

# “The Lamberr Wungarch Prize”

## Law Essay Prize

The Lamberr Wungarch Prize is an essay prize awarded to graduating year 6 students from the Gulf region in far north Queensland. (Croydon, Normanton, Kowanyama, Doomadgee, Burketown, Mornington Island, Pormpuraaw, Weipa).

The Prize aim is for students, from both indigenous and non-indigenous backgrounds, to address an issue that the Lamberr Wungarch Board feels is disproportionately affecting remote communities within the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The Board hopes this challenge will inspire young people to critically view the law, its enforcement and impacts within their communities and the Gulf, which will enable them to produce youthful, novel and original insights, not only for the Lamberr Wungarch Board, but also for the wider community.

### The 2019 Prize Board will be made up of 4 judges:

The Hon Justice J Dalton (Supreme Court of Queensland)

Prof M Langton AM (Melbourne University)

Dr G Foley (Victoria University)

The Hon Senator P Dodson (Senator Australian Federal Parliament)

### The essay topic for 2019 is:

*“From your lived experiences, think about ways to stop the overrepresentation of indigenous men, women and children in the Queensland judicial system”*

## Rules

1. The name of the Prize is “*The Lamberr Wungarch Prize*”.
2. The Prize is open to graduating year 6 students, resident and schooled in the Gulf of Carpentaria, who are in the process of graduating from grade 6.
3. The deadline for submission will be 31 September 2019. Submissions received after that date will not be eligible to be considered for the award of the Prize.
4. Each essay/production will be subject to a limit of 500-800 words (excluding footnotes). Any essay in excess of 800 words will be deemed ineligible for entry.
5. Additionally, each essay must include an abstract of not more than 50 words (excluded from the word count of 800 words).
6. It will also be possible to students to submit a video or audio entry in an acceptable media format (Mp4, Mp3, WMV) with an accompanying script or story of equal length.
7. Single-authored or multiple-authored essays will be accepted, but authorship must be original.
8. A person submitting an essay/production (including any one of multiple authors) may not submit more than one essay in a particular year.
9. An essay/project submitted must not have been, in whole or in part, previously published or submitted for publication.
10. An essay/project can be, hand written (must be legible), printed, emailed or posted to the Lamberr Wungarch Justice Group at PO Box 469, Normanton QLD 4890; emailed to [normanton@justicegroup.com.au](mailto:normanton@justicegroup.com.au) (Ph) 47451063 and will be accompanied by a separate cover page giving the author/authors name and contact details, but the essay/production itself must not identify the author.
11. The requirements regarding formatting are that the essay must be, double-spaced, footnoted in any style and have each page numbered.
12. Each person submitting an essay/production must declare that the essay is the person’s own original work. By submitting an essay, participants agree that the Judges/Board may conduct an integrity check for copyright infringement or plagiarism.
13. By submitting an essay/production, its author does not vest copyright in the essay in the Lamberr Wungarch Board, or otherwise affect ownership of that copyright.
14. The annual prize is \$1500. In the case of joint winners, or a winning essay by more than one author, the Academy will allocate the Prize between them equally.

15. It is intended that the Prize be offered annually, but Lamberr Wungarch reserves the right not to offer it in a particular year.

16 Lamberr Wungarch expects to notify all participants of the result by 31 October 2019 and to announce the identity of the winner of the Prize by that date on the Lamberr Wungarch website.

17. The Prize will be awarded for the essay assessed to be the best by a Judging Panel to be appointed for the year by the Lamberr Wungarch Board of Directors, but there is a discretion not to make an award in a particular year if no essay submitted is assessed to be of sufficient merit.

18. The decision of the Judging Panel is final.

19. The Lamberr Wungarch Justice Group will be entitled to publish the winning essay on its website. The winner of the Prize must agree that if it is published through any other avenue of publication, that publication will be accompanied by an acknowledgment that the essay was the Prize-winning essay in the relevant year.

20. It is open to Lamberr Wungarch Justice Group to take up and recommend to anybody for implementation any idea expressed in any essay submitted. The Lamberr Wungarch Justice Group will endeavour to ensure that the source of an idea that is implemented is acknowledged.

21. It is a condition of participation that any person submitting an essay agrees to be bound by the then current Rules governing the Annual Essay Prize.

22. The Lamberr Wungarch Justice Group Board reserves the right to vary these rules from year to year. The current rules will be published on Lamberr Wungarch website and Facebook page.

23. Goodluck everyone....