



2019 BENALLA FESTIVAL

Writing Competition

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- Primary school
- Secondary school
- Open section

The 2019 Benalla Festival Writing Competition is now open.

The theme for your piece is 'Fiesta of Festivities' - a celebration of events and festivals in Benalla Rural City.

Writers from Benalla Rural City are invited to enter a poem or short story. Your piece should reflect on the theme.

We look forward to reading your special memories and thoughts on how the community comes together to celebrate.

FREE TO ENTER

\$2000 worth of cash prizes!

SCHOOL SECTION:

GRADES 3/4, 5/6, YEARS 7/8, 9/10, 11/12

1ST PRIZE: \$140

2ND PRIZE: \$70

3RD PRIZE: \$30

OPEN SECTION

1ST PRIZE: \$200

2ND PRIZE: \$120

3RD PRIZE: \$80

HIGHLY COMMENDED BPACC MOVIE VOUCHERS

THE TOPIC:



FIESTA!
of festivities

SEE OVER FOR ENTRY FORM

- Contact Benalla Rural City Council for more information on 03 5760 2600
- Entry forms are available from the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library), your school's General Office or the festival website.

Entries close 21 October 2019

www.benallafestival.com.au

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2019 BENALLA FESTIVAL WRITING COMPETITION

As part of the 2019 Benalla Festival, enter a **poem** or a piece of **writing** on the topic '*Fiesta of Festivities*.' This topic is based on this year's Benalla Festival theme which celebrates events and festivals held within Benalla Rural City. Be creative - share your thoughts and memories of a special or favourite event.

Your piece might be about:

- Iconic Benalla Festival events such as the street parade, lakeside entertainment, fireworks, A Day in the Gardens market
- Carols by Candlelight
- Your school Christmas concert
- Christmas Day when it's 35 in the shade
- Waking up on New Year's Day after a big night
- Celebrating Australia Day
- Benalla's Gold Cup
- Molyullah Easter Sports
- ANZAC Day. What does it mean to me?
- Benalla Spring Show – what are your favourite memories?
- The beauty of our street art – Wall to Wall Festival

Rules and Conditions

1. Entry is **free** and participants can have a maximum of two entries. The pieces of prose can vary in style (biographical, expository, discursive or narrative).
2. **Entries close on Monday 21 October 2019 at 5pm and can be submitted:**
 - in person at the Benalla Rural City Council's Customer Service Centre; or
 - at the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library), Fawckner Drive, Benalla; or
 - posted to Benalla Rural City Council, PO Box 227 Benalla 3671 with 'Writing Competition' clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.
3. There will be **six** different categories for you to enter:

■ Grade 3/4 (word limit of 200 words)	■ Year 9/10 (word limit of 500 words)
■ Grade 5/6 (word limit of 300 words).	■ Year 11/12 (word limit of 600 words)
■ Year 7/8 (word limit of 400 words)	■ Open (word limit of 800 words)
4. The piece of writing must be the entrant's own work and not have been previously published.
5. Entries must be typed and on A4 paper. The information below must be attached to the entry.
6. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence entered into.
7. Staff members of Benalla Rural City Council and members of the Benalla Festival Advisory Committee are not permitted to enter the competition.
8. Winners, runners up and encouragement award recipients of the six categories will be notified by telephone on Monday 28 October and asked to attend a presentation on the evening of Thursday 7 November 2019.
9. For further information contact the Benalla Rural City Council on 5760 2600.

Please print clearly and attach to your piece of writing

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Grade/Year level/Open: _____ Name of piece: _____

I declare that the attached poem/piece of writing is my own work and I am a (please tick):

- Primary student attending a school within Benalla Rural City Secondary student attending a school within Benalla Rural City
 Student - attends school outside municipality but lives in Benalla Rural City Open section entrant within Benalla Rural City

If a winner, I also give permission for my work to be displayed in the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library).

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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