



# Media release

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## West Australian youngsters have write stuff for award

Aspiring young writers across Western Australia will put pen to paper this month for the 2014 Tim Winton Award for Young Writers. School students aged five to eighteen years in Western Australia are once again invited to submit an original story of no more than 2000 words for this coveted annual award.

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson said that the publication of anthology of previous winning stories, *Hatched: Celebrating 20 years of the Tim Winton Award for Young Writers*, last year has made the award even more popular.

“We’ve been thrilled with the success of the award, with a steady increase in the number of entries received each year and the release of *Hatched* has certainly added to the award’s popularity. We’d already had several enquiries regarding this year’s award from schools and individual students before it was even launched.”

She continued: “We’ve come to expect high quality entries from young people of all ages and backgrounds across all genres. The Tim Winton Award for Young Writers has become synonymous with children’s literacy in Perth and, since opening entries to all students in WA in 2011, across Western Australia.”

Winning entries are carefully selected by an experienced panel of judges that includes teachers, university lecturers, librarians and authors.

2013 winner, eleven-year-old Camille French, said that winning the Tim Winton Award last year was her greatest personal achievement to date: “The thing that meant the most to me was having my work recited to the audience. It really inspired me to keep writing.”

When asked why other young writers should consider entering the award, Camille said: “The most important reason to enter the competition is, whether you are lucky enough to be a finalist, or even a winner, the satisfaction of finishing a piece of writing that you are truly proud of is just as great as the prize that you get if you win.”

Entries for the 2014 Tim Winton Award for Young Writers close at 5pm on Sunday 8 June.



Finalists will be contacted directly and those who live and study outside of the Perth metropolitan area will receive travel and accommodation assistance to attend the award presentation ceremony.

Submission details and entry forms are available from the Subiaco Library, 237 Rokeby Road, Subiaco or online at [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au)

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## **Notes to Editor**

### **About the Tim Winton Award**

The Tim Winton Award for Young Writers is a writing competition open to all school students in Western Australia aged between five and eighteen years. The award, which is now in its twenty-second year, encourages creativity and imagination among young people.

Submissions for the award must be original pieces of writing, no more than 2000 words in length and must be written in prose (not poetry or verse).

### **About Subiaco**

The City of Subiaco is recognised as a local government leader in a range of areas such as environmental and social initiatives, and long-term planning for the future. It is located in the inner metropolitan area of Perth and includes the suburbs of Subiaco, Daglish and parts of Nedlands, Shenton Park, Crawley and Jolimont. A major centre for employment with a diverse and growing business sector, the city provides important services including waste collection, town planning and public recreation facilities, to more than 19 000 residents. The city aims to maintain its vibrant sense of community and enhance the lives and well-being of everyone who lives, visits and works in Subiaco. For more information about the City of Subiaco, visit [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au)