



# 2018 BENALLA FESTIVAL

## Writing Competition

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- Primary School
- Secondary School
- Open section

Budding writers in Benalla Rural City are invited to enter a poem or piece of writing on the topic 'Our Backyard'...celebrating our special places and spaces. The theme is a celebration of special places and spaces that our community hold dear, whether it be today or past memories you may have at some point of your life in growing up and living in Benalla and district.

We invite you to give your thoughts on places and spaces that are special and what they mean to you and others.

FREE TO ENTER

\$2000 worth of cash prizes!

### SCHOOL SECTION:

GRADES 3/4, 5/6, YEARS 7/8, 9/10, 11/12

1ST PRIZE: \$140

2ND PRIZE: \$70

3RD PRIZE: \$30

### OPEN SECTION

1ST PRIZE: \$200

2ND PRIZE: \$120

3RD PRIZE: \$80

HIGHLY COMMENDED BPACC MOVIE VOUCHERS

### THE TOPIC:



### SEE OVER FOR ENTRY FORM

- Contact Benalla Rural City Council for more information on 03 5760 2600
- Entry forms are available from the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library), your school's General Office or the festival website.

Entries close 22 October 2018

[www.benallafestival.com.au](http://www.benallafestival.com.au)

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## 2018 BENALLA FESTIVAL WRITING COMPETITION

As part of the 2018 Benalla Festival, budding writers in Benalla Rural City are invited to enter a **poem** or a piece of **writing** on the topic '*Our Backyard*'. This topic is based on this year's Benalla Festival theme which celebrates special places and spaces in our community. Be creative - about the things you love about your own backyard. The possibilities are almost limitless!

Your piece might be:

- Benalla's famous 'rocket' in the Botanical Gardens – do you remember climbing it?
- The walking track around the lake and the large fig tree on Casey's Island
- A favourite swimming hole
- Your favourite room at school or favourite place in the playground
- The place where you met the love of your life
- Your favourite eating place or shop in Benalla
- Your favourite rural space
- Where I go to be alone when I'm feeling blue
- Your garden in springtime
- Bridge Street at Christmas time
- A day's water skiing at Lake Nillahcootie
- A bike ride around the Winton Wetlands

### Rules and Conditions

1. Entry is **free** and participants can have a maximum of two entries. The pieces of writing can vary in style (biographical, expository, discursive or narrative).
2. Entries close on Monday 22 October 2018 at 5pm and can be submitted:
  - in person at the Benalla Rural City Council's Customer Service Centre; or
  - at the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library), Fawckner Drive, Benalla; or
  - posted to Benalla Rural City Council, PO Box 227 Benalla 3671 with 'Writing Competition' clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.
3. There will be six different categories for you to enter:

■ Grade 3/4 (word limit of 200 words)	■ Year 9/10 (word limit of 500 words)
■ Grade 5/6 (word limit of 300 words).	■ Year 11/12 (word limit of 600 words)
■ Year 7/8 (word limit of 400 words)	■ Open (word limit of 800 words)
4. The piece of writing must be the entrant's own work and not have been previously published.
5. Entries must be typed and on A4 paper. The information below must be attached to the entry.
6. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence entered into.
7. Staff members of Benalla Rural City Council and members of the Benalla Festival Advisory Committee are not permitted to enter the competition.
8. Winners, runners up and encouragement award recipients of the six categories will be notified by telephone on Friday 26 October and asked to attend a presentation on the evening of Thursday 8 November 2018.
9. For further information contact the Benalla Rural City Council on 5760 2600.

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Please print clearly and attach to your piece of writing

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Year level/Open: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of piece: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that the attached poem/piece of writing is my own work and I am a (please tick):

- ☐ Primary student attending a school within Benalla Rural City   ☐ Secondary student attending a school within Benalla Rural City  
☐ Student - attends school outside municipality but lives in Benalla Rural City   ☐ Open section entrant within Benalla Rural City

If a winner, I also give permission for my work to be displayed in the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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