



LAKE MACQUARIE BRANCH OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS (NSW)

ALICE SINCLAIR MEMORIAL WRITING COMPETITION 2026

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Please Note: Your entry will be disqualified if your submission does not meet these conditions.

- Each entry may be submitted in one of the following categories: Short Story or Poetry.
- Maximum of two entries per person in the competition (not per category).
- Document and style requirements - use this checklist for your own reference:
 - Length - short story up to 2,500 words; poem up to 50 lines
 - Format - written in English and submitted in *.doc* or *.docx* format
 - Text - Times New Roman font, 12 point, with double line spacing
 - Page Numbers - included on the lower right hand side of each page
 - No offensive language; no fancy fonts, colours, illustrations, decoration
 - Title - your piece must have a title, which should also be used as the file name
 - Do NOT include your name** on your entry, in the title, or in the file name
- Your entry must be your own original work, created without substantial input from AI.

Submitted work must be the entrant's own original creation. Generative AI tools may be used only for minor spelling, punctuation, grammar, or formatting assistance. They must not be used to generate, rewrite, expand, or substantially shape any creative aspect of the work, including plot, structure, scenes, dialogue, imagery, characterisation, tone, or voice. Entrants may be required to confirm their process and, for shortlisted works, provide draft material or version history. AI detection software or other screening methods may be used as part of an integrity review, but no entry will be disqualified on automated detection alone.

- If you receive an award for your story or poem in another competition before the closing date of the Alice Sinclair Competition (ASC), you must withdraw your entry from the ASC.

- Submission requirements - use this checklist for your own reference:
 - Entry Form - complete one official entry form for each entry.
The form is available on the Lake Macquarie FAW website at **<https://lakemacfaw2.wordpress.com>**

 - Entry Fee - there is an entry fee of \$15 for each entry (maximum of 2).
Payments must be made by direct deposit. Payment details are provided on the entry form.

 - Submission - Email your entry and the entry form.
Send these as separate attachments to **alicesinclairprize@gmail.com** by midnight, Friday 31st July. Include the title of your piece (but NOT your name) in the email subject line. You should also use the title of the piece as your file name for your entry.

- No alterations to your entry will be accepted after you have submitted.

- Copyright remains with the author. Entries will not be returned, but will be destroyed after the competition results are announced.

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

- Winners will be informed by email and announced at the 10th October meeting of the Lake Macquarie Branch of the FAW. Results will also be published in the FAW(NSW) publication, *Writers Voice*.