



SCRIBES WRITERS – “SHORT TAKES”

OPEN THEME - SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2026

Details & Conditions Of Entry.

Category: Short Story

Theme: Open.

Line Count: 1000 word limit (Excluding Title)

Prizes: 1st \$200

2nd \$100

Highly Commended and Commended Certificates at judges' discretion.

Entry Fee: \$12 per entry.

Closing Date: **30th October 2026.** Entries must be post marked on or before this date.

Late entries will not be accepted.

1. Email entries are accepted.
2. Text, title and page numbers only on the manuscript, not the author's name.
3. A completed Entry Form (available at www.scribeswriters.com) **up to five entries per entry form.**
4. No clip art or decoration of any kind is to be included.
5. Submissions must be the original work of the author, not published or broadcast or submitted concurrently elsewhere. Anything that has been distributed in the public arena including social media is considered published.
6. Submissions must be typed, single spaced in Times New Roman or similar font on single sided A4 paper. Save each submission as a separate Word Document.
7. The judges' decision will be final and no other correspondence will be entered into.
8. Entries will not be returned.
9. Winners will be notified by phone or email within 6 weeks of the competition closing date and the results, together with a judge's report will be posted on the Scribes website.
10. Subject to author's permission, prizewinning entries will be published on the Scribes website
11. Payment of entry can be made by bank transfer or direct deposit.
Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000 Account Number: 131739328. In the reference write the name of your submission so your payment can be identified. Please do not send cash or coins in the mail.
12. Sending by email:

Attach your Entry Form and submissions (Word Document) to your email. In the subject heading of your email type **Short Takes.**

Send to: scribesconvener@gmail.com .

We look forward to reading your submission.