

GCWA Short Story Competition

Theme: Writing in the Sand

Overall winner – Prize \$300

Second Prize \$150

Third Prize \$50

The longlist and shortlist will be created by the GCWA Committee. Guest judges to read the shortlist and name the three winning entries. **Winners announced:** GCWA October meeting and the three winners published on the website.

Special Guest Judge: Lori-Jay Ellis, CEO, Queensland Writers Centre

Submissions Open: Friday 15 July 2022 **Submissions Close:** Friday 2 September 2022

Word count – Up to 1000 words

RULES

1. Come up with a creative title. Please don't use the theme 'Writing in the Sand' as your title.
2. You can write in any genre (Except stories written for Children and Poetry) however please do not submit stories with gratuitous violence, sexism, racism, abuse, or animal cruelty. Also, sorry, we are not accepting Erotica.
3. **Entries exceeding the word limit (1000 words) will be ineligible.**
4. Entries must be the author's original work and must be unpublished. The copyright remains with the author and can be published elsewhere after the competition.
5. **In the body of your submission email put your name, phone number, and email address, along with the title of your entry. (See point 1!)**
6. Your name should not appear anywhere in your story. Applications will be judged anonymously. A story found to have the author's identifying details will be ineligible.
7. **All entries must be in Times New Roman or Courier New 12-point type and double-spaced as a MS Word document. If you do not have Word, please send a PDF.**
8. Use 2cm margins all around.
9. **Indent each paragraph and dialogue 5mm.**
10. The title of the work and a page number should appear on each page.
11. **Do not include illustrations or images.**
12. GCWA committee and their families are not eligible to enter. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Entry fee: \$10

Unlimited entries can be submitted but **each entry must be accompanied by the \$10 entry fee. Use your full name as the Reference or Description on the deposit.**

Take a screen shot of your finalised payment or save your payment receipt as a pdf.

Then EMAIL your story and your proof of payment to

gcwa.competition2022@gmail.com

GCWA bank details: **Gold Coast Writers' Association BSB: 034 279 Account: 435 356**

Judges are looking for the following:

- **Writing ability and readability. 'Is it a good read?'**
- **Story arc**
- **Adherence to the theme**
- **Spelling and Grammar**
- **Layout conforms to the competition guidelines**

**For Committee-
Judging Criteria:**

Adhered to word count Y/N if Y continue...

1 being ordinary to 5 outstanding

Representative of theme/genre 1-5

Writing style 1-5

Character development 1-5

Plot arc 1-5

Uniqueness of story 1-5