

**EYRE WRITERS AWARDS  
RESULTS OF 2018 COMPETITION**

**Typical Australia: The Land and the Sea**

Sponsored by the City of Port Lincoln

First Prize: *Flies and Cheese Toasties* by Naomie Currie, Everard Park SA  
Highly Commended: *The Rock Pool* by Ashley Keeling, Broadmeadow NSW  
Commended: *The Waterhole* by Telene Clarke, Port Lincoln SA  
Commended: *Patchwork Brumby* by Pamela Jeffs, Kenmore Qld

**Judges comments:**

*The standard of writing was very good, filled with great descriptions of all aspects of Australia, from snow-clad mountains to rolling seas and fertile and dry lands in between.*

*This was a short story competition but, unfortunately, for a number of contributions, the scenery was the story and there was little or no plot.*

*The four entries chosen for reward all used their descriptions of aspects of Australia as a background for moving stories, peopled by recognisable Australian characters, past and present.*

*The winning entry, set in an ordinary country kitchen, complete with annoying blowflies, gives a glimpse of the difficult, and sometimes tragic life, of people living through drought time in this country.*

**Tom Black Memorial Award (Rhyming Poetry)**

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First Prize: *As Shadows Fall* by Brenda Joy, Coochiemuldo Island QLD  
Highly Commended: *From Gallipoli with Love* by Tom McIlveen, Port MacQuarrie NSW  
Commended: *The Struggle* by Brenda Joy, Coochiemuldo Island QLD  
Commended: *Sealed With A Kiss* by Tom McIlveen, Port MacQuarrie NSW

**'Eyre Travel' Open Short Story Award**

Sponsored by Eyre Travel

First Prize: *The Cradle of Life* by Marilyn Arthur, Port Lincoln SA  
Highly Commended: *Keith and Delilah* by Diane Hester SA  
Commended: *The Morton Bay Fig Tree* by Helen van Rooijen

**EWI Non-Rhyming Poetry Award**

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First Prize: *America* by Ineke van Os, Sandgate Qld  
Highly Commended: *The Remittance Man's Table* by Helen van Rooijen, Port Lincoln SA  
Highly Commended: *Forecast – Gale Force Winds on the West Coast* by Alison Manthorpe, Coffin Bay SA  
Commended: *Self* by Stephen House, Brooklyn Park SA  
Commended: *Icons* by Bruce Greenhalgh, Campbeltown SA

**Judges Comments:**

Making a choice from the large number of high quality poems was difficult. Well done to all who entered.