

THE CHIEF OF AIR FORCE WRITING AWARD  
**THE WRIGLEY  
PRIZE**



## TERMS & CONDITIONS



## The Wrigley Prize

The Wrigley Prize was introduced in 2010 to promote air power analysis. It is part of the Air Force Writing Competition, which aims to contribute to the bodies of work on air and space power theory and education.

The aim of the Wrigley Prize is to inspire personnel from military, academia, and other professional disciplines to consume, contribute and contest contemporary air and space power issues beyond the future force.

## Prizes

The winner of The Award will receive:

- A \$3000 prize
- their entry published and promoted on the Air and Space Power Centre (ASPC) and/or related websites
- an opportunity to work with the ASPC furthering their topic or area of interest.

Other entries deemed to be of sufficiently high quality by the assessment panel may be offered one or more of the following:

- publication of their entry on the ASPC or related websites
- a short term secondment to the ASPC in support of an air and space power project.

## Entrant Eligibility

The competition is open to:

- Australian and visiting foreign military personnel
- Australian Public Service staff
- Australian Defence Force Cadets and Staff
- Australian Residents.

Entrants must not have published anything more substantial than journal papers.

## Closing Date

The competition runs annually, with the closing date being 31 October 2026. Submissions close at midnight.

Entries are to be submitted via email to [airpower@defence.gov.au](mailto:airpower@defence.gov.au)

Only one entry per person may be submitted.

## Submission Requirements

### Topics

Topics must focus on a contemporary or future air or space power issue, national strategic research topics, or from topics published on the ASPC website.

### Word limit

Papers are to be in essay form of no more than 3000 words. There is no specified lower limit.

### Originality

Entries must be original works of only one author, and must not have been previously published or submitted for publication.

Entries that have been previously submitted for academic assessment may only be submitted with a written release provided by the relevant academic institution. Such a release must transfer IP and ownership claims on the submission to ASPC.

### Use of Artificial Intelligence in writing

The use of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the writing process is permitted, however it should be used with caution. Generative AI should not be used to write significant portions of the entry, but can be used during the research process.

The use of generative AI in any aspect of the writing/production process must be acknowledged as part of the paper and the degree of usage must be stated unambiguously. Moreover, all information provided by generative AI should be verified using reputable sources and should be cited accordingly.

### Suggested AI acknowledgement format

If generative AI is used, an example of acknowledgement to be used in the paper is:

I acknowledge the use of [*insert AI system(s) and link*] to [*specific use of generative AI*]. The prompts used include [*list of prompts*]. The output from these prompts was used to [*explain use*].

## Language

All submissions must be written in English.

Where confusion occurs in relation to a definition or use of language the Macquarie Concise Dictionary will be used as the definitive source.

The [Australian Government's Style Manual](#) provides guidance and advice on topics including:

- Clear language and writing style
- Inclusive language
- Structure
- Style rules and conventions, and
- Referencing.

## Referencing

Submissions must give full acknowledgment to source material, with full references and use of quotation marks when transcribing material.

The preferred reference style is in text, such as APA or Harvard academic - [Australian Government Style Guide \(Author – Date\)](#).

## Security Classification

The highest level of material that can be accepted is OFFICIAL.

## Format

Entries are to be submitted as an email attachment in the following format:

- Files and filenames must **not** include the name of the author
- Paper Size: International size A4
- Font: Times New Roman or Arial
- Font size: 12 point
- 1.5 line spacing
- File format: Portable Document Format (pdf)

## AVM HENRY WRIGLEY

Air Vice Marshal Henry Neilson Wrigley, CBE, DFC, AFC (1892 – 1987)

Wrigley's essays and notes on air power, written during the 1920s, are considered to be the earliest expression of Australian air power doctrine.

Wrigley's prescient advocacy of integrating naval, land and air elements in operations, including naval reconnaissance from the air was well ahead of its time. Wrigley's theory on the advantage of 'long range firing' from aircraft—has been realised by stand-off and beyond visual range aerial weapons

Wrigley, as the Air Officer Commanding RAAF Overseas Headquarters, London between 1942 and 1946 is believed to have employed his theories to influence several operations during WWII.

AVM Wrigley died in 1987 at the age of ninety-five, following which his notes and theories were donated to the Royal Australian Air Force.



## Submission Declaration

Entries are to be submitted via email to [airpower@defence.gov.au](mailto:airpower@defence.gov.au). The covering email must contain the name and contact details of the author, and a declaration from the entrant that:

- I have read, understand, and accept the terms and conditions within this handbook
- If under 18, a parent or guardian has submitted the entry on the minor's behalf
- The submission is my own, unassisted work
- I have not used generative AI except as acknowledged in my entry.
- I accept as final the judgment of the individuals appointed by the Chief of Air Force to judge the competition
- I hereby transfer my copyright and IP claims over to the ASPC
- I agree for my paper to be published by the ASPC.

Once submitted, amendments will not be possible.

## Adjudication Process

Entries will be reviewed by an assessment panel. Entries will be placed in a recommended order for final assessment and selection by CAF.

The panel may recommend not to award a prize if there is insufficient competition (quantity and/or quality) for a given year. Likewise, the panel may recommend recognition, in an appropriate manner, of entries of a high standard that do not win.

## Blind Adjudication

The assessment panel will not be provided with author names; rather, a number will be assigned to facilitate a blind adjudication process.

## Adjudication Matrix

The table on page 5 shows the matrix used in determining the winner of the Wrigley Prize.

## Announcements

ASPC will advise all winners and high-quality papers entrants in writing at least one week prior to the formal announcement being made at an appropriate function.

Where practical, the ASPC will endeavour to ensure the winner is available either in person or virtually for the announcement and discussion of their submission with WOFF-AF.

## Financial Considerations

Individuals may incur a tax liability if they receive benefit as a result of their entry to the Wrigley Prize. Individuals are encouraged to discuss their personal circumstances and the associated financial impacts with their tax/ finance professional. Advice provided in this document does not take into account specific circumstances or the potential financial and/or tax implications.

## Publication, Copyright and IP

Copyright of all submitted papers will rest with the ASPC. All papers may be published on the ASPC website. Those deemed of suitable quality, may be promoted over social media.

Winning and high- quality essays will be published under the author's name unless they specifically request to remain anonymous.

## Contact

For more information, you can contact the ASPC via email at [airpower@defence.gov.au](mailto:airpower@defence.gov.au).

## Adjudication Matrix

Entries will be judged using the following criteria:

Element	5 Points	3 Points	1 Point
Strength of idea and discussion (30%)	<p>Implications and underlying assumptions of the argument have been discussed.</p> <p>There are clear and strong arguments which extend the submissions scope.</p>	<p>Implications and underlying assumptions of the argument have been identified.</p> <p>There are discernible arguments but may be sometimes fall into description.</p>	<p>Implications and underlying assumptions of the argument have not been articulated or are not logical.</p> <p>There is an underlying argument but often falls into description.</p>
Realistic, feasible and considered argument (30%)	<p>The topic, argument and analysis presented is imaginative, considered and feasible for the Force in being or future force.</p> <p>Demonstrates a nuanced understanding of the topic.</p>	<p>The topic, argument, and analysis presented considered and feasible with modifications to the Force in being or future force.</p> <p>Demonstrates an understanding of the topic.</p>	<p>The topic argument and analysis is sound, however, feasibility is high risk or partially supported by the submission.</p> <p>Minor errors in understanding that do not contribute to the contest of ideas.</p>
Understanding of air or space power (30%)	<p>The submission explores air power or space power in depth, challenging the reader and encouraging discussion on application.</p>	<p>The submission explores air or space power application.</p>	<p>Minor lapses in how the concept could be applied to an air power or space power concept.</p>
Structure, language and writing (10%)	<p>The use of narrative and language assists the reader's understanding and avoids confusion. Varied sentence style.</p> <p>Precise, interesting, and vivid word choice; uses clear examples to illustrate concepts.</p>	<p>Minor errors in spelling and language which have minimal impact on reader's understanding.</p> <p>Uses examples to illustrate ideas.</p>	<p>Multiple errors in spelling and language which have some impact on the reader's understanding.</p> <p>Does not illustrate ideas effectively.</p>