

Important dates for entrants

Entries close midnight, Sunday 2nd May

Winners and highly commended entries in each category, from each LGA, will be announced on 29th May, 2021

The overall winners will be announced by 30th June.

WestWords is Western Sydney's Literature Development Organisation dedicated to developing and championing the writers and writing that comprise the heart of Western Sydney.

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WestLit Libraries is a collaboration between the library services from Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Hawkesbury, Liverpool, Parramatta and Penrith to bring the Western Sydney story forward.

Living Stories is a WestWords, WestLit Libraries initiative

This project is proudly supported by the NSW Government though Create NSW as part of Arts Restart



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Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize 2021

are we here yet?

Open to adults and children aged 10 years and above who live in Western Sydney.

Entries close midnight Sunday 2nd May.

Entries can only be submitted online at [westwords.com.au](https://www.westwords.com.au)

are we here yet?

perhaps...

but where is here?

and who are we?



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Competition guidelines and criteria

- ✓ Entry is free via the online entry form at www.westwords.com.au/living-stories.
- ✓ Entries are limited to one per person.
- ✓ To be eligible, entrants must reside within one of the following local government areas:
 - **Blacktown City**
 - **Blue Mountains City**
 - **Camden Council**
 - **Campbelltown City**
 - **The City of Canterbury-Bankstown**
 - **Cumberland Council**
 - **Fairfield City**
 - **Hawkesbury City**
 - **Liverpool City**
 - **The City of Parramatta**
 - **Penrith City**
 - **The Hills Shire**
 - **Wollondilly Shire**
- ✓ Entries must be written primarily in English, and may be in the form of short story, poetry or personal essay. The length must not exceed 500 words (title excluded).
- ✓ The theme to which entries should respond is ARE WE HERE YET?
- ✓ WestWords/WestLit is unable to provide any additional clarification or advice.
- ✓ Work must be original and unpublished.

Entries will be judged according to the following criteria:

- * *Originality and creativity*
- * *Construction and use of language*
- * *Engagement with the stated theme.*

- ✓ Facilitators of the associated writing workshops to be held within participating LGAs will not be acting as judges for the competition.
- ✓ Do not include external links, such as video or audio, within your text. Doing so will invalidate your entry.
- ✓ The judging process will be conducted blind. Please do not include your name within the text of your entry.
- ✓ To be eligible, all entries must be lodged via the online entry form at www.westwords.com.au/living-stories, by midnight on 2nd May.

There are four categories:

- * 10-12 years
- * 13-15 years
- * 16-18 years
- * Adult (18+)

Please note that an entrant's category is based upon the age they will turn in 2021.

One winning entry and one highly commended entry from each category in each participating LGA will be announced on Friday 21st May, 2021.

Only winners and highly commended entrants will be individually notified.

Judges' decisions are final. No correspondence will be entered into.

The Workshops

WestWords and WestLit Libraries are offering free writing workshops in your local area. See www.westwords.com.au for details.



In each LGA and in each category, a winner and highly commended will be awarded.

From the regional winners an overall winner and highly commended in each category will be selected.

All winning and highly commended entries will be published in book form and online.

Entries can only be submitted online at www.westwords.com.au
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Total prize pool: \$10,250

Overall

Winner

Adult - \$1,000
Junior categories - \$500

Highly Commended

Adult - \$500
Junior categories - \$250

Regional (awarded in each participating LGA)

Winners

Adult - \$300
Junior categories - \$100

Highly Commended

Adult - \$100
Junior categories \$50