



## CHIEF OF NAVY 2022 ESSAY COMPETITION RULES

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.

### DIVISIONS

1. The Open Division – named the McKenzie Prize (after Honorary Flight Officer Florence Violet McKenzie) and open to any entrant either from Australia or international.
2. The Defence Division – named the Smith Prize (after 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 (after 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 around the topic and its implication for the future of the RAN.

### TOPIC

The topic is “Noting the commitment of Indo-Pacific nations to a commonality of purpose, security, prosperity and good order, how might Navies best serve a common interest?”

### 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Entries must be previously unpublished and must be the original work of the author / creator.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.

### FORMAT OF ENTRIES

Essay entries should be on A4 paper and typed in 1.5 line spacing. An electronic copy of each essay is to be submitted, along with a hard copy. 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.

Essays must conform to the Sea Power Centre – Australia publishing guide with can be found at: <https://www.navy.gov.au/sea-power-centre/style-guide> and be submitted with a completed entry form (*Attachment 2*).

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open to any interested persons who fit within any 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 at the absolute discretion of the ANI.

The ANI may determine not to award the prize in any division in any year.

## **PRIZE**

Three prizes of \$5,000 will be awarded to the author of an essay in each division. The winners and selected honourable mentions will be invited to attend the Sea Power Conference at the International Convention Centre on 12 May 2022 for the presentation of the Prizes. 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*.

Authors who do not wish to be published must note this on their entry form. In the absence of such advice, consent to publish will be assumed.

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.

## **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES**

The closing date for entries is **Monday 4 April 2022**. Late entries may be accepted but an extension must be sought before the closing date.

## **INQUIRIES**

All inquiries are to be directed to Staff Officer IP22 via email [seapower.centre@defence.gov.au](mailto:seapower.centre@defence.gov.au).

## **SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES**

Entries should be sent in Microsoft Word to: [seapower.centre@defence.gov.au](mailto:seapower.centre@defence.gov.au)

## **CONTACT OFFICER:**

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[Attachment 1](#): Format of Entries

[Attachment 2](#): Entry Form



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### FORMAT OF ENTRIES

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In Summary:

- Essay entries should be printed on A4 paper. The preferred font is 12 point Times New Roman for the body text. The title should be bold and centred and the Section headings within the body should be bold and aligned left. Lines are to be 1.5 spacing and Quotations indented and 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes are to be letter superscript identifiers and in Times New Roman font size 10, single line spacing. Endnotes are to be Arabic superscript numerals. Times New Roman, font size 10, single line spacing.
- The title of the essay should be clearly outlined on the top of the first page of the essay (without any details of the author). All entries must have a title.
- The author's name should not appear (as the author of the essay) in the essay itself.
- The name of the author and a short biography should be included on a detachable page. A postal address, email address and phone contact number must be provided.
- The word count (excluding footnotes) is to be noted on the first page, immediately under the topic heading.
- It is strongly recommended that essays are carefully proofread prior to submission.
- Authors should note that winning and highly commended entries, and other selected entries may be published electronically and/or in hard copy. **Authors who do not wish to be published must note this on their entry form.** In the absence of such advice, consent to publish will be assumed.
- An electronic copy of each essay is to be submitted, in both Word format and as a PDF file.
- All essays are to be sent in Microsoft Word to: [seapower.centre@defence.gov.au](mailto:seapower.centre@defence.gov.au)



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### ENTRY FORM

*Please complete and submit with your entry.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Division Entrants:

I am entering the Youth Division and confirm that I am aged 25 or under as at the closing date for submission of entries (1 March 2022).

**Consent to Publish**

I consent to my essay being published in electronic format by the SeaPower Centre-Australia and/or the Australian Naval Institute and/or in the *Australian Naval Review* by the Australian Naval Institute.

I do not consent to my essay being published in electronic format by the SeaPower Centre-Australia and/or the Australian Naval Institute and/or in the *Australian Naval Review* by the Australian Naval Institute.