



This is Computerpals Newcastle Creative Writing Competition.

Even if you have never written a story or a poem before there is no reason why you could not win in this competition.

You are encouraged to submit one story only for each of the three prose topics and one poem only for each poetry topic.

We will acknowledge an overall “**Writing Champion**” and also a “**Champion Club**” for Creative Writing.

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 be disqualified from judging. The topics are:-

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 1,000 words or less
2. **Memories** – A story of memories in general or a personal memoir of your own from your lifetime. Do not let truth get in the way of your creativity. 1,000 words or less
3. **Cameo** – it could be a charming piece of jewellery with a story, or a fleeting appearance by
1,000 words or less for this topic?

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

4. **Open** – A poem about anything you choose.
5. **Memories** - a poem about memories, singular or plural, general or specific
6. **Cameo** - a poem about a cameo, whether it be jewellery or an appearance by a person or entity

Any style of poetry may be entered, using no more than 350 words.

You don't need to be an expert or have visions of being published to enter the competition



Conditions of Entry for ComputerPals Newcastle Creative Writing Competition:

1. All entries must be the work of a **financial member** of one of the following clubs who is **NOT a professional writer**:
 - ComputerPals for Seniors East Lake Macquarie
 - ComputerPals for Seniors Maitland
 - ComputerPals for Seniors Newcastle
 - Westlakes Seniors Computer Club
2. Maximum number of words for prose entries is - **1,000** words for Prose entries = "Open Topic", "Memories" and "Cameo".

The word limit for all three poetry topics is **350** words and the topics are "Open", "Memories" and "Cameo".
3. All entries must be received prior to **4.00 pm on Tuesday 1st October, 2019**.
Late entries cannot be accepted.
4. A completed entry form must also be sent with your entry/entries.
5. 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.**
6. To be considered for judging all entries **MUST** be sent **by email to contact@computerpals.org.au** and attached as **Word document/s**. Other formats will be disqualified.
7. **All** entries should be presented **without** photographs or borders – **just plain text – Times New Roman – size 12** with **1.5 spacing** to help our judge.
8. Please do **NOT put your name or your club anywhere on your entry** as they are all sent to the judge with no identification at all.
9. Please include a separate **emailed JPEG** head and shoulders photo of yourself with your entry. This may be published on our Website.
10. Copyright of all entries remains with the author.
11. Winning entries will be announced at the Computerpals Newcastle Christmas Lunch on **Friday 6th December, 2019** at Mayfield MEX Club.
12. By participating in this competition entrants agree to be bound by these conditions of entry.
13. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the judge's decision.
14. The judge reserves the right not to award a prize in a section or to award additional prizes should he/she think it appropriate.



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ENTRY FORM

Please print Clearly

Name of Entrant: _____

Contact Address: _____

P/Code: _____

Phone No: _____ Personal Email: _____

Name of Club: _____

Categories entered: Please tick section/s to be entered, only one entry for each of the six topics is allowed.

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

A. Stories/Prose - 1000 word limit

1. Open Topic Your Title _____

2. Memories Your Title _____

3. Cameo Your Title _____

B. Poetry - 350 word limit

1. Open Topic Your Title _____

2. Memories Your Title _____

3. Cameo Your Title _____

The attached entry/entries are the work of _____(your name)

and I am a member of the _____Computer Club.

I have read and accept the conditions of entry for this competition.

Signature: Date:

Please email a clearly named JPEG image of yourself with this entry.