



THE LORNA MCDONALD
ESSAY PRIZE
Arts Central Qld Inc.

Conditions of Entry

1. Entries are welcome from writers worldwide.
2. There is no age limit.
3. Arts Central Queensland staff and Executive, and the Prize judges, are **not** eligible to enter.
4. Entry to the Arts Central Queensland Lorna McDonald Essay Prize is free.
5. Online entry is required.
6. Online entries should be Word documents or in Rich Text Format. The text must be presented in English with 1.5 spacing and in 12 point size. The pages must be numbered.
7. The author's name must **not** appear in the document.
8. The file name of the document uploaded as an entry must include only the title of the essay **not** the name of the entrant.
9. Entrants will receive automatic online confirmation of receipt.
10. Entries must be a single essay, written in English, of between 3,000 and 5,000 words. Endnotes must be included in the word count.
11. Translations are not eligible unless made by the author of the essay entered in the Prize.
12. The Prize is open to entries of a thoughtful, well-informed, and original kind, touching on any aspect of Central Queensland life and landscape. For the purposes of this prize, Central Queensland is loosely defined as an area bounded by the 2014 Queensland Local Government Areas of Banana, Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Boulia, Central Highlands, Diamantina, Gladstone, Issac, Livingstone, Longreach, Rockhampton and Winton.

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13. Multiple entries are permitted.
14. Entries must be original works written by an individual author.
15. Entries must not infringe upon anyone's copyright.
16. Essays that are plagiarised or contain plagiarism will be disqualified.
17. The opening date for entries is midnight (AEST) 30 June 2021. The closing date for entries is midnight (AEST) 30 September 2021. The time period 30 June - 30 September 2021 constitutes the duration of the Prize.
18. Entries should not be on offer to other publications or prizes or anthologies for the duration of the Arts Central Queensland Lorna McDonald Essay Prize.
19. After entry is received, entrants may not subsequently withdraw their entries.
20. The winner may be required to take part in events and media activities to promote the Prize.
21. The prize money also covers the right for Arts Central Queensland's one-off digital publication.
22. Copyright in the essay(s) remains with the entrant.
23. Unpublished essays previously used for other purposes, such as submission as part of an academic course, may be entered, provided they are adapted to meet the content, style and length requirements.
24. The winner will receive AU\$2,000.
25. One runner-up will receive AU\$500.
26. Arts Central Queensland reserves the right not to award a prize, or to award the Prize to more than one winner.
27. The winning essay and possibly others will be published on the Arts Central Queensland Inc website.
28. An editor, appointed by the Prize, will edit the essay, in consultation with the author, prior to publication.
29. Judging is completely anonymous.
30. The 2021 judges are Roger McDonald, Lorraine Cairnes and John Fitzsimmons. A shortlist will be announced in late October 2021, followed by the announcement of the overall winner at a special ceremony in mid-November 2021 to which all entrants are invited.
31. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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