteria including:

- Originality of storyline, characters, atmosphere and/or setting
- Construction of the story or poem
- Use of language (creative expression, grammar, sentence structure, punctuation and spelling)

All work submitted must be original and by the person submitting the entry. AI tools are not permitted.

Online entry only no later than 11.59pm 11 August 2024 via www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/library/award.

- All entry fields must be completed. See full terms and conditions and competition guidelines online.

The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Winners will be announced at the Award Ceremony held in November 2024, exact date to be confirmed. Entrants will receive an email to advise if their entry has been shortlisted with an invitation to attend the Award Ceremony.

