

## **Laura Literary Awards** **ENTRY FORM 2026**

Please complete all details in **BLOCK LETTERS** and attach a completed form to each entry before posting.

Name of Author:.....

Address:.....

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Postcode:..... Phone:.....

Email:.....

Please put [rockyriverriters@hotmail.com](mailto:rockyriverriters@hotmail.com) on your safe senders list as communication will be by email where possible.

Section Number:.....

Title:.....

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I would like .... copies of the winning entries booklet. Please add \$15 per copy to entry fee.

### **Open Section - Entry fee \$10 per entry**

Enclosed \$..... Cheque or Money Order made payable to Rocky River 'Riters or:

Direct transfer \$..... to Rocky River 'Riters, BSB 105-049, ACC 032631740.

I agree to abide by the Conditions of Entry on this form.

Signature of Author:.....

### **Entrants Under 18 (No Entry Fee except for entries in Open Sections)**

Age:..... School:.....

I declare that the work by the above author is their own original work.

Signature of Parent, Teacher or Guardian.....

### **CHECK LIST:**

3 copies       Entry form attached       Fee (if applicable)

my entry complies with the conditions of entry.

### **SUBMIT WELL BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE TO:**

Laura Literary Awards Coordinator PO Box 164

Crystal Brook South Australia 5523.

Please be aware of slow mail deliveries when posting entries

**Closing Date for Entries: Friday 8 May 2026**

## **Sections:**

### **Prose**

- Section 1 – OPEN A short story up to 1500 words, Prize \$200
- Section 2 – YOUNG ADULT (13-18 yrs) A short story up to 1200 words, Prize \$50
- Section 3a – UPPER PRIMARY (11-12 yrs) A short story up to 800 words, Prize \$25
- Section 3b - JUNIOR (9-10 yrs) A short story up to 800 words, Prize \$25
- Section 4 – JUNIOR PRIMARY (5-8 yrs) A short story up to 500 words, Prize \$15

### **The CJ Dennis Poetry Awards:**

#### **Poem up to 60 lines for all sections**

- Section 5 – OPEN POETRY, Prize \$200
- Section 6 – OPEN BUSH POETRY, Prize \$200
- Section 7 – YOUNG ADULT (13-18 yrs), Prize \$50
- Section 8 – JUNIOR POETRY (9-12 yrs), Prize \$25
- Section 9 – JUNIOR PRIMARY POETRY (5-8 yrs), Prize \$15

## **Conditions of Entry**

1. There is NO limit to the number of entries, but each one must have its own entry form.
2. Do not send original manuscripts, entries will not be returned. All entries other than winners will be destroyed.
3. Every entry must be accompanied by an entry form. Author's name must not be on the manuscript.
4. 3 copies of the titled manuscript must be included for the judging panel and are to be double spaced on single sided pages with 2cm margins and size 12 font.
5. Free choice of subject.
6. Work must be original and previously unpublished (publication does not include school magazines or newsletters but does include self-published work, oral presentations in a public place or radio broadcast).
7. **Entry fee of \$10 must accompany each entry in the OPEN section regardless of age.** Cheques can be made payable to Rocky River 'Riters OR direct transfers can be made to BSB 105-049 ACC 032631740.
- Please use entrant's initial and surname as reference on direct deposits and send confirmation email.**
8. Fees are forfeited if conditions are not fulfilled.
9. STUDENT entries – no entry fee is required and entry form needs to be signed by parent/guardian/ teacher to verify that the entry is the author's own original work.
10. Closing date is **Friday 8 May 2025**
11. Authors retain copyright over their work but authorise and license the Rocky River 'Riters:
  - a. for 12 months after receipt of entry, to publish entries in any Rocky River 'Riters publication, in newspapers, and radio for the purpose of promoting the Laura Literary Awards.
  - b. to produce a booklet for sale for the promotion of the Awards, without payment to the authors. Notification will be given to authors if work is selected
12. Rocky River 'Riters reserves the right not to award prizes in any section at the discretion of the judges.
13. Winners will be personally notified by email.
14. Winner's names will be publicly announced on Saturday 25 July 2025 at a presentation function.
15. Winner's names will be published on the Rocky River 'Riters website from 25 July 2025.
16. In the event of a dispute arising regarding the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of the Rocky River 'Riters shall be final and binding on all parties.
17. The Rocky River 'Riters will take all reasonable care with material submitted but will not accept responsibility for loss while in transit or custody