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VICTORIAN VETERANS' CREATIVITY ENCOURAGED IN ARTISTS' AND STORY WRITERS' COMPETITION

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Alan Griffin, is encouraging Victorian veterans to pick up their paintbrushes, pens and cameras and enter the annual Story Writing and Art Competition for Victorian veterans.

Mr Griffin said the 47th annual Story Writing and Art Competition will highlight the creativity of the Victorian veteran community.

"The competition provides all of the Victorian ex-service community with an opportunity to share their experiences and demonstrate their creative skills," Mr Griffin said.

"The well-being of the veteran community is enriched by participating in activities that are meaningful and enjoyable, such as story writing, art, craft and photography.

"I encourage all veterans, their families and war widows in Victoria to participate in this competition. Entries are encouraged from beginners through to the more experienced artists and writers."

"This year's competition features a special writing category, 'Women and War', commemorating the various roles undertaken by women during wartime," Mr Griffin said.

Entries in the art, craft and photography categories will be displayed at a public exhibition at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital in October. All winning entries will be included in a special annual publication.

Cash prizes, trophies and other awards for the best entries in each category will be presented at ceremony in November.

Entries close on 31 July and entry forms and more information is available from:

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