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2022 Mayors' Short Story Challenge Winners Announced!

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Creative young writers across the Fleurieu region have been awarded in the annual Mayors' Short Story Challenge.

An initiative of Alexandrina Council, City of Victor Harbor and District Council of Yankalilla, the challenge supports the development of language and literacy skills in school aged children from Reception to Year 10. Mayors of the three Council regions presented awards and prizes to the talented young writers and encouraged many others to take the challenge during presentation events held in the local libraries and schools.

This year there were 385 entries from Alexandrina Council, 356 from the City of Victor Harbor and 208 from District Council of Yankalilla.

Shortlisted entrants and winners of the 2022 Mayors' Short Story Challenge were announced in a variety of celebrations held by each district library during the last week of August. Mayors and library staff presented awards and prizes recognising the excellence of all entrants.

Individual category winners received a \$50 book voucher and the overall winner from each Council area received an additional Mayors' prize of a \$50 book voucher. The school from which each overall winner attends received \$1,000 from their local Council to contribute to the school's library collection.

In presenting the awards, the Mayors from each Council praised the children who took up the challenge and demonstrated their creative writing abilities. They also thanked; the three public libraries for their coordination of the Mayors' Short Story Challenge, school principals, librarians, teachers, student service officers and home school parent/teachers who played a key role in encouraging their students to enter and showcase their talents.

The prizes were provided by the respective Councils and 'Friends of the Library' groups.



2022 Mayors' Short Story Challenge Winners

Category	Alexandrina Council	City of Victor Harbor	District Council of Yankalilla
Reception to Year 2	Thea Croft Year 2 Port Elliot Primary School	Jack Cook Year 2 Investigator College	Beau Roberts Year Two Yankalilla Area School
Years 3 to 4	Flynn Bicknell Year 4 Port Elliot Primary School	Harry Byrnes Year 3 Investigator College	Ella Conroy Year Three Yankalilla Area School
Years 5 to 7	Ember Townley Year 6 Mount Compass Area School	Blue Moore Elsie McKeand (Equal Winners) Year 5 Victor Harbor Primary School	Patrick O'Brien Year Seven Yankalilla Area School
Years 8 to 10	Catherine Green Year 9 Home School	Ava Turley Charlie McKeand Year 8 Victor Harbor High School	Alissa Rahaley Year Eight Yankalilla Area School
Overall Winner	Ember Townley Year 6 Mount Compass Area School	Jack Cook Year 2 Investigator College	Ella Conroy Year Three Yankalilla Area School



Shortlisted 5-7 category L-R

Frankie Welk – Encounter Lutheran College, Blue Moore – Victor Harbor Primary School, Mayor Dr Jenkins, Elsie McKeand - Victor Harbor Primary School, Hannah Swan - Victor Harbor Primary School