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# 2024 Newsletter

*This year marks 20 years of the annual Melbourne Prize and we celebrate the milestone with the Melbourne Prize for Literature 2024 & Awards.*

*We wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.*

*Melbourne Prize Trust*

The 2024 Literature program would not have been possible without the support of our partners and patrons, who can be seen below. Many of our partners and patrons have been with the prize since we started 20 years ago and we are immensely grateful for their generous support. Thank you to our three judges, Michael Williams, Evelyn Araluen and Christos Tsiolkas, whose time and dedication is greatly appreciated. Thank you to our many volunteers.

The literary sector's support is appreciated and demonstrates the abundant talent we have in Victoria.

We congratulate our winners and finalists, and thank the many entrants across the award categories offered this year.

Please enjoy the photos in this Newsletter.

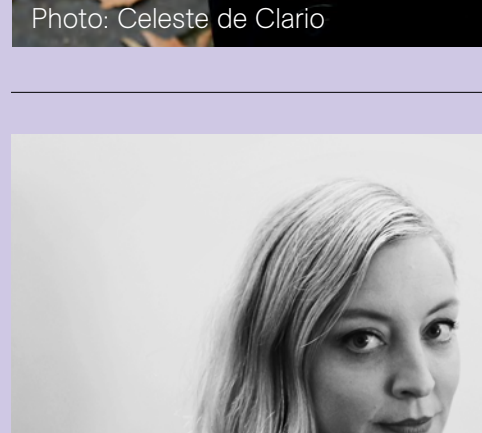
2024 design identity by Foundation Creative Partner, Playground  
Photos by Jess Middleton Photography

## Thank you to our 2024 Partners & Patrons



## Judges

Michael Williams



Christos Tsiolkas



Evelyn Araluen



## Award Recipients

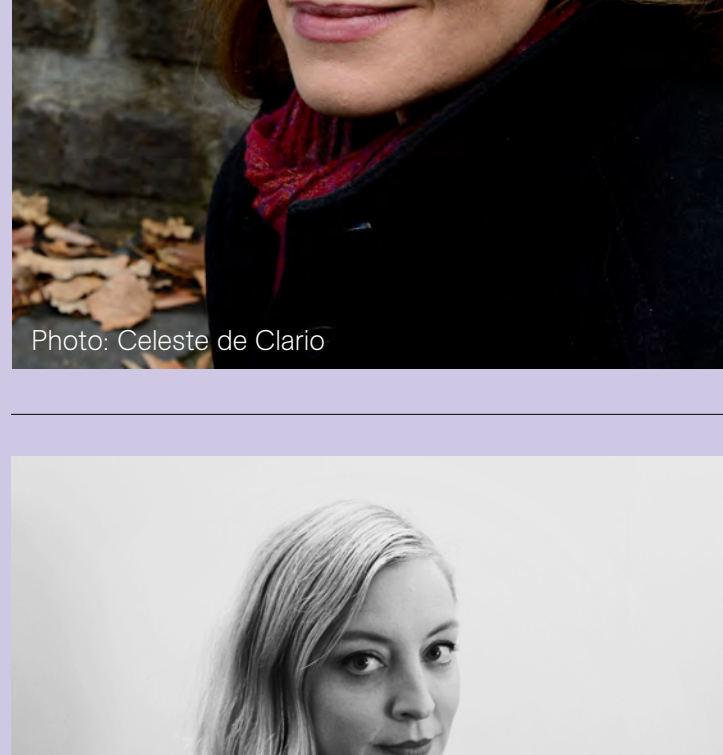
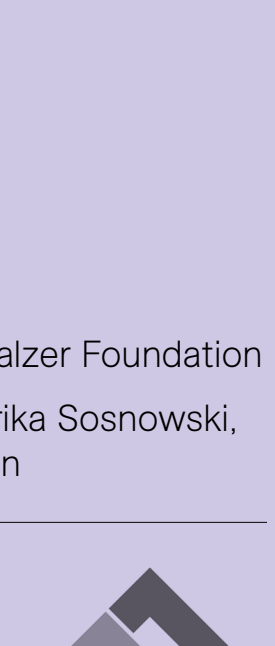


Photo: Darren James



### Alexis Wright

**Winner**  
Melbourne Prize for Literature 2024  
(\$60,000)  
Supported by The Vera Moore Foundation  
Finalists: Patricia Cornelius, Garry Disher and π.O.



Photo: Celeste de Clario



### Carrie Tiffany

**Winner**  
The Writers Prize (\$10,000)  
Supported by The Robert Salzer Foundation  
Finalists: Judith Bishop, Marika Sosnowski, Jeff Sparrow & Beau Windon



### Claire Thomas & Angus Cerini

Winners of the inaugural Falls Creek Writers Residencies  
Supported by Falls Creek Alpine Resort and Readings

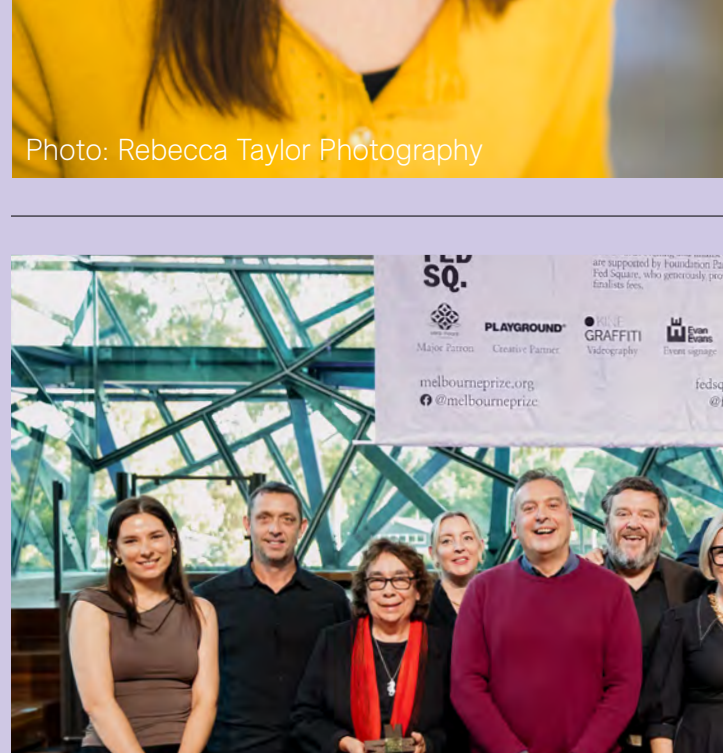
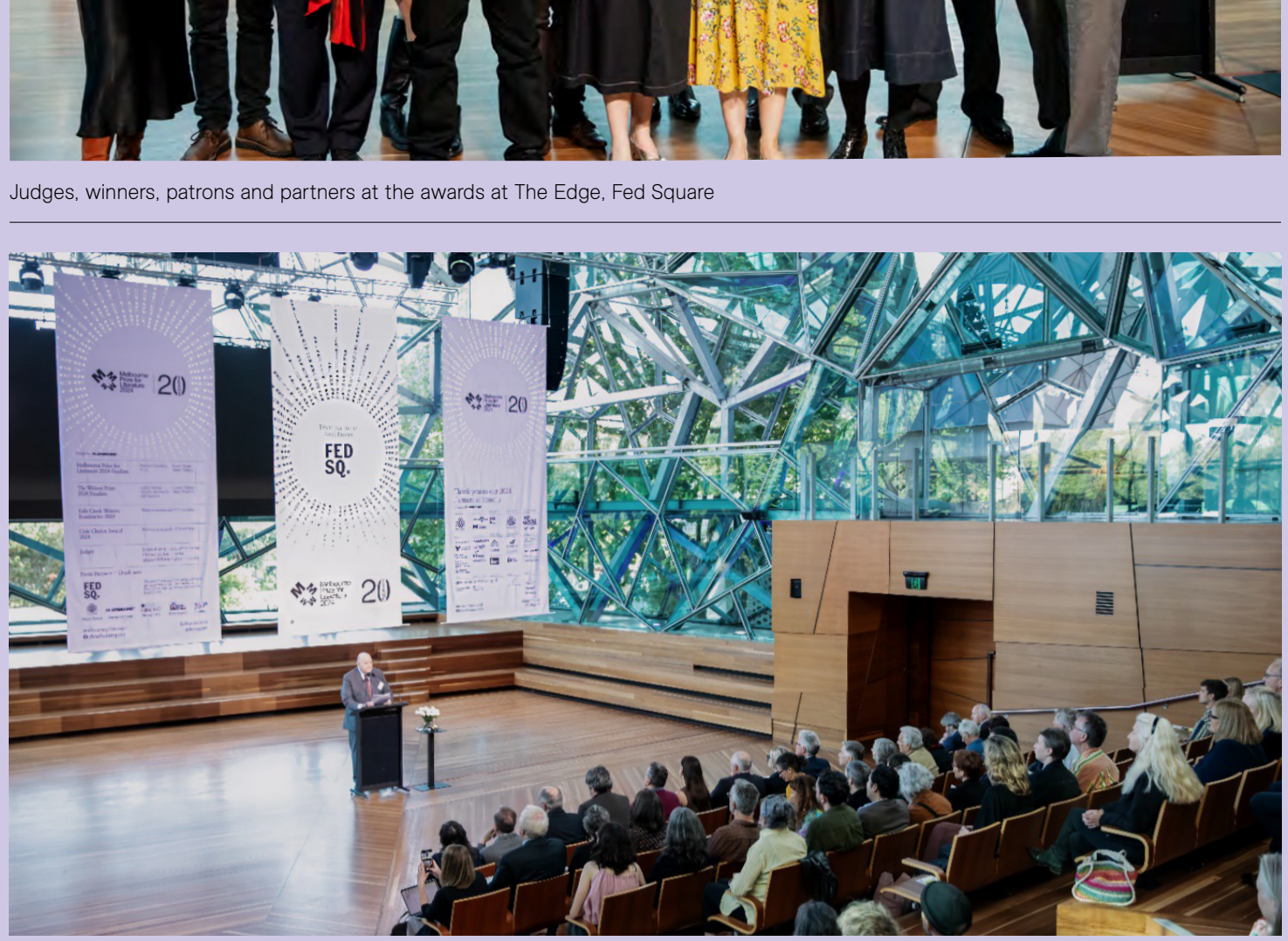


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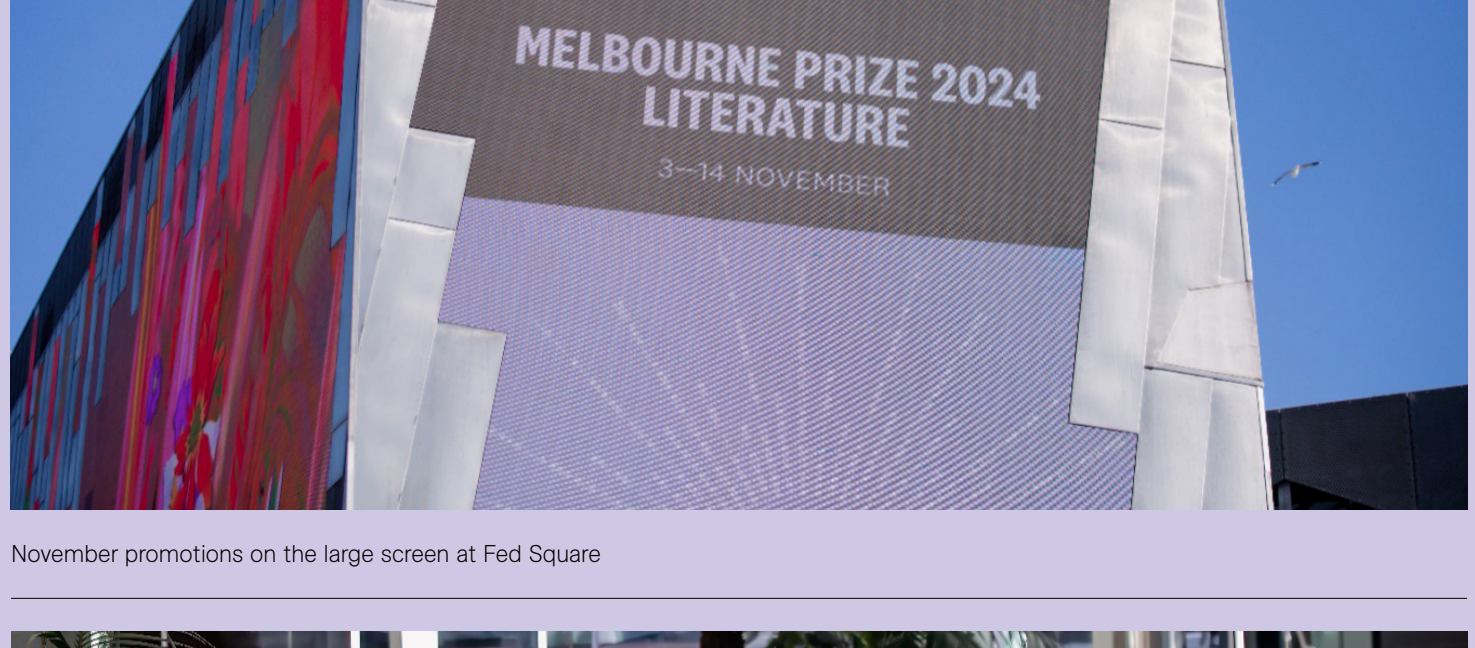
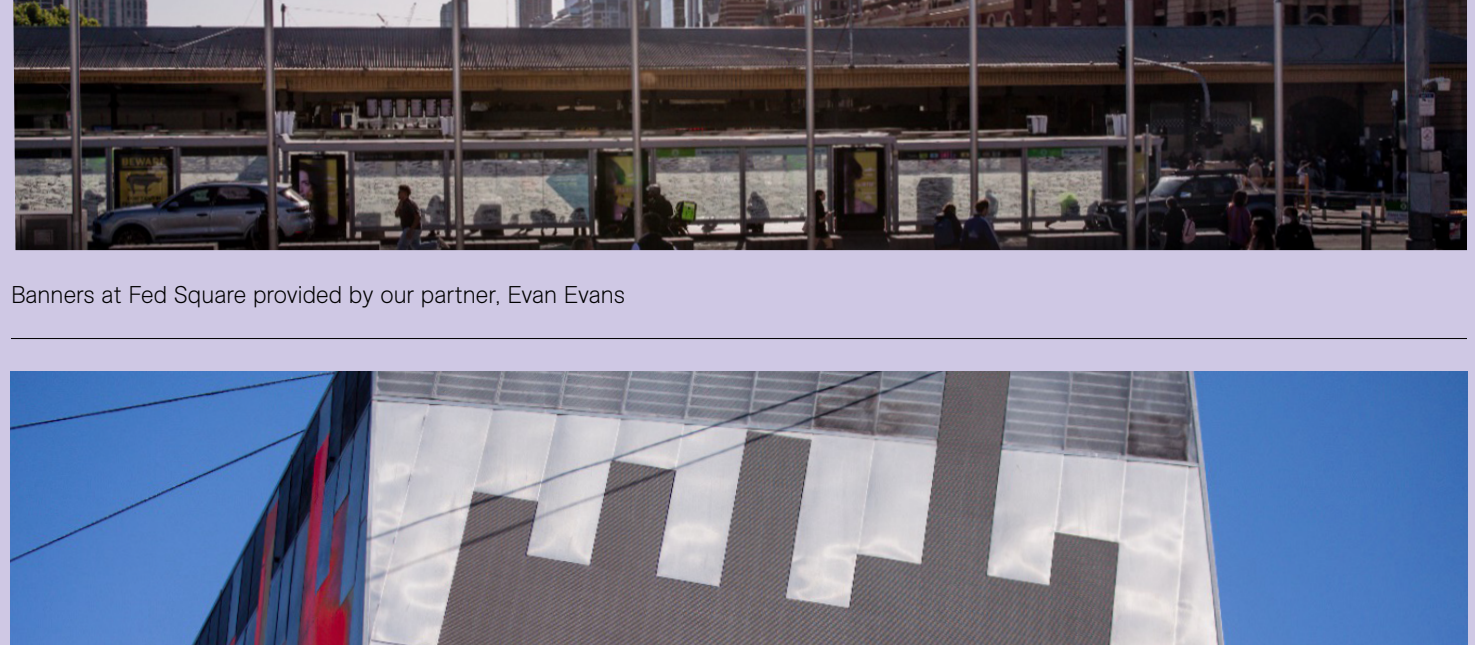


### Judith Bishop

**Winner**  
Civic Choice Award (\$1,500)  
Supported by Hardie Grant Books



Judges, winners, patrons and partners at the awards at The Edge, Fed Square



November promotions on the large screen at Fed Square



November finalist exhibition in The Atrium at Fed Square - visitors could vote for a finalist to win the Civic Choice Award and look at interviews with each finalist produced by our partner Kine Graffiti.



Melbourne Prize for Literature 2024 finalist Patricia Cornelius interview for the finalist exhibition by our partner, Kine Graffiti



Guests at the awards event at The Edge, Fed Square



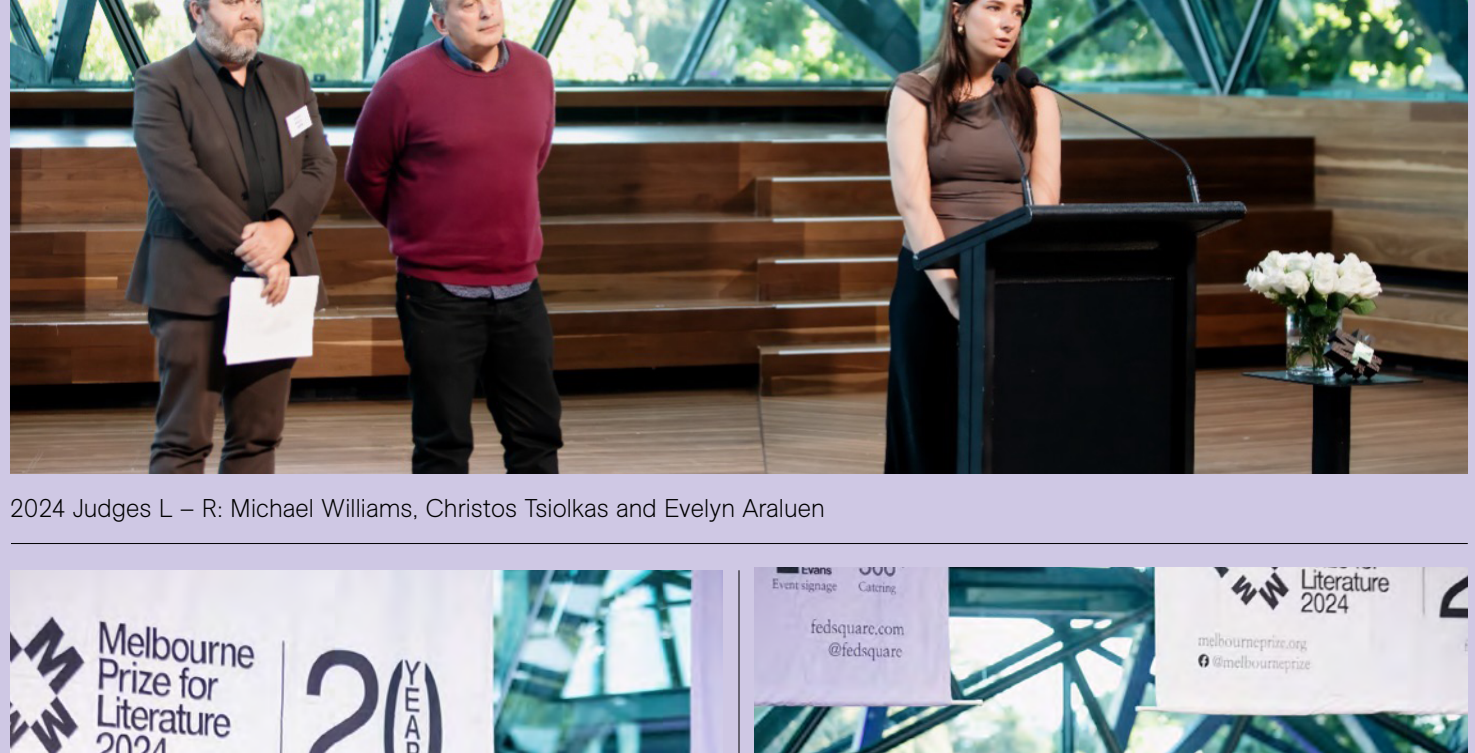
Melbourne Prize patrons at the awards: L - R Professor John Sharkey AM from The Robert Salzer Foundation, Ian Morrison from The Vera Moore Federation and Katrina Sedgwick OAM, CEO MAPCO



Melbourne Prize Trust Chairman, Clive Scott AM at the awards at Fed Square



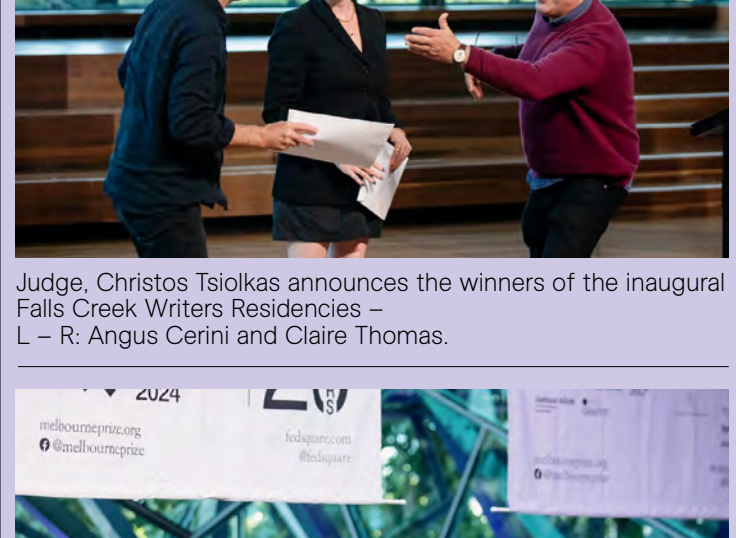
Victoria Sorbera, Acting Director, City of Melbourne at the awards at The Edge



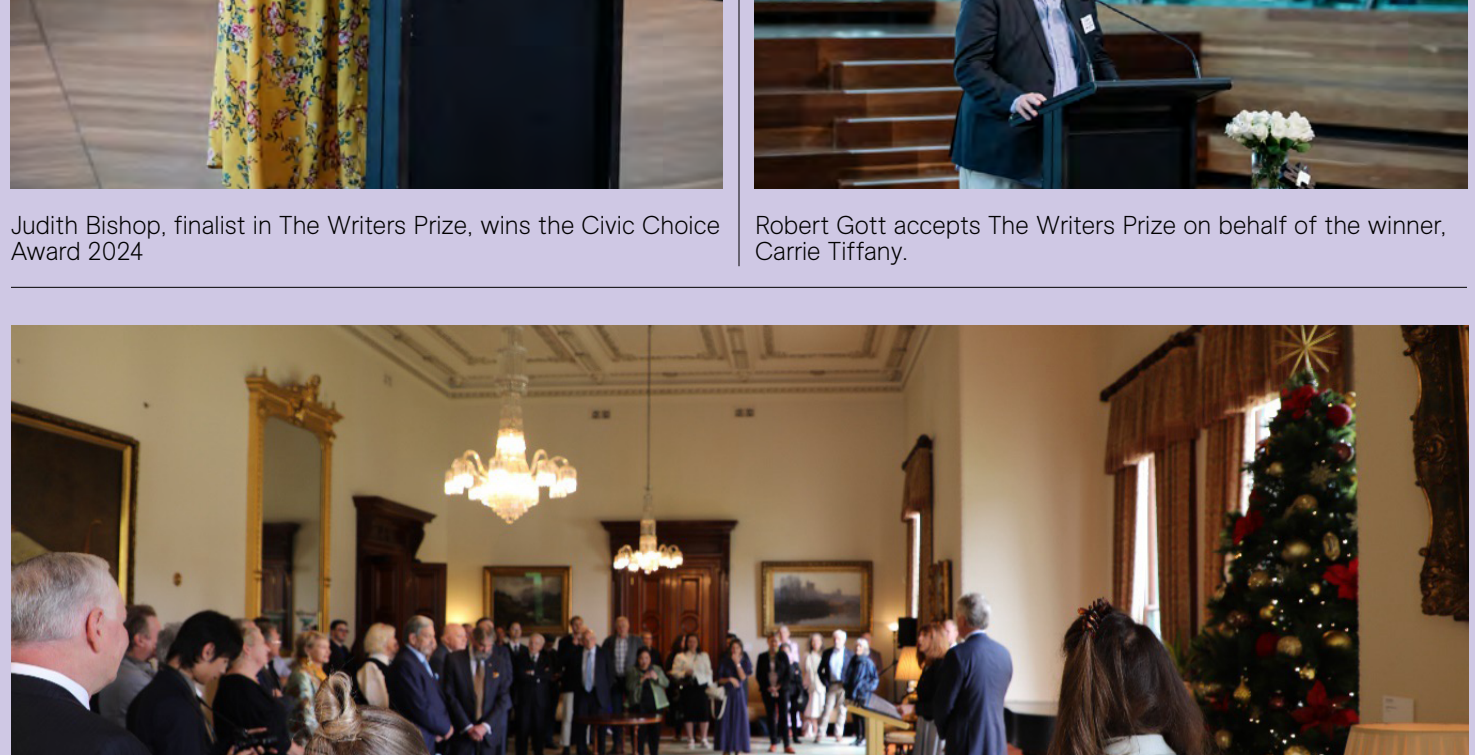
2024 Judges L - R: Michael Williams, Christos Tsiolkas and Evelyn Araluen



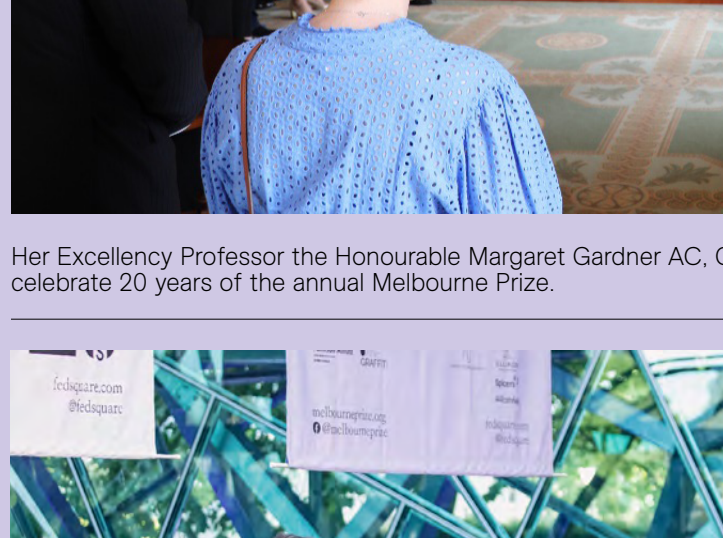
Judge, Christos Tsiolkas announces the winners of the inaugural Falls Creek Writers Residencies - L - R: Angus Cerini and Claire Thomas.



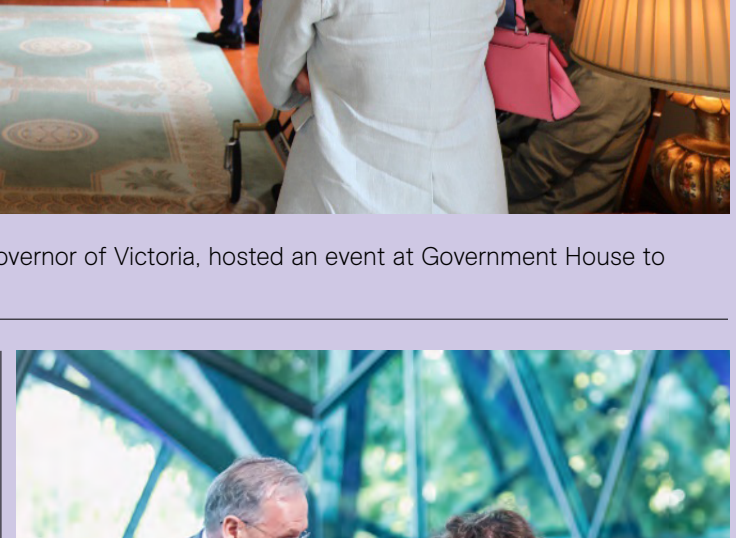
Robert Gott accepts The Writers Prize on behalf of the winner, Carrie Tiffany.



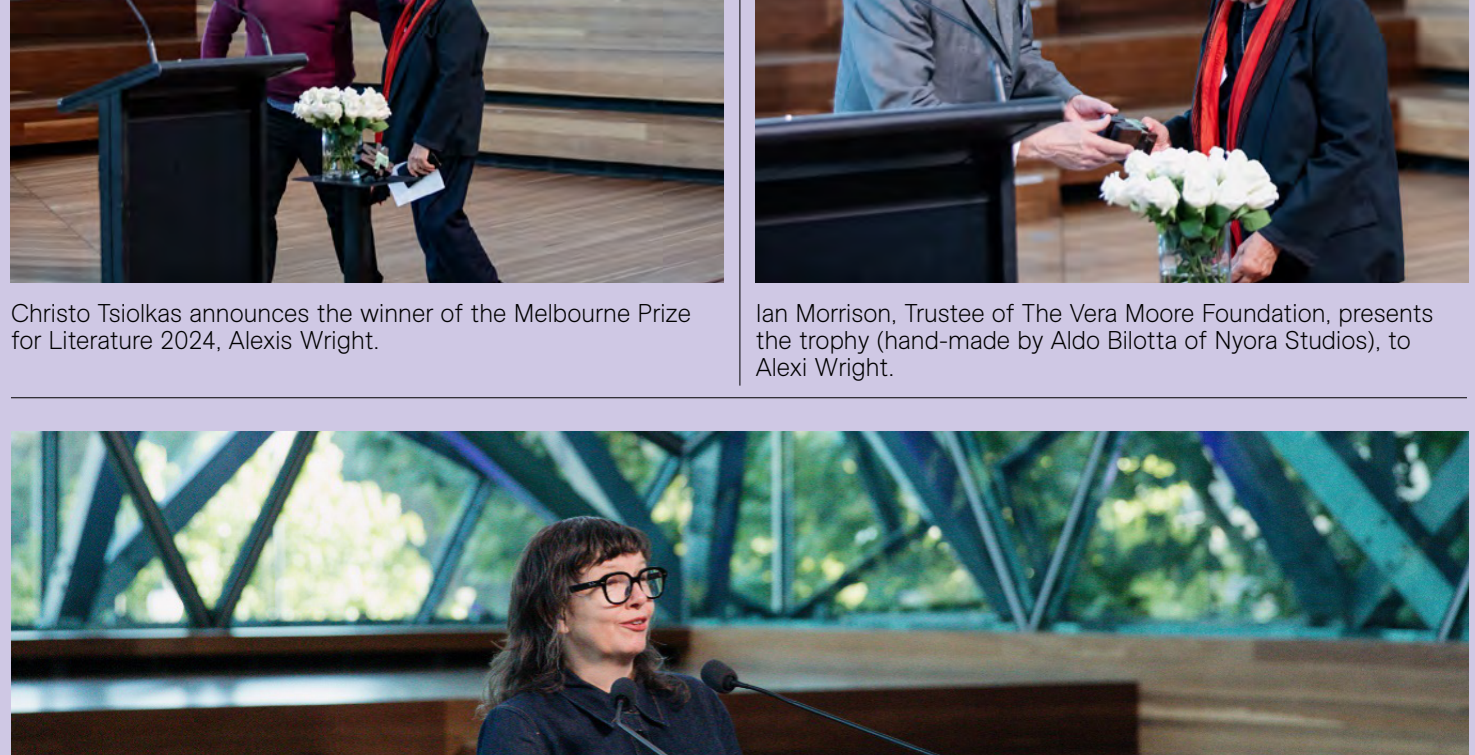
Her Excellency Professor of the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria, hosted an event at Government House to celebrate 20 years of the annual Melbourne Prize.



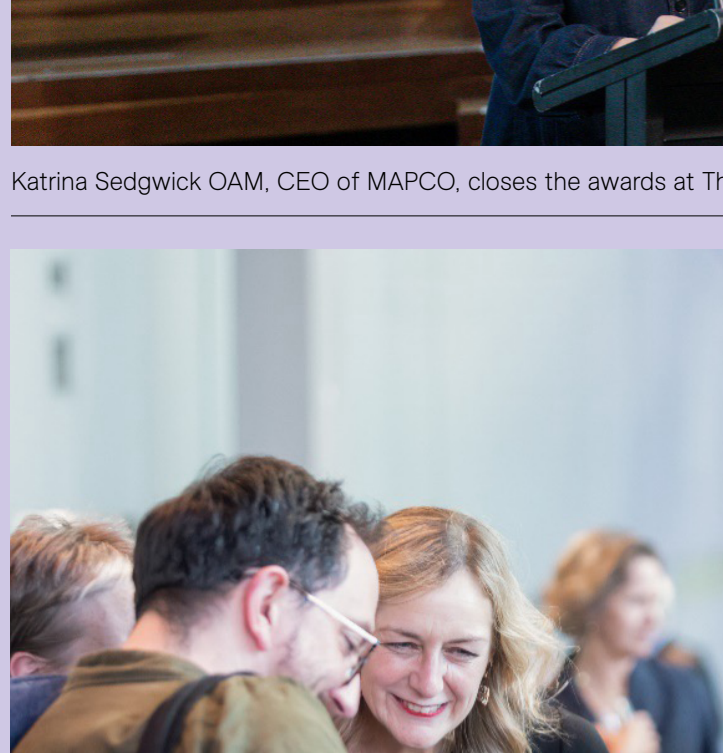
Christo Tsiolkas announces the winner of the Melbourne Prize for Literature 2024, Alexis Wright



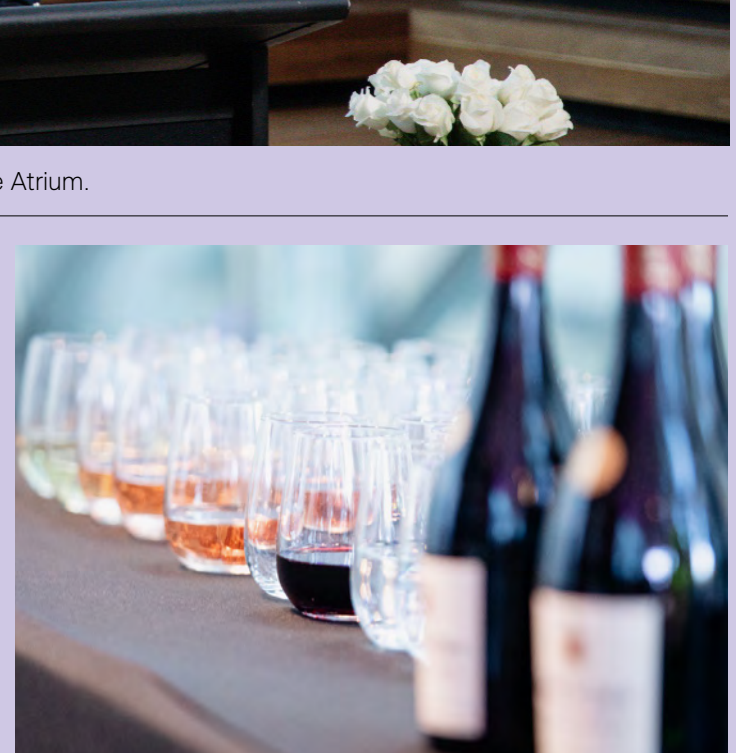
Ian Morrison, Trustee of The Vera Moore Foundation, presents the trophy (hand-made by Aldo Biolotta of Nyora Studios), to Alexis Wright.



Katrina Sedgwick OAM, CEO of MAPCO, closes the awards at The Atrium.



Guests at the awards at The Atrium



Post awards drinks at The Edge provided by our partner, Barry laddies of 360Q catering.



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