

2025 Mayor's Writing Competition



The competition is for young writers between the ages of 5 and 18. Entries can be any style of writing such as creative writing, short stories, poetry or essays. Writers must adhere to the word limit. Mayor Mathew Hatcher chose Friendship as the theme for 2025.

Terms and conditions

- Entrant must live or go to school in the Eurobodalla.
- One entry per person.
- All work must be original, not previously published.
- All work must be the sole creation of the named entrant and must not be created or enhanced by Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology.
- The theme Friendship must be incorporated into the writing.
- All hardcopy entries including cover and optional illustrations to be submitted on A4 white paper in a plastic sleeve or A4 envelope with completed entry form. Please do not use paperclips or staples.
- All pages to have a 20mm left hand margin.
- Work must include a title page (title and author).
- Word limit for Kindergarten to Year 2 - 500 words (max 4 x A4 pages, including title page).
- Word limit for Years 3-8 – 1,000 words (max 6 x A4 pages, including title page).
- Word limit for Years 9-12 – 1,500 words (max 6 x A4 pages, including title page).
- Winning entries will be shared and published by Eurobodalla Shire Council.
- Winners will have their names published by Eurobodalla Shire Council and media.
- Written entries must be attached to the entry form.
- Entries must be submitted by Friday 4 July, 11.59pm.

Submission

- Work can be submitted by email: entries@esc.nsw.gov.au
- Delivered to your nearest library.
- Posted to Mayor's Writing Competition, Eurobodalla Libraries, PO Box 99, Moruya, 2537
- Emailed submissions should be a word document from Microsoft Word, Google Doc, Apple Pages or similar with file extensions such as DOC, DOCX, RTF or ODT.

Information

- The "Syd Hayes Award" will be awarded to the best overall entry.
- Prizes will be awarded in each school year category.
- Winning entries, including writers' names, will be published in the Mayor's Writing Competition Anthology.
- The judges' decision is final and only finalists will be contacted prior to the presentation date.

Important Dates

- Opening date: **Monday 24 March 2025**.
- Closing date: **Friday 4 July 2025, 11.59pm** (late entries will not be accepted).
- The Award Presentation will be held on **Wednesday 22 October 2025**. Finalists will be notified of the time of the presentation closer to the date.

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