

# 2020 Ron Rathbone Local History Prize Guidelines

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## **Aim**

The aim of the Ron Rathbone Local History Prize is to encourage original research into the history of the Bayside Council area, to deepen and broaden our knowledge of the history of the Bayside area, and to ensure that the results of such research are archived and made available for future researchers.

## **Prize**

The winner of the 2020 Ron Rathbone Local History Prize will receive \$5,000.

## **Conditions of Entry**

1. Entrants must complete and sign an official entry form and lodge it together with their entry.
2. Entries may be submitted in either hard or soft copy. If a soft copy entry is submitted, it must be in either Microsoft Word or PDF format.
3. All entries will be acknowledged upon receipt. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that his or her entry is properly submitted and received.
4. Entries must be in English.
5. Entrants may submit more than one piece of research if they wish. A separate entry form is required for each entry.
6. Copyright of any research work and writing submitted remains with the author of the work at all times.
7. All entries will be placed in the Local Studies Collection of Bayside Library Service. If entrants submit a hard copy that copy will be retained by the Library for its collection. If entrants submit a soft copy then a copy of their work will be printed by the Library for its collection.
8. If entrants agree, their entry will also be made available on Bayside Council's website.
9. The judges shall have the discretion to divide the prize money equally between two separate entrants whose works are considered to be of equal merit.
10. The entries will be judged on individual merit. The judges reserve the right to award no prize if they deem there are no entries of sufficiently high quality. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
11. Entrants do not need to be residents of Bayside Council.
12. Only individuals, not organisations or societies, may enter; however, entries with joint authors are permitted. In the event that the Prize is awarded to an entry with joint authors, the prize money will be equally divided between those authors.
13. Employees of Bayside Council are not eligible to enter.

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## Judging

Entries will be judged by a judging panel composed of Dr Peter Orlovich, Anne Slattery and a Bayside Council representative.

Entrants are strongly advised to consider the criteria outlined below before entering the competition.

## Judging Criteria

1. How closely the work relates to the history of the Bayside Council area.

*Research may be submitted on any topic that is related to any part of the Bayside Council area. Bayside covers the suburbs of Arncliffe, Banksia, Banksmeadow, Bardwell Park, Bardwell Valley, Bexley, Bexley North, Botany, Brighton-Le-Sands, Carlton, Daceyville, Dolls Point, Eastgardens, Eastlakes, Hillsdale, Kingsgrove, Kogarah, Kyeemagh, Mascot, Monterey, Pagewood, Ramsgate, Rockdale, Rosebery, Sandringham, Sans Souci, Turrella and Wollie Creek.*

2. How much original historical research and consultation of primary and secondary sources the work involves.

*Entrants must submit an original piece of research. If the research work has previously been submitted to an academic institution as an assignment, or has been used as part of or in connection with any other project, it may still be submitted; however, it must be presented in a style appropriate for entry into the Prize.*

3. How well the sources used are documented in footnotes and/or in a bibliography.

4. How much new information, or how many new historical connections or interpretations, the work provides.

5. How strongly the work adheres to its chosen topic or theme.

*It is suggested that works submitted have a clearly stated aim or objective, or that entrants include in their introduction an outline of their chosen topic or research subject.*

6. The professional quality and the style of the work and the writing itself (presentation, pagination, spelling, grammar, layout, etc.).

*It is expected that an entry will be a significant piece of work that makes a genuine contribution to our knowledge of the history of the Bayside Council area, or that offers a new interpretation of existing historical knowledge. There is no prescribed maximum word limit for the Local History Prize; a minimum length of ten to twelve A4 pages is generally expected.*

## Closing date

All entries must be received by 5pm on Friday 24 July 2020.

## Enquiries

For further information or enquiries, please contact Kirsten Broderick, Community History Librarian, on 9562 1821 or [kirsten.broderick@bayside.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kirsten.broderick@bayside.nsw.gov.au)