

## *'Chapter One' The AAWP's Publication Pathway for Emerging Writers*

### **The Prize - Publication Pathway / Expert Mentoring**

Have you written a poetry collection, literary novel, short story collection, or a hybrid work that crosses genre boundaries? Enter the Australasian Association of Writing Programs' (AAWP) 'Chapter One' competition for your chance to win.

If you win you will receive — a written appraisal of your work from an established literary author and a letter of recommendation to UWAP. This 'tick of approval' will see your manuscript assessed without delay. You will, effectively, leap to the top of the submissions pile. You will also receive a \$500 cash prize and fully subsidised conference fees to attend the annual conference of the AAWP (November 2015) where you will read from your work.

If your full manuscript is as robust as 'Chapter one' you may secure a publishing contract with the University of Western Australia Publishing (UWAP) <http://uwap.uwa.edu.au>

Take advantage of this stunning opportunity. Fast track your writing journey in a fiercely competitive market.

### **Conditions of Entry**

1. This competition is open to emerging writers. Emerging writers will not have a single-authored, commercially published, print publication in any genre. Emerging writers who have published in electronic format only, or who have published work in collections showcasing multiple authors, are eligible.
2. This competition is open to postgraduate students, post-doctoral fellowship holders, or PhD and MA graduands up to 12 months beyond their graduation. Full-time academic employees are not eligible to enter.
3. The AAWP 'Chapter One' Prize opens on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and closes at midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Late submissions will not be accepted.
4. Entries should not exceed 500 lines (poetry) or 5,000 words (prose). An extract from the subsequent chapter is permissible as long as the total submission adheres to the aforementioned guidelines.
5. You must submit a 500-word synopsis with your submission. The synopsis should precede your submission and the work should be submitted as one Word document.
6. The winner will be announced on the AAWP website no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015. At this time the winner will submit a full manuscript, together with a 500-word synopsis. The manuscript should be formatted as follows — line spacing: 1.5, font size: 12 point, font: Times New Roman.
7. 'Chapter One' is open to current members of the AAWP; if membership is not active prior to the entry being submitted, the entry is invalidated.
8. You can enter as many times as you wish. Subsequent entries incur a separate fee.
9. Do not include your name anywhere on your entry. All judging is 'blind'. Any entries with names on them will be disqualified. If an entry is disqualified no refund will be given.
10. Entries may not be altered after they have been submitted.
11. The AAWP reserves the right to disqualify any entry that breaches the rules.
12. The judges' verdict is final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into.
13. The manuscript must not be under assessment by another publisher for the duration of the competition.
14. The submission may include work that has been published previously providing such publication does not breach the competition rules and as long as the author owns the copyright.

### **How to Enter**

1. The entry fee is \$30 and you must also be an AAWP member prior to submitting your entry. The entry fee must be paid directly to the AAWP using PayPal. Go to the AAWP Homepage: <http://www.aawp.org.au> Payment can be made under 'MAKE A DONATION' using the 'DONATE' link.
2. Entry is via email to 'submissions@aawp.org.au' with your surname in the subject line (e.g. ChapterOneBronte).
3. The body of your email should include the following information: your name, your preferred contact details, the PayPal transaction ID for your AAWP annual membership (sent to your preferred email address after payment has been made via PayPal), the PayPal transaction ID for the entry fee (sent to your preferred email address after payment has been made via PayPal).
4. Your first chapter and synopsis should be attached to the email, and uploaded as ONE Word document (.doc .docx). The file name should be identical to the title of the manuscript. This title should appear in the header on each page of the attachment. Pages should be numbered.
5. Your submission should be written in English and formatted as follows: line spacing: 1.5, font size: 12 point, font: Times New Roman.