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## Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize 2023

The Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize is a writing competition for residents of Western Sydney and Wingecarribee, and Wollondilly Shire, with an overall prize pool of over \$10,000. This is your opportunity to tell your story, responding to the theme **the other city**. Your poem, story or personal essay will be judged locally, with category winners going on to vie for the overall prize.

Categories are 10 - 12 years; 13 - 15 years; 16 - 18 years; and adults (18+).

Entries close midnight, Sunday 30th April 2023, and can only be submitted online by going to [www.westwords.com.au](http://www.westwords.com.au)

For more information, please contact WestWords on 1800 WESTWORDS or **by email: [admin@westwords.com.au](mailto:admin@westwords.com.au)**

### Living Stories: The Workshops

Do you have a story to tell? Do you love writing? Do you feel excited when you think about putting words down, and having them really mean something? Does the idea of seeing your name at the top of a page of great writing full of terrific ideas thrill you? Would you like to be able to write better, and to learn from the best?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, then you're in luck, because WestWords and WestLit Libraries, as part of the 2023 Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize, are offering free 90-minute creative writing workshops in your area. These workshops are intended to help writers gain confidence and skills in their creative writing, especially with such a large-scale writing prize just around the corner.

**The Hills Shire Council** be hosting these workshops across their branch libraries for the following age groups. If you need further information, please get in touch by calling **(02) 9761 4520** or make you online booking via [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/library)

Where	Age	Date	Time
Vinegar Hill Memorial Library	Ages 10-12	Thursday 20 April	10am-11.30am
Vinegar Hill Memorial Library	Ages 13-15	Thursday 20 April	12pm-1.30pm
Castle Hill Library	Ages 16 - Adults	Thursday 20 April	6pm-7.30pm

Numbers for these free workshops are very limited, so book early. Priority will be given to participants from within the region.

Please note that in the workshops for young people, the content is customised to specific age groups. Please don't book for a different age group without first consulting with the library.

And if you should miss out on these events, all is not lost – WestWords has put together free online workshops for each of the age groups, as well as a poetry workshop, so you will still be able to access tips, advice and inspiring ideas from professional artists.



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