

Even if you have never written a story or a poem before, there is no reason why you could not win in this competition in 2018. You may submit one story only for each of the three prose topics and one poem only for each poetry topic.

Please read and comply with all the conditions of entry and keep strictly within the various word limits for each category - or your entry will not be considered. The topics are:-

## **A Stories/Prose – You can enter one story only for each of the three topics**

- 1. Open Topic** – You are invited to submit your best piece of writing of fewer than 1,000 words
- 2. A Snap Decision** – Perhaps the best or the worst decision you ever made? Perhaps some fiction about a decision you would never have even considered making of fewer than 1,000 words
- 3. A Neighbour** – Take care – you may win and your story will be published! Anyway you can always make up a fictitious character and play it safe. Have fun with this! Fewer than 1,000 words .

## **Poetry – You can enter one poem only for each of the same three topics**

- 4. Open** – A poem about anything you choose.
- 5. A Tree (Trees)**
- 6. My Place**

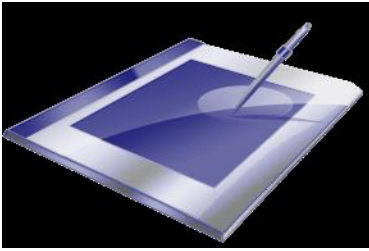
Any style of poetry may be entered, using no more than 300 words.

You don't need to be an expert or have visions of being published to enter the writing competition – you are encouraged to experience the joy of 'telling' and sharing your stories.

HAPPY WRITING.

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## Conditions of Entry

### AUSOM Inc Creative Writing Competition 2018:

1. All entries must be the work of a financial member of AUSOM  
**AUSOM Committee members are not eligible.**
2. 1,000 words or fewer for Writing
3. 300 words or less for poetry
4. All entries must be received prior to midnight on Sunday 2nd September, 2018.
5. A completed entry form must be sent with your entry/entries.
6. Only one entry can be entered in any story category, and only one poem can be entered in any poetry category – making a total maximum of six entries.
7. To be considered for judging all entries **MUST** be attached to an email and sent to [secretary@ausom.net.au](mailto:secretary@ausom.net.au) or sent to the FirstClass mailbox of Susan Jensen prior to midnight Sunday September 2nd 2018
8. **All** entries should be presented **without** photographs or borders.  
Size 12 font with 1.5 spacing to help our judges please.
9. Please do **NOT put your name anywhere on your entry** as they are all sent to the judges with no identification at all.
10. Copyright of all entries remains with the author but selected entries may be included in **AUSOM News**. Any such publications will be copyright to **AUSOM**. Selected entries may be published on the AUSOM Website.
11. The judges reserve the right not to award a prize in a section or to award additional prizes should they think it appropriate.
12. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the decision.
13. By participating in this competition entrants agree to be bound by these conditions of entry.

# AUSOM Inc Creative Writing Competition 2018

## ENTRY FORM

**Please print or type**

Name of Entrant:

Contact Address:

Phone No:

Personal Email:

**Please give your story or poem a unique title to make sure your story stands out.**

### **A. Stories/Prose**

A1. Open Topic                      Your Title

A2. A Snap Decision                Your Title

A3. A Neighbour                    Your Title

### **B. Poetry**

B4. OpenTopic                      Your Title

B5. A Tree (Trees)                Your Title

B6. MyPlace                        Your Title

Entries close midnight Sunday September 2nd 2018

Winners will be announced on November 10th at the AUSOM Meeting

I confirm that:-

The attached entry / entries are all my own work.

I have read and accept the Conditions of Entry for this competition.

Signature or identifying mark:

Date:

Membership Number: