

Entry Form

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY LIMITED
NATURE WRITING PRIZE

A Biennial National \$5,000 Prize for an essay of 3,000 to 5,000 words in the Genre of 'Writing of Place'.

The Nature Conservancy Limited (TNC) will award the prize to an Australian writer whose entry is judged to be of the highest literary merit and which best explores his or her relationship and interaction with some aspect of the Australian landscape.

2013 Judges are: Geordie Williamson and Janine Burke.
Deadline for submissions is 16th November 2012.

Entry Guidelines

What follows are guidelines only. Please read Conditions of Entry included in this document. Submission to this competition is deemed to be acceptance of the Conditions of Entry. In the entry form you will be asked to state that you have read the Conditions of Entry.

1. Only one single-authored non-fiction essay in English of between 3,000 to 5,000 words is permitted per entrant.
2. Entrants must be Australian citizens, or permanent residents of Australia and be over 18.
3. TNC directors and employees, and immediate family members of directors or employees, are not eligible entrants.
4. Entries must be the original independent creation of the entrant, previously unpublished and free of any claims, including copyright or trademark claims, by other parties.
5. Entries must not of been entered into any previous Nature Writing Prize competitions
6. We require two copies of each essay.
7. Do not put your name on the essay. All entries are judged anonymously.
8. Entries must be non-defamatory and must not infringe people's privacy or intellectual property.
9. Entries must be accompanied by a fee of \$25 and a signed entry form.
10. Post entries to P.O. Box 57, Carlton South Victoria, 3053.
11. Entries are only accepted by post. Hand deliveries, emailed or faxed entries will not be accepted.
12. Entries postmarked after 5pm on 16 November 2012 will not be accepted.
13. Once an entry is received, it cannot be changed by the author.
14. The judges' decision is final. There will be no feedback from the judges.
15. Entries will not be returned.
16. TNC will announce the result early 2013.
17. TNC retains the first option to publish shortlisted essays in either its print or online publications.
18. All published essays, including the winner, may be edited.
19. The winner will be notified by phone or email (where available) of the final decision. Entrants must be alive when the winner is identified.
20. The winner and shortlisted entrants may be required to participate in media and publicity events connected with this competition.
21. TNC reserves the right to disqualify entries based on the conditions outlined in the document Conditions of Entry. You are reminded to read them before you sign this entry form.

Submission Format:

All entries must comply with the format and style guidelines otherwise they may be deemed ineligible.

Entries must be printed on single-sided white A4 paper.

The name of the essayist must not appear on the manuscript.

Concise endnotes are acceptable. Illustrations and poems are not.

The pages of essays should be numbered.

ENTRY FORM
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY LIMITED
NATURE WRITING PRIZE OF \$5,000

- √ Please complete all sections of this Entry Form clearly and in block letters.
- √ Entry fee is \$25.
- √ One entry per person.
- √ See the Conditions of Entry enclosed with this form for full entry conditions.

Send by 5 pm on **16 November 2012** to: The Nature Conservancy Australia Limited Writing Prize, PO Box 57, Carlton South, Victoria, 3053

No late entries will be considered.

Queries: Australia@tnc.org

[TITLE OF ENTRY]

[WORD COUNT OF ENTRY]

[NO. OF MANUSCRIPT PAGES]

[YOUR NAME (as set out in your identification such as driver's licence or passport)]

[MAILING ADDRESS]

[EMAIL]

[TELE and/or MOBILE]

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I wish to receive information about The Nature Conservancy including nature writing competitions, publications and promotional material

Cheque for \$25 made payable to The Nature Conservancy Australia Limited is enclosed

I authorise The Nature Conservancy Australia Limited to deduct the entry fee of \$25 from my credit card:

Mastercard

Visa

Cardholder's Name

Card No

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Verification No

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Expiry Date

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Cardholder's Signature

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE: I have read, understood and agree to the CONDITIONS OF ENTRY of The Nature Conservancy Limited Nature Writing Prize. I consent to the use of my entry by The Nature Conservancy Limited in accordance with the licence(s) granted in the Conditions of Entry.

[Signature of entrant]

[Date]

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. This competition is conducted by The Nature Conservancy Limited (ACN 104 635 654) of 51 Edmondstone Street, South Brisbane, 4101 (**TNC Australia**).
2. These conditions of entry, together with the Entry Form (above), govern the competition and are intended to be a legally binding agreement. Entry into this competition is deemed acceptance of these conditions of entry. For the purposes of Australian law, this writing competition is a 'game of skill' and chance plays no part in determining the winner.
3. Participation is open to any Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia, over the age of 18, who is not a director or employee (or the immediate family member of a director or employee) of TNC Australia or any of its related bodies corporate and not the winner of a previous year's competition (**Eligible Participant**). TNC Australia reserves the right to confirm and verify that entrants over the age of 18 by requesting proof in writing. The competition is not open to entries of work authored by individuals who are deceased at the time of judging.
4. Eligible Participants are invited to submit an essay of between 3000 and 5000 words in the genre of 'writing of place' (**Essay**). Each Essay must have a topic setting of an Australian landscape. Entries will be individually judged based on literary and creative merit. Entries will be judged in accordance with these conditions of entry.
5. The competition commences on July 16, 2012 and concludes at 5pm AEST on 16 November 2012. Entries must be postmarked during this period. Late or incomplete Entries or Entries deemed incomprehensible by the Judging Panel (as defined below) will be deemed invalid.
6. To submit an Essay, Eligible Participants must send a completed a signed Entry Form, together with two copies of their Essay to P.O Box 57, Carlton South, Victoria, 3053. Entries will not be accepted by hand delivery or email. Entries will not be returned. Each Essay must conform with the Format Guidelines set forth in the Entry Form. The Eligible Participant's name must not be visible on the Essay, as each Essay will be judged anonymously.
7. Eligible Participants may submit a single entry only.
8. Entries must be the original independent creation of the entrant and free of any claims, including copyright or trademark claims, by other parties. Entries must not:
 - a. have been previously published in whole or part in any medium nor will be published in whole or part in any medium during the period of the competition;
 - b. have been entered into the competition in a previous year;
 - c. have previously won nor be currently (nor will, during the period of the competition, be) entered to win any other competition, prize or award;
 - d. be restricted in any way; or
 - e. infringe the rights of any other person including privacy, intellectual property rights (including confidential information) or moral rights.
9. TNC Australia reserves the right to verify the validity of Entries and to disqualify any Essay which, in the opinion of TNC Australia, includes objectionable content, profanity, potentially insulting, inflammatory, libellous or defamatory statements, disqualify any entrant who submits an Essay that is not in accordance with these conditions of entry or who has, in the opinion of TNC Australia, engaged in conduct in entering the competition which is fraudulent, misleading, deceptive or generally damaging to the goodwill or reputation of the competition and/or TNC Australia, or who TNC Australia has reason to believe has engaged in any activity calculated to jeopardise the fair and proper conduct of the competition. TNC Australia reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to disqualify an entrant if TNC Australia becomes aware that the entrant and/or their Essay is of a type described in this condition. TNC Australia's legal rights to recover damages or other compensation from such a person are also reserved.

10. Entries received by TNC Australia will be judged by a judging panel consisting of:
 - a. Janine Burke,
 - b. Geordie Williamson,
(**Judging Panel**)
11. Judging will take place from late November 2012. The Eligible Participant whose Essay is selected by the Judging Panel as the winning entry (**Winner**) will be announced in early 2013 via TNC Australia's website.
12. All decisions of TNC Australia and the Judging Panel are final. TNC Australia and the Judging Panel will not enter into any discussions or correspondence regarding any decision in relation to the final decision. No feedback will be provided on unsuccessful Entries.
13. By submitting an Essay and taking part in the competition, each Eligible Participant agrees that the Essay they have submitted may be published in one of several of Australian media publications and TNC's online and printed publications if that Essay is selected as the winning entry by the Judging Panel. The Winner will be duly attributed as the author of the winning entry in any publication.
14. By submitting an Essay and taking part in the competition, the Winner thereby grants to TNC Australia and its related bodies corporate a non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, publish, adapt and communicate the Essay anywhere in the world. The Winner acknowledges and agrees that TNC Australia is free to use the Essay and to exercise its rights in relation thereto and that the Winner will receive a monetary prize of \$5000 Australian dollars in consideration for the grant of rights herein (**Prize**). The Winner agrees to execute any documentation required to give effect to TNC Australia's rights under this clause in consideration of the award of the Prize, including any required moral rights waivers.
15. The Winner will be notified on a confidential basis by telephone prior to the public announcement of the award of the Prize. The Winner must keep confidential the fact that their Essay has been selected as the winning entry until the public announcement.
16. TNC Australia reserves the right to confirm and verify the identity of the Winner, by requesting the person to provide proof of age, proof of identity, proof of residency and proof that they submitted the Essay. Identification considered suitable for verification is at the absolute discretion of TNC Australia.
17. The Winner may be invited by TNC Australia to participate in a media campaign (as determined by TNC Australia), including but not limited to, being interviewed and photographed, filmed and having their name and photograph published in any publications at the absolute discretion of TNC Australia. By submitting an entry, Eligible Participants agree that if their Essay is selected as the winning entry by the Judging Panel, they will participate in and co-operate as required with all reasonable media editorial requests made by TNC Australia at no cost to the Winner. TNC Australia is not obliged to invite the Winner to participate in any such media campaign and the invitation is at the absolute discretion of TNC Australia.
18. If TNC Australia does not receive an Essay that meets the expected literary standard as determined by the Judging Panel, TNC Australia is not obliged to select a Winner or award the Prize.
19. TNC Australia accepts no responsibility for lost, late, incomplete, incorrectly submitted or misdirected Entries, including Entries not received by TNC Australia or delays in the delivery of an Essay due to technical disruptions, network congestion or for any other reason.
20. If an Eligible Participant's contact details change during the period of the competition, it is the Eligible Participant's responsibility to notify TNC Australia. A request to access, modify or delete any information provided in an Entry Form should be directed to TNC Australia. No changes may be made to an Essay after submission.

21. Each entrant (other than the Winner) agrees to grant to TNC Australia and its related bodies corporate a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual licence to use their Essay for TNC Australia's internal archival purposes only. Copies of the Entries submitted will not be returned to entrants.
22. All Entries, including the entrant's names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers, will be entered into a database to allow TNC Australia to carry out the writing competition. By entering this writing competition, entrants confirm that they allow their personal information to be used and disclosed for these purposes and other purposes described in these conditions. TNC Australia may, for example, disclose this information to its services providers to assist in carry out this writing competition. The Privacy Act gives certain rights of access to individuals whose information is held by TNC Australia. Contact the Director of Communications of TNC Australia on 03 8346 8600 or email Australia@tnc.org or write to P.O Box 57, Carlton South, Victoria, 3053 to submit a request for access.
23. If the Entrant opts via the Entry Form to receive communication from TNC Australia and its related bodies corporate, TNC Australia and its related bodies corporate may use the entrant's names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers for future promotional, marketing and publicity purposes in any media worldwide without notice and without any fee being paid to the entrant. If an entrant no longer consents to their details being used for these purposes, the entrant should contact TNC Australia at the address set out in these conditions of entry. Any request to update, modify or delete the entrant's details should be directed to TNC Australia.
24. If the competition is not capable of running as planned for any reason outside the control of TNC Australia including (without limitation) vandalism, power failures, tempests, natural disasters, acts of God, civil unrest, strike, war, act of terrorism; or due to infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorised intervention, fraud, technical failures or any cause which corrupts or affects the administration, security, fairness or integrity or proper conduct of the competition, TNC Australia reserves the right in its sole discretion to take any action that may be available including to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the competition, subject to any written directions given from the various State or Territory Government authorities (where required).
25. TNC Australia and its related bodies corporate will not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever which is suffered (including but not limited to indirect or consequential loss), or for any personal injury suffered or sustained in connection with this competition except for any liability which cannot be excluded by law. Other than statutory and other warranties that cannot be excluded by law, TNC Australia and its related bodies corporate assume no responsibility for any incorrect or inaccurate information, either caused by an entrant or as a result of any of the systems, equipment or programming associated with or utilised in this competition, or for any technical or human error, or any combination thereof that may occur in the course of the administration of this competition including any omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line, computer line, mobile telephone or satellite network failure, software, server or provider failure, theft or destruction or unauthorised access to or alteration of entries, and reserves the right to take any action that may be available.