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Congratulations to Grayndler residents Charlotte Wood & Dr Karen Lamb for literary achievement

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Senator for NSW, Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO today congratulated Charlotte Wood, and Dr Karen Lamb, who last night won Prime Minister's Literary Awards.

Ms Wood was a joint winner of the Fiction prize for her work *The Natural Way of Things*. Dr Lamb was a joint winner of the Non Fiction prize for her work *Thea Astley: Inventing Her Own Weather*.

Ms Wood and Dr Lamb were awarded their prizes by the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister of Australia, and Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Minister for the Arts at a ceremony at the National Library of Australia, Canberra.

"Charlotte and Karen's contributions to our nation's arts are wonderful examples of the literary talent that we have right across NSW," Senator Sinodinos said.

As joint winners in the Fiction and Non-fiction categories, Charlotte Wood and Dr Karen Lamb have been recognised for their contribution to our nation's cultural and intellectual life. Each will receive a tax-free cash prize of \$40,000.

Winning entries were selected across six categories including fiction, poetry, non-fiction, Australian history, children's and young adult literature.

The winners were drawn from a shortlist of 30 exceptional books by some of Australia's most well regarded authors. The shortlist and winner recommendations were made by an expert panel of 12 judges, with the Prime Minister making the final decision.

The Prime Minister's Literary Awards serve as a significant demonstration of the Australian Government's support for the literary arts.

Details of all the winning books are available at <https://www.arts.gov.au/pm-literary-awards/current-awards>

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