

Sutherland Shire Literary Competition 2026

The Sutherland Shire Literary competition aims to promote the diverse cultural heritage of the Sutherland Shire whilst contributing to the rich tradition of literary practice in Australia.

List of Winners

Congratulations to this year's winners, and to everyone who entered a poem or short story, we thank you for your contribution to the competition. First prize, Shire Resident's Prize and Highly Commended prize-winning entries are published in full in the 2026 Sutherland Shire Literary Competition magazine:

https://www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0027/118818/Sutherland-Shire-Literary-Competition-2025-26-Magazine.pdf

Traditional verse

First Prize: A Step Too Far – Terrence Piggott, Lynwood WA

Highly Commended: The Girl with the Flute – Karyn Savage, Warabrook NSW

Shire Resident's Prize: The Leaves in Grandma's Garden – Emily Cook, Bangor NSW

Commended: A Land Down Under – David Judge, Kangaroo Flat VIC

Commended: Love, Like a Mountain – David Stanley, Bathurst NSW

Commended: The Local Pool's Rhythm – Rebecca Molendowski, Kirrawee NSW

Commended The Stranger – Jim Gill, Sawtell NSW