



Dear Writer,

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ZineWest 2009 is an annual zine offering new and emerging writers who live, work or study in Western Sydney an opportunity for publication and prizes in a multi-genre, regional zine. We foster networking and publicity by hosting a launch featuring readings from as many finalists as possible – Sept/Oct date to be advised.

We hope you and your writing friends will send us some wonderful entries in word-based genres: stories, poetry, lyrics, memoir, cartoons, comics, drama.

Some definitions:

- ZineWest is a professionally printed A 5 zine, wire-bound by NWG Inc volunteers.
- We define 'Western Sydney' by the *Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board's* list of councils: Auburn, Bankstown, Baulkham Hills, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Liverpool, Parramatta, Penrith and Wollondilly.
- We define 'new and emerging' writers as excluding those who are professionally published in genre submitted (other than in journals, anthologies of multiple writers, or self-published work).

Entries open from now to 20th June, 09.

Costs/fees:

- No entry fees
- No payment for publication in ZW
- Zines sell for \$5

Copyright:

- NWG Inc has copyright of ZW
- Individual copyright is retained by authors and illustrators.

Prizes:

- First prize = \$400; Second prize = HEAT subscription; Third prize = book from the Giramondo imprint.
- The judge will name a 'best entry' from each genre which has at least three entries on the publication list.
- The judge may also name other finalists to receive certificates.

Co-sponsor: We are very grateful for the continued support from Professor Ivor Indyk and the **Writing and Society Research Group** at the University of Western Sydney. The research group co-sponsors prizes and provides judging.

ZW Editors: NWG Inc editor Sue Crawford and guest editors Lyn Leerson (FAW Parramatta) and Felicity Castagna (Winner ZineWest 2008) will select around thirty pieces from the anonymised entries for publication. These entries are forwarded to the research group for judging.

Light editing may be required for publication. Finalists can participate through our editing workshops held in July/August. The judge sees the unedited entries only.

ZineWest is archived by State libraries and the National Library of Australia. Winning entries are published in NWG Inc EZine which is also archived by the National Library of Australia.

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Looking forward to your entries,

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