

2022 LORRIE BARZDO WRITERS' AWARD

Entries for the 2022 Lorrie Barzdo Writers' competition will close on **WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2022 at midnight**. The winners will be announced at the AGM on **THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 2022**.

In bequesting the annual prize on 6 Nov 2010 the late Lorrie Barzdo wrote,

"Recording your data correctly and in an interesting manner gives future generations of your family a path to follow and I have always promoted writing more than just the bare details of your research. We do have lots of good writers, but I hope this award should encourage many of those who "Don't think I'm any good" and therefore don't try. There are many reasons why I would urge all members to write a short story, in fact write many stories."

Advanced Category prize \$100

Novice Category prize \$50 - This category began in 2019 for new members or members who have not previously submitted an entry to the competition.



LORRIE'S SUGGESTIONS FOR STORIES

- To illustrate how or where research information was obtained.
- A story about one person.
- A story about one family line in your tree.
- A report about a good website and its features.
- A story including happenings of the era in your Family History.
- Family Stories beginning e.g. *It is believed..... My dear Grandad would recall...* etc
- A story about how you connected with a distant relative.

ASSISTANCE FOR ALL ENTRANTS

Any entrant needing help with inserting photos in their document, formatting text, or other general assistance can contact Sue Brownjohn.

ENTRY CRITERIA

- **Entrants must be a financial Member of CFHRI**
- **limited to 1250 words** (and include a word count at the end), **shorter stories accepted**
- **include the entrant's name and membership number** (*not to be made available to the judges*)
- **submitted electronically in Word NOT PDF format**
- **typed using Arial 12 font with a space between each paragraph**
- **Competition entry presumes permission for stories to be published in the Clipper.**

Entries are to be emailed to the Competition Co-ordinator, Sue Brownjohn (brownjohn@bigpond.com) who will confirm eligibility before passing them to the judges.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The judges will assess entries against the following criteria which will enable the judges to provide feedback to entrants if requested. The three-person judging panel will **NOT** include the Co-ordinator.

- Meets the criteria of the competition
- Presentation (appearance and arrangement of the entry)
- Entertaining (written in a manner that will make the reader look forward to reading it)
- Readability (flow – building on the story)
- Focus (sticks to the subject or theme)
- Spelling, Grammar and Language
- Family History content and research

A member of the Judging Panel will make the presentation to the two winners at the AGM.