



The Horne Prize shortlist 2019

Aesop and *The Saturday Paper* are pleased to announce the 2019 shortlist for The Horne Prize, which honours excellence in narrative non-fiction. Selected from a field of more than 350 entries spanning diverse themes and approaches, each of the five essays addresses a topical aspect of contemporary Australian life.

The shortlisted writers are:

- Claire G. Coleman for *Hidden in Plain Sight*, on the prolonged suffering of the Stolen Generations, and the path of return to culture
- Mick Daley for *Up Expletive Hill*, on climate change, activism and Adani's Carmichael coalmine
- Carly Findlay for *In Sickness and In Health*, on the social cost of health and migration policies that are fuelling deportations
- Rachael Lebeter for *Diary of a Wildlife Carer*, on the plight of native fauna in the face of climate change and diminishing biodiversity
- Thomas Mayor for *A Dream That Cannot Be Denied*, on the legacy of the Wave Hill Walk-Off and the need for constitutional enshrinement of a First Nations Voice.

The 2019 judging panel comprises Maddison Connaughton, editor of *The Saturday Paper*; Suzanne Santos, Aesop's Chief Customer Officer; Professor Marcia Langton AM; and award-winning writers Anna Krien and Nam Le. The winning essay will be announced in early December and published in *The Saturday Paper* on 21 December. A stand-alone print edition will also be available in Aesop's Australian signature stores.

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*; and in 2018 to Daniel James for *Ten More Days*.

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