

Ken Linnett's story of the life of Tulloch—*Tulloch, the extraordinary life and times of a true champion*—has won the 2018 Bill Whittaker Book Award.

The award, commemorating the highly respected former racing writer Bill Whittaker, is presented every two years for the best book on horse racing published in Australia/New Zealand in that period.

A total of 39 books were published on horse racing in 2016/2017, and presented for judging. Three fiction books and four for juveniles were excluded, leaving a total of 32 books eligible for the award.

The criteria underpinning the award are that the book must:

- add to the knowledge of Australian racing history.
- be well written.
- be well produced.

The books short-listed were:

Tulloch by Ken Linnett (Slattery Media Group).

The Life and Times of Eric Connolly by John Macnaughtan (self-published).

Good Losers Die Broke by Max Presnell (Allen & Unwin).

Moods by Helen Thomas (Schwartz Publishing).

A Long Way from Wyandra by Peter Moody with Trevor Marshallsea (Allen & Unwin).

Subzero by Adam Crettenden (Penguin).

Pumper by Jim Cassidy with Andrew Webster (Pan Mac Millan).

Foul Luck & Outrageous Fortune by Rick Hore-Lacy (Sid Harta Publishers).

Previous winners of the award were:

2010 **The Master's Touch** by Keith Paterson. (Runner-up, **Phar Lap**: the untold story by Graeme Putt).

2012 **Peter Pan** by Jessica Owers.

2014 **Over the Hurdles** by John Adams and **Shannon** by Jessica Owers, joint winners

2016 **Heroes & Champions** by Bob Charley. (Runner-up **Mosstrooper** by Peter Harris).