

Terms and Conditions for the BIG Summer Read

Background

The BIG Summer Read competition (**Competition**) is an annual national reading challenge that is developed by Public Libraries Victoria ('**PLV**') for libraries across Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania and is promoted by Glen Eira City Council (**Council**) through Glen Eira Libraries from Monday 1 December 2025 through to Saturday 31 January 2026.

Between Monday 1 December 2025 and Saturday 31 January 2026 (**Competition Term**), Participants will be encouraged to read and log a minimum of five (5) books or five (5) days of reading on the ReadBooks website (**ReadBooks**) or by completing a paper log and returning it to your library to be entered into the prize draw.

The Competition is open to anyone aged between 0-18 years. It aims to encourage children to read for pleasure and addresses the 'summer slide'. This refers to the loss of literacy experienced over the long summer break if children are not exposed to books or reading.

What participation involves:

- 1) Participation in the Competition is deemed acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
- 2) Participants must read and log a minimum of five (5) books or five (5) days of reading on ReadBooks or complete a paper log to be eligible for entry into the prize draw.
- 3) All entries must be submitted online to ReadBooks or by completing a paper log and returning to a Glen Eira library within the Competition Term.
- 4) No late entries will be accepted.

Eligibility

- 5) The competition is open to participants aged 0-18 years who are members of Glen Eira Libraries.
- 6) Participants must live in Victoria.
- 7) Participants must have their parent or legal guardian's consent to enter the competition.
- 8) Children under 13 will need their parent or guardian's permission to register with ReadBooks.
- 9) Participants must be registered through the ReadBooks account and must choose Glen Eira Libraries as their primary library.
- 10) Paper entries must be returned to a Glen Eira Libraries branch no later than **6pm on Monday 9 February**.
- 11) Limit of one major prize per winner of the prize draw.

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- 12) Glen Eira City Council employees, Councillors, and their immediate families are not eligible to enter the Competition. Immediate family includes a spouse or former spouse, de facto partner or former de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of an employee or a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of an employee's spouse or de facto partner. It includes step-relations (for example, step-parents and step-children) and adoptive relations.
- 13) Limit of one major prize per winner of the prize draw.

The Competition Term

- 14) Competition opens **Monday 1 December 2025, at 9 am (AEDST)**.
- 15) The competition closes **Saturday 31 January 2026, at 5 pm (AEDST)**.
- 16) Entries need to be submitted by **5 pm (AEDT) on Saturday 31 January 2026**. No late entries will be accepted.
- 17) Winners will be selected at random by PLV from all eligible ReadBooks entries from the week starting **Monday 23 February 2025**.
- 18) Local winners will be announced at The Big Summer Wrap Party on **Thursday 19 February 2026** and emailed by Glen Eira Libraries on or before **Thursday 19 February 2026**.
- 19) National and State winners will be notified after **Monday 23 February 2026**.

Prizes and Selection

- 20) Participants who read at least five (5) books or read for five (5) days and log them on ReadBooks will be entered into the nationwide, statewide and local prize draw.
- 21) In addition to a randomly drawn nationwide and statewide prizes, there will be six local Glen Eira Library provided prizes drawn across the following age categories. These are:

Ages 0-4

1. 1 x \$50 book pack
2. 1 x \$50 book pack
3. 1 x \$50 book pack

Ages 5-8

4. 1 x Yoto Mini Audio Player AND Make Your Own Yoto Card Pack

Ages 9-12

5. 1 x LEGO Luna Outpost Moon Rover AND \$50 chapter book pack

Ages 15-18

1. Kobo Clara Colour eReader AND JBL Wireless On Ear Headphones

- 22) Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash, transferred, or otherwise exchanged. Once

collected, the prize becomes the property and responsibility of the respective winners. Council's decision is final, and no further correspondence will be entered into.

- 23) Winners must collect their prize from a Glen Eira Libraries branch.
- 24) Winners must be able to produce their winning entry email notification or their Library membership card when collecting the prize.
- 25) Should a prize remain unclaimed after 28 days from the date the winner was notified under clause 18, or should the winner not wish or not be able to accept the prize, a new winner will be re-drawn.
- 26) Council accepts no responsibility for lost prizes.

General

- 27) Participants acknowledge and agree that the Competition, is developed by PLV in accordance with their terms and conditions.
- 28) The winners' first names will be published on the Glen Eira Libraries Facebook page, Instagram page, e-newsletter and website (library.gleneira.vic.gov.au). By consenting to a child entering the Competition, a parent or guardian permits their child's first name to be displayed in this manner.
- 29) Council is not liable for late, lost, incomplete, invalid, incorrectly submitted, illegible, corrupted or misdirected entries, claims or correspondence concerning the Competition.
- 30) Council is not liable for any loss (including but not limited to any damage, claim, injury, cost or expense) suffered or incurred by any person in connection with or arising from the Competition or redemption or use of a prize.
- 31) Council reserves the right to alter or amend these terms and conditions at any time without further recourse to the Participants.
- 32) Council may require a Participant to provide proof to the satisfaction of Council of:
 - a. parental or guardian's consent to enter the Competition; and
 - b. proof that they live in Glen Eira; and
 - c. proof that they are a Glen Eira Libraries member; and
 - d. proof of age.
- 33) Council may determine not to conduct the Competition at its sole discretion. If, for any reason, any aspect of the Competition is not capable of running as planned, including because of tampering, unauthorised intervention, fraud, technical failure or any cause beyond the control of Council, Council may, in its absolute discretion,

cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Competition or invalidate any affected entries.

- 34) Council will ensure compliance with the relevant laws and standards in promoting the Competition.

Privacy Information

The BIG Summer Read Challenge is a program developed by Public Libraries Victoria. The program uses ReadBooks.

ReadBooks is committed to keeping your personal information secure and only using it for the purpose you would expect. In order to perform this, they will:

- Only collect the minimum amount of data required to perform a task
- Minimise the access of your information only to those who require it within our organisation
- Not disclose or share the stored information for any purpose other than:
 - where required to perform the task for which the information was originally submitted
 - where required to by law
- Not sell your information for any reason or use it to generate a profit
- Remove any or all personal information upon request of the person whose data has been captured
- Not retain any data that is no longer being used for the original purpose it was submitted

Please read [ReadBooks Privacy Policy](#) to learn more about how they handle user's personal information and what they use/don't use it for. Please note that Glen Eira City Council and Glen Eira Libraries are not responsible for any unauthorised access or use of personal information held by ReadBooks.

Public Libraries Victoria will share information collected on ReadBooks with Glen Eira Libraries for the Competition. Any personal information collected as part of the BIG Summer Read will be used by Glen Eira City Council, Glen Eira Libraries and the Public Libraries Victoria network for this Competition only.

Read Glen Eira City Council's [Privacy Statement](#) for more information about how we handle personal information.

Public Library Victoria network's Privacy & Data Use Statement

When you participate in our reading challenges, your account information and information about the books you log are shared with the Public Libraries Victoria network.

Many librarians across Victoria and the ACT will be able to access this information but will only do so to contact you if you have won a prize. We will never share this information or contact you about anything else.

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