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Here's food for thought for budding authors

Budding authors are being given the chance to have their work published in a new book.

Titled 'Food for Thought', it is a project of the Speak Up Campaign Inc. Contributions are being sought from southern NSW and northern Victoria and will be accepted until August 31.

There will be book voucher prizes in a range of categories, from lower Primary School age through to adults, with vouchers provided thanks to Deniliquin Newsagency and Bookstore.

Speak Up Campaign spokesperson Loretta Warren said the main aim of the book was to highlight the importance of food and agriculture to our region. "Last year the major project for Speak Up was a booklet we compiled titled 'Food Grows Where Water Flows'. It explained the need to ensure we have adequate water to grow food for domestic and international consumption, as well as emphasising the importance of growing food to our regional economies.

"This year 'Food for Thought' will be our major project and we are hoping to get a vast range of contributions to make it a valuable education tool, as well as helping develop literacy skills."

Entries will be accepted from the NSW Murray, Murrumbidgee and Victoria's Goulburn Valley and northern region.

The topic can be any one of the following, or a combination: Our Region, Agriculture, Produce From Our Region, Future of our Region, Water, Food Security, Environment, Farming.

The following word limits are recommended: Lower Primary 250 words or 100 words and picture; Upper Primary 500 words, or 250 words and picture; Years 7-9 500 words; Years 10-12 750 words, and adults 1,000 words.

Short stories, prose and poetry will all be considered for inclusion in the book.

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The authors of all entries submitted will be invited to the book launch, which is expected to take place later this year.

Mrs Warren said Speak Up is anticipating a gala event for the launch, with special guests to be former Olympians Melanie Schlanger (London Olympics gold medallist) and Chris Wright.

“We encourage schools to get behind this project to help educate our young people about the importance of food to the future not only of this region, but a growing population around the world.

“However, it is important to understand this is not just a project for students. We want everyone to get involved to help ensure we have an interesting book with lots of great stories.”

An entry form can be downloaded from the Speak Up website, www.speakup4water.com, and entries emailed to speakup4water@gmail.com. Anyone with queries about the book is asked to phone 0427 579 479.

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