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Prize boost announced for the 2023 NSW Premier's Literary Awards

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The NSW Government has announced today an increase of \$40,000 in funding for the Multicultural NSW Award and the Indigenous Prize, alongside the opening of entries for the 2023 NSW Premier's Literary Awards.

From this year, the Multicultural NSW Award will be boosted to \$30,000, and the \$30,000 Indigenous Prize will be offered annually, instead of biennially.

According to NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet: "The Premier's Literary Awards are the longest running and richest state-based literary awards in the country honouring the best Australian writers.

"We're thrilled to be increasing the prize money from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for the Multicultural NSW Award and making the Indigenous Prize a permanent fixture of our annual awards. This reinforces the Government's commitment to supporting literature that reflects the stories and experiences of our diverse communities."

Multicultural NSW Chief Executive Officer Joseph La Posta welcomed this exciting news which brings the Multicultural NSW Award and Indigenous Prize into line with other major prizes in the literary awards.

"Writing is one of the world's most enduring forms of communication," Mr La Posta said. "It has the power to transport us to new worlds, across time and through memories. And now writers, poets, screenwriters, playwrights and scriptwriters writing about multicultural Australia and First Nations stories and experiences will be equally celebrated with their peers at these prestigious awards."

Since their establishment in 1979, the Awards have celebrated the successes of emerging and established Australian writers in all genres.

A total of \$345,000 will be offered in 2023, comprising the following categories:

- Christina Stead Prize for Fiction (\$40,000)
- Douglas Stewart Prize for Non-Fiction (\$40,000)
- Kenneth Slessor Prize for Poetry (\$30,000)
- Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature (\$30,000)
- Ethel Turner Prize for Young People's Literature (\$30,000)
- Nick Enright Prize for Playwriting (\$30,000)
- Betty Roland Prize for Scriptwriting (\$30,000)

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- Multicultural NSW Award (\$30,000)
- Indigenous Writers' Prize (\$30,000)
- NSW Premier's Translation Prize (\$30,000)
- UTS Glenda Adams Award for New Writing (\$5,000)
- Book of the Year (\$10,000)
- Special Award (\$10,000)

Submitted works must have been first published, performed, screened or broadcast and made publicly available between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022, except for the NSW Premier's Translation Prize which is biennial.

Entries may be made by authors/translators or illustrators or by their authorised representative: agent, publisher, professional theatre company, film distributor, production company or broadcasting company or corporation. Writers and illustrators whose works are entered must be living Australian citizens or persons holding permanent resident status.

The online entry form and guidelines for the Awards are available from: sl.nsw.gov.au/pla

Entries close: 5pm, Monday 10 October 2022.

The NSW Premier's Literary Awards are administered by the State Library of NSW, in association with Create NSW, and with the support of Multicultural NSW and the University of Technology Sydney.

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