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My Brother Jack Awards 2019

Take your storytelling and photography to the next level and enter Glen Eira City Council's *My Brother Jack Awards 2019*.

Now in its 24th year, the *Awards* are open to adults, children and youth who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira. Entries open on Wednesday 12 June and close Friday 26 July.

There are categories for short stories, poetry and photography, with the best entries receiving cash or a shopping centre voucher.

One of our new judges this year is award-winning author of *Ache*; *In the Quiet*; and *P is for Pearl*, Eliza Henry-Jones. Eliza won the *My Brother Jack Awards Youth Short Story* category in 2009 and 2010 and the *Youth Poetry Award* in 2010. She also placed second and third in the *Open Short Story* category in 2011 and 2012.

Eliza said that entering the *My Brother Jack Awards* was the first time she felt like a writer.

"Through the *My Brother Jack Awards* and the *Glen Eira Storytelling Festival*, I was able to connect with the writing community and hear from some of the best writers in Australia — all of that paved the way for writing to become my career," she said.

"The *Awards* are a rare and wonderful opportunity where words and stories are celebrated and acknowledged just the way they should be."

So get writing and snapping photos — we can't wait to see all of your creativity.

For further information and to enter, visit library.gleneira.vic.gov.au/mbj

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