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## The Horne Prize shortlist 2018

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### Shedding light on contemporary Australia

Aesop and *The Saturday Paper* are pleased to announce the 2018 shortlist for The Horne Prize, which honours excellence in narrative non-fiction. Each of the five essays interrogates an aspect of contemporary Australian life, and was selected from a field of more than 400 entries that spanned diverse themes and approaches.

The shortlisted writers are:

- Melanie Cheng for *All the Other Stories*, on the passing of time and the power of storytelling
- Claire G. Coleman for *After the Grog War*, on the Barunga Statement and the impact of the Northern Territory Intervention
- Joy Goodsell for *Domestic Terrorism*, on the language and shape of family violence
- Daniel James for *Ten More Days*, on Aboriginality and what is lost between generations
- Fiona Wright for *State Your Intentions*, on solitude, loneliness and the vagaries of desire

The winning essay will be announced in early December and published in *The Saturday Paper* on 22 December. This year's judging panel comprises Erik Jensen, editor-in-chief of *The Saturday Paper*; Suzanne Santos, Aesop's General Manager, Retail and Customer Service; and Professor Marcia Langton AM.

Established in 2016, the prize is named for the late Donald Horne AO, in recognition of his contribution to Australian letters. An eminent author, editor, journalist, academic and public intellectual, Horne is widely remembered for his book *The Lucky Country*, an incisive critique of Australian culture first published in 1964. The prize's inaugural recipient was Anna Spargo-Ryan for her essay *The Suicide Gene*; in 2017 it was awarded to Dr Kerry Goldsworthy for *The Limit of the World*.

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