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SEEKING STORIES FOR THE AGES FROM HAWKESBURY SENIORS

Entries are now open for a writing competition which will see the stories of 100 NSW seniors published in a book themed, 'What has age got to do with it?'

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, encouraged Hawkesbury's locals to submit their creative works to the Seniors Stories Volume Seven Writing Competition.

"We want to hear stories that remind us age is just a number, and I know seniors in our region have exceptional tales to tell," Ms Preston said.

"This is a great opportunity for people to recount life-changing moments, share funny tales they've gathered on their journey through life or use their imagination to spin a great yarn."

Liam Kenny's story, 'Courage at Sea', was published in the last volume of Seniors Stories. It explored his father's experience as a wartime merchant seaman, who survived three torpedoes.

"I was inspired by the theme of last year's competition, 'Resilience', and the most resilient person I know was my dad," Mr Kenny said.

"Sadly, these merchants didn't receive recognition for valour or courage, but this story was a chance to give him that acknowledgement."

Minister for Seniors Geoff Lee said the NSW Seniors Card competition has been running since 2013 and is effective in uniting generations.

"Sharing stories builds connections between young and old in our communities. It's a way to recognise the valuable experiences of NSW seniors," Mr Lee said.

"The NSW community is full of inspirational older people, who have stories worth sharing that can motivate, entertain and educate us all."

NSW Seniors Card and NSW Senior Savers Card members can apply until the 31 May 2021. For details, visit: www.seniorcard.nsw.gov.au