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Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize 2022

This is your opportunity to tell your story, responding to the theme

Things Unsaid

Entries close midnight, Sunday 1st May 2022

To enter:

www.westwords.com.au

Total Prize Pool of over **\$10,000**



Terms and Conditions

- Entry is free via the online entry form at www.westwords.com.au/projects/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
 - * The Hills District
 - * Penrith City
 - * Wingecarribee 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 **Things Unsaid**. 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- Work must be original and unpublished.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 for the entries 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/projects/living-stories , by midnight on 1st 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 2022.
- One winning entry and one highly commended entry from each category in each participating LGA will be announced on late May/early June 2021.
- Only winners and highly commended entrants will be individually notified.
- Judges' decisions are final. No correspondence will be entered into.
- By entering this competition, you agree to the potential publication of your work by WestWords/WestLit, both in hard copy and digital forms. Copyright and ownership of intellectual property remains with the author.

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