

Ballarat Writers-Competitions Report 2022

2022 has been a busy year for Ballarat Writers, and this year we had two competitions—the Pamela Miller competition from May-June and the Martha Richardson Memorial Poetry Competition.

The Pamela Miller competition is a prose-based competition open to members of Ballarat Writers. Entries were capped at 500 words and had to address the theme 'Something Overhead'. There were 8 entries, which were read anonymously by the committee members. The winning entry was 'Something Overhead' by Roland Renyi.

For the 2022 Martha Richardson Memorial Poetry competition, our theme was 'Inflate' and writers had 40 lines to address this topic. There were over 60 entries, and our judge, Andy Jackson read them all diligently. The winners of the competition were:

1st prize: Nathan Curnow-Every Heart Sings Ballarat

2nd prize: Damen O'Brien-The Flame

3rd prize: Anne Gleeson-When my sight is gone

Highly Commended: Glenn McPherson-Burnt Up

Damen O'Brien-The Numb Drug

Andy was greatly impressed by the quality and creativity of the entries, and his report can be found on the Ballarat Writers website.

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