



Newsletter – August 2019

With about two weeks to go before entries for this year's Elyne Mitchell Writing Awards close, I am writing to encourage writers to write and photographers to photograph and to put the finishing touches on their stories and photo stories.

If you have shared your story with a friend, be sure to listen carefully for constructive remarks. Another person's perspective can make the world of difference. Don't forget to check the Awards' terms and conditions ensuring that your story conforms to requirements and then submit.

Submission can be a nervous moment but remember that the Elyne Mitchell Writing Awards administrators always keep an eye out for opportunities for their writers; watch out for our newsletters for news of festivals and writing opportunities. Writing is as much about writing as it is about reading and listening and participating in writing events and forming connections within the wider community of writers. Please let us know about your achievements, perhaps adding a note about what your success has meant to you so that you can help encourage others. Writing can be about making connections and developing friendships as much as it is about writing.

The Elyne Mitchell Writing Awards has its own Australian High Country profile but it is interested in and encourages writers from across Australasia, delighting in the diversity of stories referencing country themes. Elyne was a country writer who was fascinated by geographic, historical and biological diversity and many environmental issues, responsibilities and challenges confronting those who live in our regional areas.

I hope Elyne's legacy will encourage others to pick up the torch to research, write and play an active role in writing the stories that continue to create make our own country qualities stand out in the wider Australasian community.

Don't forget entries for the 2019 Elyne Mitchell Writing Awards close at 5.00pm on 22 August 2019.

Once again I wish to thank Writers Victoria, Snowy Hydro, Smiths Office Solutions, Dymocks and Camera House in Albury and CNC in Corryong for their sponsorship and assistance. I would also like to thank the Awards' judges. My thanks go also to those who help distribute brochures and publicise the Awards across Australia and New Zealand and encouraging other writers and photographers. Importantly my thanks and best wishes also go to our writers and entrants.

Honor Auchinleck
Patron

News

On 21 August the National Library of Australia opens its Australian Children's Literature Exhibition featuring items from the Library's Elyne Mitchell's archive and many other popular Australian authors. On 27 August Dr Grace Blakeley-Carroll is giving a talk at the National Library's Story Time about the history and development of Australian Children's books and authors and illustrators and a special tour of the exhibition followed by high tea for \$25 for National Library members and \$30 for non-members.

Our local writers

Local historian, writer and former *Border Mail* journalist, Howard Jones' new book *Discover Albury* will be coming out towards the end of October and will be available at Dymocks, Albury.

Around the Festivals

Bendigo Writers Festival 10 – 12 August 2019

Canberra Writers Festival 21 – 25 August 2019

Melbourne Writers Festival 30 August – 8 September 2019

Write Around the Murray 11 – 15 September 2019

Wollongong Writers Festival 22 – 24 November 2019

If you go to the Bendigo Writers Festival or indeed visit Bendigo at a later date, be sure to book for a tea at Fortuna (22 – 48 Chum Street, Bendigo). Apparently the new owners do a tea to die for! Elyne used to spend some of her school holidays in the late 1920s and early 1930s at Fortuna when the Lansell family owned the property. Visit www.fortuna-villa.com

Please note the Wollongong Writers Festival Short Story Prize 2019 entries open on 1 August and close at 11.59pm EST, 1 October 2019.

Date For Your Diaries



\$20 per person Finger food, tea & coffee included. Bar service
Bus available from Corryong \$5 – departure from CNC 12.45pm

Guest Speakers: Award winning children's author - [Dianne Wolfer](#)
Rural life photographer - [Amanda Swaney](#)
Last year's winning local story – read by Tallangatta College students

Bookings Essential
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