

Statement on The Horne Prize

The Saturday Paper and Aēsop respect the need for diversity in storytelling and for people – especially people from minority groups – to tell their own stories.

This year, in the hope of addressing this need, we introduced several new guidelines for The Horne Prize. We acknowledge these guidelines were restrictive and should not have been included. They have now been removed.

The Horne Prize will be re-opened to entrants for a further month with no restrictions on eligibility. Writers who have already entered will be able to resubmit, or submit new essays, if they wish. All essays will be judged equally.

Neither the proprietor of *The Saturday Paper*, Morry Schwartz, nor the judges were aware of the guidelines. Anna Funder and David Marr disagreed with the restrictions that were present in the guidelines and have chosen not to continue as judges.

We invite entries for The Horne Prize until 30 October.

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