



## CHIEF OF NAVY ESSAY COMPETITION 2019

The Chief of Navy Essay Competition aims to promote knowledge of and interest in a thinking, fighting, Australian Navy.

There will be three (3) divisions with a prize of \$5,000 to be awarded to the author of an essay in each division. Honourable mentions may also be made at the discretion of the judging panel.

### **The three divisions are:**

1. The Open Division – named the McKenzie Prize (Florence Violet McKenzie) and open to any entrant either from Australia or international.
2. The Defence Division – named the Smith Prize (ADML Sir Victor Alfred Trumper Smith) and open to all members of the Department of Defence (ADF, APS, Cadets etc)
3. The Youth Division – named the MacDougall Prize (VADM Ian Donald George MacDougall) and open to all members of the Royal Australian Navy aged 25 or under as at the closing date for submission of entries.

The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the Australian Naval Institute (ANI) are looking for original thinkers who, through their work, promote discussion about an historical application and its implication for the future of the RAN.

The topic is “With reference to any historical example, what are the implications for the future of the Royal Australian Navy?” There is no restriction on the area of the topic.

### **COMPETITION RULES**

Entries must be previously unpublished and must be the original work of the author / creator. They can address the topic through any subject.

The winning entry will exhibit original ideas and be a catalyst for considered debate on issues of importance in the RAN.

Entries should be 2,000 to 4,000 words in length, including footnotes.

### **FORMAT OF ENTRIES**

Essay entries should be on A4 paper and typed single spaced. An electronic copy of each essay is also to be submitted. The name of the author and a short biography should be included on a detachable page. The author’s name should not appear (as the author of the essay) in the essay itself.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open to any interested persons who fit within either of the three identified divisions.

## **OUTCOME**

The winning entry will be determined by the ANI acting on the recommendation of a judging panel appointed by ANI. The award of the prize shall be in the absolute discretion of the ANI. The ANI may determine not to award the prize in any year.

## **PRIZE**

Three prizes of \$5,000 will be awarded to the author of an essay in each division. The winner of the MacDougall Prize (RAN personnel aged 25 years and under) and selected honourable mentions will also be invited to attend the Sea Power Conference 2019 'Young Turks' session in Sydney at the International Convention Centre on 10 October 2019 to present their essays to a Navy panel. The presentations will be live streamed and published by the Sea Power Centre – Australia.

## **PUBLICATION OF ESSAY**

The winning essays and honourable mentions will be published by the ANI in the *Australian Naval Review*.

It is a condition of entry to the competition that entries will not have been published elsewhere. Once submitted, essays may not be submitted for publication elsewhere without prior approval of the ANI.

## **INQUIRIES**

Further inquiries relating to the competition, including whether an essay is eligible for submission for the prize, may be directed to [admin@navalinstitute.com.au](mailto:admin@navalinstitute.com.au)

## **SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES**

Entries should be sent to CN Essay Competition, Australian Naval Institute, PO Box 241, DEAKIN WEST ACT 2600.

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## **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES**

The closing date for entries has been extended to 27 August 2019. Late entries may be accepted but an extension must be sought before the closing date.

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