

HOW TO WRITE A FEATURE ARTICLE

A feature article is :

- a special style of writing that gives the readers true information about an interesting topic
- a writing piece that involves research and real facts on the topic
- a topic that the writer knows a lot about and is considered an expert
- found in newspapers and magazines

- A news article is time-sensitive and of immediate interest. Think election results, an accident, a robbery report, a product launch, a court verdict, a medical report release, a set of basketball game scores.
- A feature article can be published at any point. Its content is often evergreen or at least lasting.

News Article
Reports the facts



Feature Article
Explains the significance of the facts



What is a feature article composed of ?

1. **The headline** : it catches attention and summarizes the topic
2. **the byline** : it gives the writer's name
3. **the lead / the hook**: it is the very first sentence at the beginning of the article. It has to catch the reader's eyes and provide the most important information about the article. Keep it short : 1 sentence only. Everything you present in it will be developed in the body of the article.
4. **The body** :
The body of the feature should be broken into sections with several headings for easy organization. This section contains most of the details of the story. It includes names, places, times, and [quotes](#) related to the person, event, or organization. The opinions of the writer, those at the location of the story, and experts are presented in the body of the article. This is also the place to include any pictures that illustrate the story, as well as diagrams, charts, and other visual elements.
5. **the conclusion** :
The [conclusion](#) should leave a lasting impression on the reader and provoke some sort of reaction. It should prompt action on the part of the reader, encourage a change of opinion, or encourage the reader to make a decision.

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Headline ←

Subheading ←

By-line ←

Hook ←

Image and Caption ←

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NEWS

Actress keen to star in new movie

Pastor prepares for her 'memorable' role

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NICOLE Pastor has been a waitress, bartender, therapy patient and more - and she wouldn't have it any other way.

The Bendigo actress loves losing herself in characters and has since a young age.

The 29-year-old will soon star in *Atomic and Bone*, a coming-of-age drama from first-time director Isaac Lave.

She said she was thrilled to be involved with the project, and hoped it would be the job that would really help her launch her career.

"I'm hoping that this is the role that will really show people what I have to offer," Ms Pastor said.

"I play Nikki, a 19-year-old free spirit type of woman, who is a single mum and struggles with drug addiction problems.

It's a small but memorable role, something like Margot Robbie in *Dear Susan* or *Time in Hollywood*.

"This is a very character-driven movie. It's about to go into pre-production."

Ms Pastor's previous work has seen her perform background and extra roles in Australian productions like *Home and Away*, *Juste King* and *Love Child*, and she was also Jessica Marais' stand-in for the Carlton TV movie.

She's been acting for 10 years, and one of her highlights so far was a small role in the Aussie feature film *Not Suitable for Children*, starring *True Blood*'s Ryan Reynolds and *Succubus* actress Sarah Snook.

Ms Pastor was also excited to have the opportunity to play a real-life murderer (Samantha Bachynski) in the international series *Deadly Women*.

Another of her recent projects sees her star as a lead in the dark comedy web series *Therapy Life*, which deals with mental health issues.

Ms Pastor said she caught the acting bug from a young age, but didn't really recognise it for what it was at the time.

"I remember I would love to run around the backyard and pretend I was *Xena: Warrior Princess*," she said.

"Then I'd watch *Legally Blonde* and decide I was going to be a lawyer. It wasn't until later that I realised I could do all of these things and more if I was an actress."

Pastor is encouraging all creative souls to chase their dreams and refuse to back down.

ON SCREEN: A still of Nicole Pastor in her new web series *Therapy Life*, directed by Kasey Baker.

STAR ON THE RISE: Bendigo's Nicole Pastor is chasing her dream career in show business and is excited for her next project.