

# Darebin Music Feast Songwriters Award

## Entry Information



**Entries Close: Wednesday 20 September 2017, 4pm**

The Darebin Music Feast Songwriters' Award is an annual songwriting competition that seeks to recognise, showcase and promote the talents of local songwriters. Around 100 entries are received each year with finalists performing before a panel of distinguished local musicians as part of the Darebin Music Feast. There is an amazing prize package to be won including cash and studio time. Past winners include Jordie Lane, Sal Kimber, Ben Mason, Brooke Russell and Charm of Finches. Grand Final Concert will be held on Thursday 19 October, 7.30pm at Northcote Town Hall. Songwriters' who live, work or study in the City of Darebin are welcome to enter. The Award is open to songwriters of all ages. Songwriters' are also welcome to enter songs in languages other than English.

**The winner of the Darebin Music Feast Songwriters' Award 2017 will receive:**

- \$2000 thanks to **APRA**
- 8 hours recording time with an engineer at **HeadGap**
- Mastering by **Nao Anzai at Reel to Real Mix Master** thanks to **Rolling Stock Recording Room**
- \$500 **Implant Media** Voucher for CD duplication services
- 1 hour song writing workshop with **Push Songs** facilitator **Charles Jenkins** thanks to **The Push**
- \$500 **Echo Tone Guitars** Voucher
- \$500 **High Street Northcote Voucher** thanks to **Northcote Business Association**
- **Face the Music** Conference Ticket thanks to **The Push**

Also up for grabs:

- \$500 **Encouragement Award** thanks to **3KND Radio**

**Entry Fee:**

- \$16.50 (including GST) per song
- Songwriters may enter **ONE** song only
- Payment is made via the Entry Form found online at: [www.musicfeast.com.au/take-part](http://www.musicfeast.com.au/take-part)

**Judging Process:**

- Entries will be shortlisted, with finalists notified **by phone** during the week of Monday 2 October.
- Finalists **must** be available to perform at the Grand Final Concert on the evening of **Thursday 19 October** at Northcote Town Hall, Northcote.
- The Grand Final Concert will be judged by a panel of distinguished local songwriters.

**Terms and Conditions:**

1. Entry must be composed by a person who currently lives, works or studies in Darebin for a minimum of 10 hours per week.
2. Entry and payment are submitted online at the same time
3. Anonymity is an important part of the shortlisting process. The song file & lyric sheet **MUST** be marked **ONLY** with the song title and copyright date. Therefore, song file protocol looks like - OhBabyc2012.mp3
4. Only **ONE** song may be submitted by any one artist.
5. The song entered must:
  - Be an original work written by the entering composer(s).
  - Not have been previously awarded a prize in a songwriting competition.
  - Be recorded for judging. It can be performed on the recording by the composer or their nominated representative.

- Be performed at the Grand Final Concert using a maximum of two voices and two instruments by the composer or a nominated representative.
6. Judges may consider artistry, lyrics, melody, audience appeal, performance, message, emotional qualities, strength and originality of the central musical or thematic idea and so on. The judges' decision will be final and not open to any discussion. Entry implies acceptance of these conditions and the conduct of the event.
  7. The shortlisted finalists will be notified the week of Monday 2 October by telephone. All other entrants will be informed of the results by email.
  8. Finalists must be available to perform their song at the Grand Final Concert on Thursday 19 October during the evening. Entrants must arrive on time or the entrant will be disqualified.
  9. The entrant gives the right for the festival to record and photograph the performance (s) for promotional and archival purposes and understands copyright remains with the entrant.
  10. The entrant must confirm that they hold copyright to the submitted work.
  11. They must declare ownership of this intellectual/creative property.
  12. No refunds will be possible once payments have been submitted.

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