



Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards – 2025

History

The thirty-seventh annual Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards were hosted by the Geraldton Regional Library at the Queens Park Theatre. This year the special guest author Kristy Nita Brown, presented a video talk. Kristy is a Western Australian author and creative entrepreneur with a passion for storytelling and education. With over a decade of teaching experience and a strong reputation for delivering engaging creative writing workshops in schools and libraries, Kristy has founded the programme Book Builders to empower primary school students to write, illustrate, and publish their own books.

Categories & Entries

677 entries were received from 20 schools throughout the Mid-West and Gascoyne regions. 77 awards were presented at the Presentation Night.

Entries were organised into five prose categories and five poetry categories:

- Lower Primary Years 3 and 4
- Upper Primary Years 5 and 6
- Lower Secondary Years 7 and 8
- Middle Secondary Years 9 and 10
- Upper Secondary Years 11 and 12

2 additional, separately judged categories awarded 3 prizes:

- The Pat Gallaher Encouragement award
- The Hon. Sandra Carr MLC Emerging Writers Scholarships for Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary

Judges

- Deanne Davies
- Meredith Wills
- Heather Wallace
- Sue Chiera
- Tony Turner
- Malcolm Smith
- Nola Gregory
- Tanya Moffat
- Jenny Kessell
- Lorraine Chapman
- Matilda Scotney
- Bren MacDibble





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Sponsors

- Honourable Melissa Price MP, Federal Member for Durack
- Honourable Sandra Carr MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region
- Ms Kirrilee Warr MLA, Member for Geraldton
- Mr Shane Love MLA, Member for Moore
- The Apex Club of Geraldton
- The Friends of Geraldton Library
- The Geraldton Cultural Trust
- Geraldton Newspapers Ltd.
- The Lions Club of Geraldton
- The Writers of the Coral Coast
- Mrs Helen McArthur – Sister to Randolph Stow
- Mrs Ann Boyle
- J & L Oliveri Cabinet Makers and
- The Literature Centre

AWARDS

Lower Primary Poetry

- 1st Sophie Gibson - year 4 at Saint Francis Xavier Primary School for *Achoo!*
2nd Safiyah Elias - year 4 at Geraldton Primary School for *The Blooming Tulip ...*
3rd Hunter Prins - year 4 at Leaning Tree Steiner School for *Loki Steals the Moon*
HC Taylah Verdouw - year 3 Home School for *War*

Lower Primary Prose

- 1st Annika Beckett - year 4 at Mount Tarcoola Primary School for *The Mystery World*
2nd William Anh Tran - year 4 at Saint Francis Xavier Primary School for *The Lost Puzzle Piece*
3rd Chase Teakle - year 4 at Saint Francis Xavier Primary School for *The Midnight Intruder*
HC Emma Simpson - year 4 at Geraldton Grammar School for *Sophie and the Little Bird ...*
HC Melaluka Currey-Sullivan - year 4 at Leaning Tree Steiner School for *The Boy and the Mulberry Tree*
HC Jerome Lang - year 4 WA Home School for *My Struggle to land a half pipe*
HC Abigail Luscombe - year 3 at Geraldton Grammar School for *Abigail Loves Kittens*
HC Dusty Fletcher - year 3 at Wandina Primary School for *Summer and Kim Defeat the Goblin of the Lake*

Upper Primary Poetry

- 1st Imogen Clarke - year 6 at Saint Francis Xavier Primary School for *Trip Around Australia*
2nd Scout Bailey - year 5 at Geraldton Grammar School for *A Diary of a Lonely Dog*
3rd Demi Spencer - year 5 at Dongara District High School for *The Adventures of Reading*
HC Sienna Crudeli - year 5 at Saint Francis Xavier Primary School for *The Rain Song*
HC Mitchell Breen - year 6 at Saint John's Rangeway for *Ode to Cheese Puffs*
HC Heidi Grima - year 6 at Saint John's Rangeway for *Weiner Dog Coco*
HC Jay Wilson - year 5 at Meekatharra School of the Air for *The Turtle has a home*
HC Vienna Moseholt - year 6 at Northampton District High School for *My First Flight*





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- 1st Wen Rui Wong - year 5 at Geraldton Grammar School for *Penny the Pencil*
- 2nd Sienna Crudeli - year 5 at Saint Francis Xavier Primary School for *The Wanderer*
- 3rd Eva Thurkle - year 6 at Walkaway Primary School for *Jack's Days*
- HC Walter Abetz - year 6 Home School for *NORRIS The Viking Chapter one*
- HC Harper Bowtell-Hasleby - year 6 at Walkaway Primary School for *The Races*
- HC Asha Simpson - year 6 Saint Mary's Northampton for *The Boy who Makes a Difference*
- HC Will Teakle - year 6 at Northampton District High School for *The Flies in the Pies*

Lower Secondary Poetry

- 1st Nate O'Brien - year 8 at Nagle Catholic College for *Not-a-Ballad*
- 2nd Coden Spencer - year 7 at Geraldton Grammar School for *The Battle of Cake*
- 3rd Emily Myers - year 7 at Geraldton Senior High School for *My First Year*
- HC D'arcy Rook - year 7 at Geraldton Senior High School for *The Feel and Smell I Know that too*
- HC Digby Western - year 8 at Nagle Catholic College for *My Lungs*
- HC Caley Coughlan - year 7 at Champion Bay High School for *As the Seasons Change*

Lower Secondary Prose

- 1st Millie-Ann Garraway - year 7 at Geraldton Senior High School for *The Window*
- 2nd Mac Harrington - year 8 at Nagle Catholic College for *I'm Too Tired Though*
- 3rd Rawley Duperouzel- year 8 at Geraldton Grammar School for *The Dog that became a Hero*
- HC Ethan Osborne Walter - year 7 at Geraldton Senior High School for *The Bone Crusher*
- HC Emily Weightman - year 8 at Geraldton Grammar School for *The Fox, Owl and Frog*
- HC Aisha Jones - year 8 at Geraldton Grammar School for *The Colourless Chameleon*
- HC Eva Nguyen - year 8 at Geraldton Grammar School for *The Swan, The Crow and The Golden Staff*
- HC Blake Simpson - year 7 at Nagle Catholic College for *My Moment*
- HC Lacey Walker - year 7 at Geraldton Senior High School for *School*

Middle Secondary Poetry

- 1st Wynand Blignault - year 9 at Geraldton Senior High School for *When Crows Take Flight*
- 2nd Aimy Jayesh - year 9 at Nagle Catholic College for *Ode to Mi Goreng Noodles*
- 3rd Kodey Haynes - year 9 at Nagle Catholic College for *Ode to Gnarlaloo*
- HC Grace Smith - year 10 Home School for *Powers?*
- HC Addisyn Nankiville - year 9 at Nagle Catholic College for *Apologies*
- HC Miley Argent - year 10 at Nagle Catholic College for *Death*
- HC Lucie Jones- year 10 at Nagle Catholic College for *Worries Washed Away*
- HC Evie Bowlay - year 10 at Geraldton Senior High School for *What Else Can He Do?*

Middle Secondary Prose

- 1st Pippa Lin - year 10 at Geraldton Grammar School for *Sunscreen, Sentiments and Sausages*
- 2nd Kent Bristow - year 10 at Geraldton Grammar School for *Tim and Tam*
- 3rd Molly Shelton - year 10 Home School for *I Hate Purple*
- HC Olivia Hall - year 10 at Nagle Catholic College for *Reality of Growing UP*
- HC Coen Lamb- year 10 at Nagle Catholic College for *The English Essay*
- HC Jasmine Cobbs - year 10 at Geraldton Grammar School for *A fire carried home*
- HC Jada Johansen - year 10 at Nagle Catholic College for *Addicted Today, Addicted Tomorrow, but Maybe not Forever*
- HC Grace Smith - year 10 Home School for *The Good Scam*



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Upper Secondary Poetry

- 1st Regielyn Alap-Ap - year 11 at Nagle Catholic College for *The Empty Seat*
2nd Ava Darby - year 12 at Champion Bay Senior High School for *Roots and All*
3rd Ash Thirumurugan - year 12 at Champion Bay Senior High School for *The Fairest of them All*
HC Zahra Asia Taibi - year 11 at Nagle Catholic College for *I'm a Penguin*
HC Trevor Farrell - year 11 at Nagle Catholic College for *Welcome to the Kitchen*
HC Angus Chadbourne- year 11 at Geraldton Grammar School for *The Shark*
HC Julia du Boulay - year 11 Home School for *Passing By*
HC Aleesha Chant - year 11 at Nagle Catholic College for *The Pomegranate*

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- 1st Glenn De Vera Jr - year 12 at Nagle Catholic College for *The Split Currents*
2nd Sienna Norman - year 12 at Nagle Catholic College for *Whispers of Belonging*
3rd Declan Argent - year 12 at Geraldton Grammar School for *War for Nothing*
HC Lisa Griechen - year 12 at Nagle Catholic College for *Dawn*
HC Murphie Tirant - year 11 at Nagle Catholic College for *Unread Messages*
HC Ella Williams - year 12 at Nagle Catholic College for *The Dunny Problem*
HC Shrinithi Elangumanian - year 12 at Nagle Catholic College for *Honey Sweetened*
HC Aislinn Tarasek - year 11 at Nagle Catholic College for *Anatomy of a Ghost*

Hon Sandra Carr MLC Emerging Young Writer Scholarship – Lower Secondary

- Harper Bowtell-Hasleby - year 6 at Walkaway Primary School for *The Races*

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