

**HOBSONS
BAY CITY
COUNCIL**



Hobsons Bay News magazine writing competition

Terms and conditions of entry

Entry into the competition means you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions.

1. The Promoter is Hobsons Bay City Council
2. Employees and Councillors of Hobsons Bay City Council are not eligible to enter.
3. The competition period commences on Thursday 2 April at 9am and closes on Sunday 10 May at 6pm (AEST).
4. Entrants may enter via an online form. Only one entry per person is permitted. To enter the competition, you must:
 - Access the submission form via the Hobsons Bay Community News magazine webpage during the competition period
 - Write 100 words or less about your favourite Hobsons Bay business
 - Provide your full name, email and phone number for contact purposes.
5. The aim of the competition is to select and reward skillful and creative writing, and chance plays no part in determining the winner. Each valid entry will be individually judged based on creativity and originality as determined by the judges. The best valid entry, as determined by the judges, will be the winner of the prize.
6. All entries will be judged on or around Monday 11 May 2026 by the Promoter's staff. The winner will be notified by 6pm Thursday 14 May. The winner will be notified of their prize in writing by email, phone and on the Promoter's social media and next edition of the magazine.
7. There are two categories: under 18 and open. The winner of each category will receive a \$100 voucher.

8. The prize is not redeemable for cash, nor is the prize transferable or exchangeable. The voucher will be addressed in the name you provide with your competition entry ("Entry")
9. Once the prize has been collected by the winner from the Promoter's premises, the Promoter takes no responsibility for prizes lost or stolen.
10. If, after making all reasonable attempts, the Promoter cannot contact the winner or if the winner does not claim the prize within the claim period, the Promoter may, at its sole discretion, select the entrant with the next best entry as the winner or retain the unclaimed prize.
11. To claim the prize, the winner must arrange to pick up the prize at their nearest Council+ centre (local library or Civic Centre) within 14 days from the date the Promoter notifies the winner.
12. The Promoter reserves the right to verify the eligibility of entries and to disqualify any entry which, in the opinion of Promoter, includes objectionable or adult 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 and 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. This is a family-friendly competition.
13. Entries must be received by 6pm (AEST) on Sunday 10 May 2026. The time of entry will be based on the time it is received at Hobsons Bay City Council. The Promoter accepts no responsibility for any late, lost or misdirected entries due to technical disruptions, network congestion or for any other reason.
14. By accepting the winning prize, the winner agrees to:
 - Their written entry and name being published and used across Hobsons Bay City Council's website, including on its Community News magazine and social media pages, and
 - participate in-person and co-operate as required with all reasonable events, and media requests including but not limited to, being interviewed and photographed and allowing the Promoter to publish and use the interview and photos, for the purpose of promoting the competition.

15. By entering this competition you consent to having your full name and the written piece submitted displayed on the Promoter's social media pages, magazine and other online and media materials for the purpose of promoting this competition. Your personal contact information will not be made public.

16. The Judge's decision is final and neither the Promoter nor the Judges will enter into correspondence regarding the competition result.

Thank you for entering and good luck!