

# MILDURA WRITERS FESTIVAL



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PEN Melbourne and the Mildura Writers Festival present the

## 2018 Mildura Indigenous Writers Award



2017 joint winners, Patrick Lawson and Maya Hodge

The Award is open to local Indigenous writers over 16 years of age and will be for a short fiction of up to 2000 words or a poem on any theme. Prize money of \$1200 will be divided between the award recipients if there is more than one winner. The 2018 Judge will be Marie Munkara who will also announce the Award winner at 12:30pm on Saturday 21 July at La Trobe University, Mildura.

### Entries close on 6 July 2018

Download the Entry Form from [www.mildurawritersfestival.com.au](http://www.mildurawritersfestival.com.au) or complete over page.

#### Comments from 2017 joint -inner, Maya Hodge:

Since being a joint-winner of the *Mildura Indigenous Writers Award* in 2017, I have started to write confidently again. Writing has become a passion of mine which I never had the courage to pursue until I entered my poem 'Her Eyes' into the Mildura Writers Festival. The support I have gained afterwards with my writing has been pivotal in my aspiration of becoming an art writer, critic and poet. This year, PEN Magazine contacted me with the opportunity to publish my poem in *Overland Literary Magazine*, which has given me new hope that my career has a future. Without this award I probably would not have the experiences I now have today, and the possibilities to start achieving my goals while I am still young.

#### Conditions

- Open to local Indigenous writers over 16 years
- Entries can include a poem or short fiction of any theme, up to 2000 words
- Applicants may only submit one entry
- Entries must include the form below
- Entrants must have connection to local region

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### Entry Form

<b>Contact Details</b>
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Name

Post Address

Town/City

Phone

E-mail

**If you wish to identify your language group / nation, please write it on the line below**

(if your entry is nominated for an award, we will announce your language group with your name and award)

<b>Entry Details</b>
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Title

Poem       Short Fiction       Other (please specify)  .....

**Applications are due by COB on 6 July 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.**

Please send your work and entry form to:

- Email to [info@mildurawritersfestival.com.au](mailto:info@mildurawritersfestival.com.au)
- Post your entry to PO Box 3276, Mildura VIC 3502 (submissions MUST be received in our box by 6 July 2018)

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