



## **‘Point of View’ - Short Story Competition 2024**

SPaDCO (Stuarts Point and District Community Organisation) are again calling for stories with the 2024 theme of PLACE.

Diverse culturally inclusive stories that signify being, or becoming a local resident, be it told through anecdotal narrative, poetry, or maybe a story of individual journeys, challenges, arrivals, or departures... family and community connections.

Children may wish to recall their memories and expectations of events, or adventures, or the natural environment that makes living here special.

We seek to share the diverse essence of local voices and our sense of PLACE.

**FREE entries are open from Saturday 1 June 2024 in two sections:**  
**Adults Section**  
**Children (under 16 years of age)**

Closing date for entries is 6pm Saturday 27 July 2024

Winners will be announced in August.

### **Prizes**

-Coffs Coast Wildlife Sanctuary are offering a single ‘meet the dolphins’ experience as a prize- valued at \$120

- more prizes are yet to be announced...

Watch this space !!!

### **Who can enter?**

Entries are welcome from living writers, composed in English language, and from anywhere in the SPaDCO district, which includes Eungai, Yarrahapinni, Grassy Head and Fishermans Reach.

### **How to enter**

Submit entries via email to **place@spadco.community**

Judging is conducted blind.

The author’s name must not appear in the story or in the name of the digital file.

Entrants will receive confirmation of receipt to the email address used when entering.

## Formatting your entry

1. Entries should be submitted as Word documents (.doc or .docx).
2. 12 pt font size is preferable.
3. The pages should be numbered.
4. The file name must only include the title of the story, and please signify either adult or child as entrant. i.e. [*once upon a time*- adult]. Entrants must not include their own name in the title of the story or the file name.
5. Entries must be a single, original story of up to 1500 words, less is fine.
6. Entries must be written in English.

## Guidelines and Details

1. Entries must be original works written by an individual living author.
2. Entries must not infringe upon anyone's copyright.
3. Previously published, prize-winning, or broadcast stories will not be accepted. (Previous online appearances constitute prior publication.) Entries will be deemed ineligible if they are under contract to another publisher or broadcaster and remain so after a longlisted entrant is contacted regarding eligibility.
4. Entries must contain nothing obscene, libellous, unlawful, defamatory, or anything that may be deemed by the judges to be inappropriate.
5. The prizes will be dispersed following the announcement of the winners.
6. Copyright of the story (or stories) remains with the entrant.

## Publication

Extracts will be chosen and SPaDCO is looking into collating and producing a printed anthology which will include selected works.

(Writer's permissions will be sought for these projects)

## The Judging Process

1. Judging is completely anonymous.
2. The entrant's name must not appear in the Word file or in the file name.
3. Entries must not include personal dedications, as these might inadvertently reveal the entrant's identity. Dedications can be added following completion of the judging.
4. Judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into about the judgements or the judging process.
5. We may, on request, be able to provide feedback about individual entries.

**Judges- Mayor Leo Hauville, Sigrid Lanker** (... more to be announced)

For further information and submission entries, contact:  
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