



## Terms and Conditions Hobsons Libraries Big Summer Read 2025- 2026

### The Big Summer Read Overview

The Big Summer Read is an annual reading challenge developed and run by Public Libraries Victoria (PLV).

The objective of the challenge is to promote literacy and reading to avoid the 'summer slide', a term used to describe the 'loss of literacy skills over the summer holidays when children do not read'.

To boost engagement in this statewide challenge, PLV encourages all local libraries in Victoria to offer further incentives and prizes for participants who engage directly with their local libraries. For more information on PLV's statewide campaign please see: [BIG Summer Read- Public Libraries Victoria](#)

### This document includes details of:

1. How to participate in Hobsons Bay Libraries Big Summer Read Competition 2025- 2026
2. Terms and Conditions- Hobsons Bay City Council- Big Summer Read 2025 – 2026
3. Privacy Collection Statement- Hobsons Bay City Council
4. Public Libraries Victoria Statewide Competition

### 1. How to participate in Hobsons Bay Libraries Big Summer Read 2025 – 2026 Competition

a. Visit one of Hobsons Bay City Council's Libraries or Community Hubs to collect a Big Summer Read Reading Log

OR

download a Reading Log from here: [BIG Summer Read- Hobsons Bay](#)

OR

Log your reading on through our online forms [BIG Summer Read- Hobsons Bay](#)

- b. Insert your name and parent / guardian phone number
- c. Insert your Hobsons Bay Library library card number
- d. Write down the names of your books and / or how much daily reading time you have completed
- e. Registrations and entries can be completed by:
  - parents / guardians of children 0 – 18 years old
- OR
- Individual readers aged 13 years and over
- f. Increase your chance of winning a prize by including the name of the school you will be attending in 2026. The top reader from each school will be awarded a prize!
- g. Submit your Reading Log to one of Hobsons Bay City Council's Libraries or Community Hubs
- OR
- email your Reading Log sheet to [libraryfealteam@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](mailto:libraryfealteam@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

## **2. Terms and Conditions- Hobsons Bay Libraries – Big Summer Read 2025- 2026**

### **2.1 Entry into the competition means you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions:**

- a. The Promoter is Hobsons Bay City Council.
- b. Entry is open to all residents of Hobsons Bay age 0 – 18, including individuals who may celebrate their 19th birthday during the campaign.
- c. Entry is also open to individuals with an intellectual disability aged 18 years and over.
- d. Immediate families of Council employees and Councillors are encouraged to participate in the Big Summer Read challenge, however, immediate family members will not be eligible to win prizes as part of Hobsons Bay Libraries Big Summer Read competition.
- e. Entrants must be a member of Hobsons Bay Libraries. Library membership is free. Sign up here: [Sign up to become a library member- Hobsons Bay](#)

### **2.2 The Competition:**

- a. Commences on Monday 1 December 2025; and
- b. Closes on Saturday 31 January 2026
- c. Participants can commence the Big Summer Read 2025- 2026 challenge at any point during this time period
- d. Entrants are encouraged to read either:

20 minutes per day (chapter books) as appropriate for reading level

Or

5 x picture books s appropriate for reading level

e. Entrants log their reading achievements in a Hobsons Bay Libraries Big Summer Read Reading Log Sheet. Reading Log sheets can be collected at all Hobsons Bay Libraries and Community Hubs, or alternatively downloaded at [BIG Summer Read- Hobsons Bay](#) You may prefer to enter your reading achievements online: [BIG Summer Read- Hobsons Bay](#)

f. For every 5 books read (picture book level), OR 5 x 20 minutes of reading (chapter book level), entrants are to submit their Reading Log to any of Hobsons Bay Libraries. Big Summer Read Reading Logs can be handed in in person, or alternatively, emailed to [libraryfealteam@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](mailto:libraryfealteam@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

g. Participants will receive one additional entry into the prize draw for every five entries submitted, based on either the number of books read, or the number of 20 minute sessions spent reading.

**h. All Hobsons Bay Libraries Reading Logs must be submitted by 5.00pm on Monday the 9 February 2026. No late entries will be accepted.**

### **2.3. Prize Draw Selection**

a. All entries will be placed in age specific prize draws categorised as Early Years (0-4), Primary Age (5-11), and Secondary Age (12-18).

b. Entrants can submit an unlimited number of logs of 5 x Picture Books – OR- 5 x 20 minutes of reading time into the draw.

c. The more you read, the more chance you have to win a prize.

d. Winners will be drawn at random by Council's Family Engagement and Learning team on Monday 16 February 2026 across the following 8 Hobsons Bay Libraries and Community Hubs:

- Williamstown Library
- Altona North Library
- Altona Library
- Altona Meadows Library & Learning Centre
- Newport Community Hub and Library
- Seabrook Community Centre
- Laverton Community Centre

- Civic Centre

e. Winners will be notified by 5pm Friday 20th February 2026. Winners will be notified of via the phone number or email address provided on individual Reading Log sheets.

f. Winners may collect their prize from their preferred Library or Community Hub in Hobsons Bay City Council, including the Civic Centre.

g. Prizes for the top reader of each school will be sent directly to the nominated school on the Big Summer Read Reading Log

h. Hobsons Bay Libraries reserves the right, at any time, to verify the validity of entries and entrants (including an entrants identity, age and place of residence), and to disqualify any entrant who submits an entry that is not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions or who tampers with the entry process.

i. Parental / Guardian consent will be obtained should any images of the winners be requested to feature on the Promoter's social media platforms &/or website.

## **2.4 Available Prizes**

### **Early Years prizes aged 0 - 4 years**

- There will be 8 prizes awarded in total.
- One winner will be drawn from each of the 8 Libraries listed above.
- Each winner will receive a Big Summer Read Showbag, including a picture book valued at \$38.00 each.

### **Primary Age prizes aged 5- 11**

- There will be 8 prizes awarded in total.
- One winner will be drawn from each of the 8 Libraries listed above.
- Each winner will receive a Big Summer Read Showbag valued at \$29.50 each.

### **Primary School- Top Student prizes**

- There will be one prize available for the top student reader of each primary school in HBCC.
- Each winner will receive a Big Summer Read Showbag valued at \$29.50 each.

### **Secondary Age prizes aged 12- 18**

- There will be 8 prizes awarded in total.
- One winner will be drawn from each of the 8 Libraries listed above.
- Each winner will receive a Big Summer Read Showbag including a \$60 Prezzy Smart eGift Card valued at \$89.50 each.

### **Secondary Age – Top student prizes**

- There will be one prize available for the top student reader of each secondary school in HBCC.
- Each winner will receive a Big Summer Read Showbag valued at \$29.50 each.

## 2.5 Prize Acceptance

a. Prizes are not redeemable for cash, nor are the prizes transferable or exchangeable. The Prezzy Smart eGift Card will be addressed in the entrant's name and telephone number provided on their Reading Log sheet and confirmed with each winner.

b. By accepting a prize, winners consent to have their first name displayed on the Promoter's social media platforms and website.

c. If, after making all reasonable attempts, the Promoter cannot contact the winner, the Promoter may, at its sole discretion, select the entrant with the next best entry as the winner or retain the unclaimed prize.

d. Once the Prezzy Smart eGift Card prizes have been issued by the Promoter; the Promoter takes no further responsibility for lost or uncollected prizes. Entrants should direct all terms & conditions queries about their Prezzy Smart eGift Card to Prezzy Pty Ltd.

e. The Promoter's decision is final, and the Promoter will not enter into correspondence regarding the competition result.

f. The Promoter reserves the right to verify the validity of entries and to disqualify any entry which, in the opinion of the Promoter, includes objectionable content, profanity, potentially insulting, inflammatory or defamatory statements, disqualify any entrant who tampers with the entry process, who submits an entry that is not in accordance with these Terms & Conditions of Entry or who has, in the opinion of Promoter, engaged in conduct in entering the promotion which is fraudulent, misleading, deceptive or generally damaging to the goodwill or reputation of the promotion and/or Promoter.

g. Entries must be received by 5pm (AEST) on Monday the 9th February 2026. Entries will only be accepted via email to: [libraryfealteam@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](mailto:libraryfealteam@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au) or an entry box at Hobsons Bay Libraries or Community Hubs or via the online form: [BIG Summer Read-Hobsons Bay](#) The promoter accepts no responsibility for any late, lost, or misdirected entries.

## 3. Privacy Collection Statement – Hobsons Bay City Council

Hobsons Bay City Council is committed to protecting your privacy. The personal information supplied by you will be used by Hobsons Bay City Council to contact you to collect your prize. Your personal information will not be disclosed to any external party without your consent, unless required or authorised by law. As part of the competition, Hobsons Bay City Council can share public posts and display the first names of the winners through its social media

platforms and website. You have the right to access your personal information and make corrections. If you have any queries or wish to gain access to amend your information, please contact Council's Privacy Officer on 1300 179 944.

#### 4. Public Libraries Victoria Statewide Competition

- a. There are additional prizes to win if you enter Public Libraries Victoria statewide competition
- b. For more information on PLV's statewide campaign please see: [BIG Summer Read- Public Libraries Victoria](#)
- c. Alternatively, with your consent, we can forward your entries to PLV on your behalf by ticking the appropriate box on the HBL Big Summer Read Reading Log (hard copy or online)
- d. The opportunity of consent will be highlighted as follows: "Tick here if you consent to Hobsons Bay Libraries forwarding your entry to Public Libraries Victoria Statewide competition on your behalf".
- e. Participants who provide consent for HBL to forward their entry to PLV's statewide BSR competition acknowledge that PLV Terms and Conditions, and competition, are separate to Hobsons Bay Big Summer Read Libraries Terms and Conditions
- f. It is not necessary to enter the statewide competition to participate in Hobsons Bay Libraries competition

*Thank you for entering Hobsons Bay Libraries Big Summer Read 2025 - 2026 challenge!*

