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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL: PM Literary Awards
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2024 10:47:14 AM

Dear Melissa and Yumi

A note to congratulate you on your shortlisting for a Prime Minister's Literary Award for the Young Adult category. The judges spoke so highly of *Welcome to Sex* – it was a pleasure to hear it. And, as the parent of a 10-year-old, a personal thank you for your frank, informed and highly necessary book.

There is an award of \$5000 associated with the shortlisting which you will share. [REDACTED] could I ask that you register in our online system [here](#), and we will make the payment after the ceremony with the bank details you provide. Let me know if you have any issues with accessing the system. I'm happy to help! And [REDACTED] I see that you are already registered. You may want to double-check that your bank details are up to date.

The Award ceremony, followed by a dinner, will be held at the National Library in Canberra on the evening of Thursday 12 September. We'll send a formal invitation via email soon, inviting each of you and your plus ones to attend. We will cover the costs of flights, ground travel and accommodation.

I will provide a social media tile for you to use to share this exciting news once we have advised the media. **Please do not share this or any information related to the Award prior to our shortlist announcement, which should take place on 30 July.** I'll keep you informed.

Also, an introduction to [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] (copied in on this mail) who is managing the PR for the Award on behalf of Creative Australia. She will be in touch to arrange media opportunities.

Once the announcement has been made, you will be able to find information about the judges who chose your work along with their decision report on our website [here](#), as well as the names of the other Award recipients.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Once again, congratulations on this significant achievement – it's such a joy to know your work has received this well-deserved recognition.

Best wishes

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FOR INFORMATION

To: The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister
The Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for the Arts
From: Adrian Collette, Chief Executive Officer, Creative Australia
Subject: Prime Minister Literary Awards – 2024 shortlist and winners
Date: Monday 15 July 2024

SUMMARY

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Sensitivities - A short listee in the Young Adult Literature category, *Welcome to Sex* by Dr Melissa Kang and Yumi Stynes, was subject to a social media campaign from Women's Forum Australia. The matter was covered extensively in the media and Big W removed the book from its shelves. Full sensitivities are at paragraph twenty-six.

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Award Winners and Short Listees

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17. The shortlisted entries are:

Award Category	Shortlisted Entry	Amount Awarded
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Young Adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] • <i>Welcome to Sex</i> by Dr Melissa Kang and Yumi Stynes (Hardie Grant Children's Publishing) 	\$5,000 each



Award Category	Shortlisted Entry	Amount Awarded
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18. Descriptions of all shortlisted and winning titles is at **Attachment B**.

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Sensitivities

26. The short listee *Welcome to Sex* by Dr Melissa Kang and Yumi Stynes was subject to a social media campaign from Women's Forum Australia. The matter was covered extensively in the media and Big W removed the book from its shelves.

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Adrian Collette AM
Chief Executive Officer
Creative Australia



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***Welcome to Sex* by Yumi Stynes & Melissa Kang
Hardie Grant**

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JUDGES' REPORT: PRIME MINISTERS LITERARY AWARDS 2024 YOUNG ADULT PANEL

JUDGES

Kate Eltham
Erin Wamala
Pip Harry
Convenor: Sean Williams

Judges' comments

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The judges' final recommendations are as follow:

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Shortlisted titles

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WELCOME TO SEX (Melissa Kang & Yumi Stynes)

A fearless, frank and important resource for young people, *Welcome to Sex* is meticulously researched and comprehensive in its representation of sex and sexual experience, centring and addressing young people instead of the anxious adults around them. The text is very inclusive in its language and the content can be read by all young adults regardless of sexual orientation, identity, gender, culture or ability.

Kang and Stynes's combined voice is warm, friendly and approachable—brooking no awkward silences in what can be a difficult conversation between young people and adults. Young people are themselves represented in the text, through letters and other contributions, alongside adults and sexual educators, adding extra layers and thoroughness to the book.

High production values from publisher Hardie Grant and wonderful illustrations from Jenny Latham complete an informative, entertaining, and potentially life-saving book that should find a place in every home (even ones that don't contain a teenager).

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: PM YA shortlist *final*
Date: Monday, 24 June 2024 10:52:01 AM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated from outside Creative Australia. Be cautious, particularly with links and attachments.

Dear [REDACTED]

Below you'll find, in alphabetical order, our shortlist for the YA category.

We'll be drafting our report this week and settling on the winner no later than our meeting on Saturday.

Is that schedule okay with you?

You'll note that one of the non-fiction books made it to our shortlist - something we're all really pleased about - so thanks for your thoughts on that a couple of weeks ago. :-)

Cheers,
[REDACTED]

GRACE NOTES (Karen Comer)
A HUNGER OF THORNS (Lili Wilkinson)
WE COULD BE SOMETHING (Will Kostakis)
WE DIDN'T THINK IT THROUGH (Gary Lonesborough)
WELCOME TO SEX (Kang & Stynes)

DOCUMENT 9

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Confidential: PM Literary Awards 2024 notification
Date: Monday, 26 August 2024 4:31:13 PM

Thanks [REDACTED] that's done! Such wonderful, important, and deserving books, you must be very proud

Best wishes
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Confidential: PM Literary Awards 2024 notification

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated from outside Creative Australia. Be cautious, particularly with links and attachments.

Hello [REDACTED]

Many thanks for letting us know about the below. It was absolutely an honour to be shortlisted and we are so thrilled for both sets of creators!

If possible, would you mind please informing the creators of *Welcome to Sex* [REDACTED] of this outcome, and copying in myself and [REDACTED] when you do?

All best,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, 26 August 2024 at 2:29 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Confidential: PM Literary Awards 2024 notification

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope you are very well.

Welcome to Sex [REDACTED]

A note to advise that the titles above are not the overall winners for their categories this year, and the creators will not need to prepare speeches. The titles will each be awarded \$5000 to be shared between the creators, in recognition of the significant achievement of their shortlisting for the award. I'm happy to advise the creators – please let me know if that's your preference, otherwise I will leave it in your hands.

I have attached a digital file of the sticker artwork for any reprints. Please let me know numbers for any physical stickers required, and the best postal address for sending. There is no charge for the stickers.

Congratulations to you, too, on having multiple titles received so favourably by the judges for the 2024 Award.

Best wishes



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From:

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Subject:

Re: Confidential: PM Literary Awards 2024 shortlisting

Date:

Monday, 26 August 2024 8:07:52 PM

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for letting us know - still such a wonderful honour and I will be thrilled to be there cheering the winner and all of us

Warm wishes

On Mon, 26 Aug 2024 at 4:24 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

In anticipation of the big event on the 12th September, a note to let you know that *Welcome to Sex* was not the overall winner for the Young Adult category and you will not need to prepare a speech. You will receive \$5000 between you in recognition of the significant achievement of being shortlisted for this prestigious award, and we very much look forward to celebrating you and your work soon.

Best wishes

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Prime Minister's Literary Awards - NLA
Date: Tuesday, 10 September 2024 3:11:35 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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[image006.png](#)
[PMLA 2024 Risk Assessment.docx](#)

Also just giving a heads up. We have received one letter of complaint from the public about this nominated book: <https://www.esafekids.com.au/product-page/welcome-to-sex>

The complaint does not have anything indicative of potential protests or actions.

You may however be aware that there have been some protests regarding this title in libraries and at Big W.

<https://www.crikey.com.au/2023/07/19/welcome-to-sex-anti-lgbtqia-sex-education/>

Whilst we are not expecting it will eventuate into a protest action, the information about the nomination and event are available to the public on our website.

If you would please pass this onto your security as a heads up, we would appreciate it.

I have added reference to this in the Risk Assessment (attached) however I believe the process in place for *any* protest covers the possibility of this being a motivator.

Kind Regards,



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 10 September 2024 1:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Prime Minister's Literary Awards - NLA

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Kind Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 10 September 2024 11:59 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Prime Minister's Literary Awards - NLA

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Most people know **Dr Melissa Kang** as the longest-serving expert behind the iconic Dolly Doctor column, but she's also a practising medical doctor for marginalised young people and has academic roles at the University of Technology Sydney and the University of Sydney. She is fifth-generation Malaysian-Chinese Anglo-Australian, which makes specialising in adolescent sexuality and sexual health all the more interesting. She continues to speak about these topics in the mainstream media.

Yumi Stynes is a second-gen Japanese-Australian TV and radio presenter. She's currently the host of *Ladies, We Need to Talk*, an award-winning podcast that explores all the trickiest topics and taboos about women's health, including periods, discharge, difficult motherhood, and whether or not your vagina is weird.

DOCUMENT 15

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Adrian Collette](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: For visibility: Talking points PMLA
Date: Wednesday, 7 August 2024 5:53:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks Adrian, yes, they won't be able to say we haven't prepped them! Sounds good to add in the other awards. Will do that now and send to OFTA colleagues for providing to PM&C.

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From: Adrian Collette <adrian.collette@creative.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 5:19 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: For visibility: Talking points PMLA

[REDACTED]

'These notes look good to me – comprehensive!
Is it worth mentioning the other awards that Welcome to Sex has won? (I'm not particularly fussed – just a thought....)

With thanks

Adrian

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 3:03 PM
To: Adrian Collette <adrian.collette@creative.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: For visibility: Talking points PMLA

Hi Adrian

Here are the talking points we have prepped for PM: [CONFIDENTIAL - Talking points - Prime Minister's Literary Awards.docx](#)

I have highlighted the parts of the TPs that you might want to look at in particular given your conversations.

We will share these with OFTA colleagues COB today or first thing tomorrow.

Many thanks

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