

## Press Release

### VOSS LITERARY PRIZE

A new literary prize for the best novel published in Australia has just been established.

The award will carry a prize of \$6,500 in its initial year, and the winner of the 2013 award will be announced in November this year.

The Voss Literary Prize is a new award dedicated to the memory of Vivian Robert Le Vaux Voss (1930-1963), an historian and lover of literature from Emu Park in Central Queensland who studied History and Latin at the University of Sydney and modern languages at the University of Rome. He was heir to the estate of his parents, Francis and Harriette Voss, who were prominent medical practitioners in Queensland.

A life tenant in Vivian's Estate received estate income until his death in 2012 and the first award of the annual prize is to be made for the 2013 year.

The trustees of the estate have appointed the [Australian University Heads of English](#), the peak body for the study of English at Australian Universities, to oversee and judge the award.

The following shortlist has been announced:

[Hannah Kent, \*Burial Rites\* \(Picador\)](#)  
[Fiona McFarlane, \*The Night Guest\* \(Penguin\)](#)  
[Christos Tsiolkas, \*Barracuda\* \(Allen & Unwin\)](#)  
[Tim Winton, \*Eyrie\* \(Penguin\)](#)  
[Alexis Wright, \*The Swan Book\* \(Giramondo\)](#)

The award will be announced on Wednesday November 19, 2014, at the annual meeting of the AUHE, which will take place at UNSW Canberra.

For Further details see:

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