

Reference Sheet for 2018 COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE & EDITOR



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Competitions for 2018

Your entry should be emailed as a Microsoft or Open Office Word document attachment by the 10th of the month prior to the magazine's publication date. It needs to include your name and word count as well as the locality where you live. Also attach a photo of yourself for publishing purposes. Only one entry per entrant is allowed in any given issue of the magazine.

Which Level do I enter?

- Level 1:** A new member or beginner writer. Age limit: 16 years old or over.
- Level 2:** A member promoted from Level 1, or who has been placed in Level 2 after emailing samples of their writing in three different genres to Ruth Linton (ruthlinton2015@gmail.com). Age limit: 20 years old or over.
- Level 3:** Open to members who have moved up from Level 2 and to those on the Honours List. Age limit: 20 years old or over.

Formatting Guidelines

EMAIL ENTRY AS AN ATTACHMENT, COMPLETE WITH WORD COUNT AND YOUR NAME.

Font: Arial, 10 pt **Heading:** Bold, 18 pt **Line spacing:** Multiple 1.2

Spacing between Paragraphs: 6 pt **Paragraph Indentation:** None

Alignment: Justified. **Send a photo** of yourself for publishing purposes.

NB: If you are not sure which level you're on, email the editor at sddp@xtra.co.nz

LEVEL ONE Judge – Debbie McDermott

FEBRUARY – due January 10th

Research and write a mini biography of someone you consider to be one of New Zealand's heroes of the Christian faith. Include a bibliography listing at least two sources from which you obtained your information. The total word count for the whole article (content and bibliography) must be 500 words maximum.

Email entry to Debbie McDermott at sddp@xtra.co.nz

APRIL – due March 10th

Without quoting the verse directly, write a fictional, factional or true story based on the NIV Bible version of Amos 3:3—'Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?' Ensure the piece has a good title, an engaging introduction, a strong takeaway message and a satisfying conclusion. Avoid being preachy. 450 words.

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JUNE – due May 10th

Write a devotion based on your favourite Bible verse. Begin by quoting the scripture, then highlight the verse by sharing a relevant experience in your life or someone else's. Conclude with a clear takeaway message and a short prayer or poem. 350 words.

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AUGUST – due July 10th

Write a comical thriller or who-dun-it story beginning with the line: 'The old grandfather clock ushered in the midnight hour'. 500 words.

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OCTOBER – due September 10th

Rewrite your favourite psalm in a contemporary poetry style format (such as free verse or blank verse) **OR** in a traditional poetry style format. If you go with the second option, ensure both rhythm and rhyme are consistent throughout the psalm. 36 lines max.

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DECEMBER – due November 10th

Share a testimony of something that impacted you deeply over one Christmas period. If necessary, use fictional names to protect the identity of those involved. 400 words.

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LEVEL TWO Judges – Janice Gillgren | Jan Pendergrast | Jeanette Knudsen

FEBRUARY – due January 10th

Write a book review of a self-published Christian fiction book published within the past five years. 250 words, including all details required for a review.

Email entry to Jan Pendergrast at jan@roads-end.co.nz

APRIL – due March 10th

Write a poem for children aged about 5 - 7 years old, explaining what Easter means. Make sure it has consistent patterns of rhythm and rhyme, and is at a suitable language level. 15 - 25 lines

Email entry to Janice Gillgren at jangill1359@gmail.com

JUNE – due May 10th

Imagine you can invent a device to aid an immobile person in your community. What would you make, and how would it help that person? Money and skill are no object here, so be original, practical and creative. 300 words.

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AUGUST – due July 10th

Write a short play or skit demonstrating forgiveness, and suitable for use in a church service. Use two or three characters, with effective dialogue between them. 300 words, including the title and stage directions.

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OCTOBER – due September 10th

Write a modernised romance based on any Biblical story. While the storyline should be recognisable, the characters need not be. 400 words.

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DECEMBER – due November 10th

Research a recent archaeological find relevant to the Bible, and write a 250 - 300 word report on it, intended for secular readers.

Email entry to Jeanette Knudsen at knudsen@bopis.co.nz

LEVEL 3 Judge – Julia Martin

FEBRUARY – due January 10th

Write a humorous script for a puppet show suitable for a church family service. No more than four puppets and there must be a takeaway message for the children to deduce themselves. 400 words maximum, excluding directions.

Email entry to Julia Martin at pemburyestate@slingshot.co.nz

APRIL – due March 10th

'Euthanasia should be an individual's choice'. Debate this topic in an article for a secular publication, giving an unbiased and balanced view of the subject. 300 words maximum.

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JUNE – due May 10th

Write a short biographical article on a Christian from the past or modern times who has had an influence on your life. Explain how this person has encouraged or challenged your Christian faith. 400 words maximum.

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AUGUST – due July 10th

Explain in simple, clear terms how New Zealand's electoral MMP system works. Write so a recent migrant, with basic English skills, can understand. 250 words maximum.

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OCTOBER – due September 10th

Write a short story beginning – 'The day started well, but black clouds were on the horizon.' End your story with a twist. 350 words maximum.

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DECEMBER – due November 10th

Write a modern Christmas carol suitable to be sung by a choir or congregation. If a chorus is involved, count these lines only once. 30 lines maximum.

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UNDER 20s

Sadly, this competition level has been discontinued due to lack of interest in 2017. Those 16 years old and over may enter Level One.