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Winner of The Good Oil 2023 Writers' Award announced

The Good Oil 2023 Writers' Award was launched by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan with the aim of supporting and encouraging the development of emerging and published writers.

Congratulations to John Haren for his winning entry, *Finding my voice*. John is engaged in the community sector, previously as CEO of the St Vincent de Paul Society in South Australia working with people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, refugees, people with disability, and those with mental health challenges. John lives in Adelaide where he writes on contemporary social issues and is working on his second novel.

The judges awarded first prize (\$600), second prize (\$400), third prize (\$200), and two highly commended (\$100 each).

Second prize was awarded to Catherine McAleer for *I'm listening*.

Third prize was awarded to Marie Sørensen for *Not all that I am*.

Highly commended were Kim P Sami for *On Finding My Voice* and Marie Casamento for *Still standing*.

The judging panel of Monica Dutton, Penny Edman and Geoff Orchison brought their considerable experience as writers and editors to the task. They looked for writing that was topical, engaging, creative, original, and well written.

John Haren's winning entry was published in the September 2023 edition of *The Good Oil*. The other prize-winning entries and those that were highly commended will be published in future editions.

For further information, visit: <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/winner-of-the-good-oil-2023-writers-award-announced/>

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