

Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards – 2022



History

The thirty-fourth annual Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards were presented at Geraldton Grammar School, where students were fortunate to hear Dr Sally Murphy speak further promoting and acknowledging the value in creative writing. This year a new award was introduced offering two students attending secondary school in 2023 to attend the Young Writers Collective program in 2023. The program is organised by The Literature Centre, where budding young writers have the opportunity to learn from award-winning Australian and WA authors. Once a term, students will have the opportunity to engage with an author face-to-face at one of the local schools in Geraldton. The new award is named, the Honourable Sandra Carr MLC Emerging Young Writer Scholarship in honour of the sponsor for this award.

Categories & Entries

Over 550 entries were received from schools throughout the Midwest region and more than 70 awards were presented.

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

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

Judges

Chris Yates

Meredith Wills

Tony Turner

Sue Chiera

Heather Wallace

Warwick Glenister

Nola Gregory

Matilda Scotney

Malcolm Smith

Deanne Davies

Lorraine Chapman

Hugh de Beer

Sponsors

Hon Melissa Price MP, Minister for Defence Industry & Federal Member for Durack;
Hon Sandra Carr MLC, Labour Member for Agricultural Region;
Hon Colin de Grussa MLC, National Member for Agricultural Region;
Hon Steve Martin MLC, Liberal Member for Agricultural Region;
Ms Lara Dalton MLA, Member for Geraldton;
Mr Shane Love MLA, Member for Moore;
Apex Club of Geraldton;

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Friends of Geraldton Library;
The Geraldton Cultural Trust;
Lions Club of Geraldton;
Writers of the Coral Coast;
Geraldton Newspapers Ltd;
Mrs Helen McArthur – (Sister to Randolph Stow);
Mr and Mrs Peter and Patricia (Patti) Rock;
Mrs Ann Boyle and
J & L Oliveri Cabinet Makers

Lower Primary Poetry

1st – Roland Heaney – Geraldton Primary School – *Growing Nightmare*
2nd – Eliza Pumpa – Meekatharra School of the Air – *The Muster*
3rd – Jazmyn Leigh Hinds – Beachlands Primary School – *Mum’s Deadly Fart*
HC – Evie Fisher – Wandina Primary School – *A River Picnic Surprise*
HC – Gareth Taylor – Geraldton Grammar School – *My Dog Bentley*

Lower Primary Prose

1st – Nate Carrick – Walkaway Primary School – *‘Wizard’*
2nd – Synnove Kaur Dhillon – Geraldton Grammar School – *Mr Shaky*
3rd – Caitlin Cox – Geraldton Primary School – *Road Trip*
HC – Kara Pothan – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Helpful Puppy*
HC – Walter Abetz – Geraldton Grammar School – *Fire-beaks Crow*
HC – Arya Khan – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Spelling Bee*

Upper Primary Poetry

1st – Billy Coaker – Morawa District High School – *The Epics of Football*
2nd – Esta Penberthy – Geraldton Grammar School – *Maths Tests*
3rd – Christabella Pumpa – Meekatharra School of the Air – *The Flood*
HC – Ruben Grigsby – Geraldton Primary School – *Bloodstruck (ANZAC Poem)*
HC – Tora Smith – Yuna Primary School – *The Day I had COVID*
HC – Jayden Newman Pace – Walkaway Primary School – *Darkness*
HC – Amber O’Dwyer – Walkaway Primary School – *My Very Annoying Sister*
HC – Addison Van Tiel – Wandina Primary School – *Acrostic Poem about Wandina*

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Upper Primary Prose

- 1st – Amity Geqwin – St Johns Primary School – *Questions*
2nd – Indi von Senger – Allendale Primary School – *Can You Keep a Secret?*
3rd – Lincoln Shiosaki – Wandina Primary School – *The Two Wars*
HC – Elise Kalpers-Gray – Wandina Primary School – *Thin Ice*
HC – Digby Kupsch – St Lawrence’s Primary School – *The War of the Island*
HC – Vera Blake – Mingenew Primary School – *Burnt Out*
HC – Sofia Henderson – Wandina Primary School – *On the Run*
HC – Jorja Harper – Cervantes Primary School – *First Days*
HC – Addison Phillips – Geraldton Christian College – *The Home Mission*

Lower Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Lysander Foster – Geraldton Christian College – *Where the Wraiths Ramble*
2nd – Regielyn Alap-Ap – Geraldton Senior High School – *Growth*
3rd – Angus Chadbourne – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Leaky Pen*
HC – Baird Garrett – Nagle Catholic College – *Burdens*
HC – John Marcus Solomon – Geraldton Senior High School – *Artistic Flow*
HC – Nate Somerville – Nagle Catholic College – *Ode to Geraldton*

Lower Secondary Prose

- 1st – Martha Burkinshaw – Nagle Catholic College – *Shifting Waters*
2nd – Tahlia Watson – Geraldton Senior High School – *The End of Mrs Smith*
3rd – Nate Somerville – Nagle Catholic College – *The Great Snake Hunt*
HC – Amy Browne – Nagle Catholic College – *Currents*
HC – Eliana Dacus-Grace – Nagle Catholic College – *The Karijini Killer*

Middle Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Hayley Driscoll – Nagle Catholic College – *Broken*
2nd – Chloe Weightman – Geraldton Senior High School – *Home (A Pilbara Poem)*
3rd – Sam J Wilson – Geraldton Senior High School – *Friends Are Like Nuts*
HC – Cameron Griffith – Geraldton Senior High School – *The End of Ourselves*
HC – Arty Simms – Geraldton Senior High School – *Closeted*
HC – Kelsey Curtin – Geraldton Christian College – *Daisies and Mud Pies*
HC – Allysa Pison – Geraldton Christian College – *A Moment*
HC – Lily-Anne Bailey – Northampton District High School – *A Day in Summer*

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Middle Secondary Prose

1st – Lily Scrimgeour – Geraldton Grammar School – *Dragonfly Chorus*
2nd – Malini Bass – Nagle Catholic College – *The Aftermath*
3rd – Shanaya Gronow – Geraldton Grammar School – *Saviour*
HC – Elle Ryan – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Party*
HC – Lalani Madeline MacLeod – Geraldton Christian College – *Lost*
HC – James McColl – Geraldton Senior High School – *Return to Delva Bay*
HC – Amara Starling – Geraldton Grammar School – *Him*
HC – Kendra Walker – Geraldton Senior High School – *Get Out*

Upper Secondary Poetry

1st – Mya Abbott – Nagle Catholic College – *Bitter Fruit*
2nd – Grace McLean – Nagle Catholic College – *Stumbling*
3rd – Hien Tran – Nagle Catholic College – *The Elemental-22 Pandemic*
HC – Oli Myers – Nagle Catholic College – *Choice*
HC – Kalani Ethell – Nagle Catholic College – *Women's Rights*
HC – Naledi Dickson – Nagle Catholic College – *In This World*

Upper Secondary Prose

1st – Rebecca Tierney – Nagle Catholic College – *A Home at Mooni Creek*
2nd – Clancy Hann – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Blue*
3rd – Cullynn Kentish – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Ornament*
HC – Darci Pinkney – Nagle Catholic College – *Hope*
HC – Camryn McKoy – Nagle Catholic College – *Two Percent*
HC – Matilda Attwood – Geraldton Senior High School – *Shell Shock*
HC – Oscar Lin – Geraldton Grammar School – *Day Job*

The Honourable Sandra Carr MLC Emerging Young Writer Scholarship for Lower Secondary

Amy Browne – Nagle Catholic College – *Currents*

The Honourable Sandra Carr MLC Emerging Young Writer Scholarship for Upper Secondary

Lalani Madeline MacLeod – Geraldton Christian College – *Lost*

Pat Gallaher Encouragement Award

Oscar Lin – Geraldton Grammar School – *Day Job*