

Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards – 1998



History

Almost 200 people, young writers and their families, crowded into the Geraldton Regional Library on Friday 11th September for the presentation of the 10th anniversary of the Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards. Ten years ago the Geraldton Library, strongly supported by the Geraldton Mid West Regional Group of the ALIA organised the first awards, based on the successful Mary Durack awards in the Metropolitan area. The awards gained considerable prestige in the region during its first ten years with entries being received from schools throughout the Mid West. This year saw the introduction of two new categories – Middle Secondary Prose and Middle Secondary Poetry. To celebrate the award's tenth anniversary, Elaine Forrestal, a former Geraldton resident and a winner of the 1998 Children's Book Council Book of the Year for younger readers, was invited to attend and address the young writers.

Categories & Entries

Over 650 entries were received from 20 schools from Carnarvon to Cervantes. 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

June Ausburn
Lois Best
Heather Cross
Lorraine Duncan
Jill Jones

Kate Larby
Anne Pedlow
Robyn Richards
Deb Stone

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Lower Primary Poetry

- 1st – Holly Richards – Geraldton Grammar School – *Great Family Memories*
2nd – Chloe Kerr – St Lawrence’s Primary School – *Monster Under the Bed*
3rd – Angela Barrett – St Lawrence’s Primary School – *Day’s Journey*
HC – Rhys Williamson – St Lawrence’s Primary School – *Football Final*
HC – Karon Koba – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Circuses*

Lower Primary Prose

- 1st – Samantha Barnes – Cervantes Primary School – *Chewbacca - The Black Labrador*
2nd – Ashleigh Britt – Waggrakine Primary School – *Bacon and Eggs*
3rd – Nicole Joy Edwards – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Another World*
HC – Stephanie Breen – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Missing Pat*

Upper Primary Poetry

- 1st – Eliza Mellor – Northampton District High School – *An Old Man’s Tale*
2nd – Murray McCartney – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Goal*
3rd – Brendan Curtis – St John’s Primary School – *The Dictionary that Wasn’t in Alphabetical Order*
HC – Shantelle Burges – Geraldton Grammar School – *My Place*
HC – Sally Lemmon – St Lawrence’s Primary School – *A Journey of Heartbreak*

Upper Primary Prose

- 1st – Jennie Flanagan – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Greatest Ice Creamery in the World*
2nd – Brent Allen – Geraldton Primary School – *Imagine*
3rd – Rebecca Townsend – Geraldton Primary School – *Strange? Weird? Or Totally Off the Planet*
HC – Hannah Corcoran – Geraldton Grammar School – *Boxed Memories*
HC – Richard Watkins – Geraldton Primary School – *Tim and Ted’s Scary Adventure*
HC – James Bovell – Geraldton Grammar School – *Anything is Possible*

Lower Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Stacey Thompson – Dongara District High School – *Storm in the Morning*
2nd – Candice Phillips – Geraldton Secondary College – *Melissa Forever*
3rd – Joanne McGilvray – Nagle Catholic College – *The Sailor Asked the Ship*
HC – Jessica Leeson – Dongara District High School – *Devils Tea*
HC – Tegan O’Malley – Geraldton Secondary College – *I am a Journey*
HC – Kerri Whelan – Geraldton Secondary College – *Get it Straight About the Drugs*
HC – Rachel Clarke – Geraldton Secondary College – *Love is Blind*
HC – Amanda Jackson – Nagle Catholic College – *Destruction*
HC – Luke Ryan – Nagle Catholic College – *War*

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Lower Secondary Prose

- 1st – Jay Nairn – Nagle Catholic College – *Another Dead Statistic*
2nd – Siouxsie Carter – Geraldton Secondary College – *Why the Kangaroo Hops on Two Legs*
3rd – Paul Millwood – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Maccel*
HC – Laura Rawlings – Geraldton Grammar School – *Aristotle*
HC – Kieran Rigter – Nagle Catholic College – *Last Man Hanged*

Middle Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Katrina Dunn – Nagle Catholic College – *Professor Pointless*
2nd – Casey Maddren – Geraldton Grammar School – *My Room*
3rd – Dale Moore – Nagle Catholic College – *The Spit*

Middle Secondary Prose

- 1st – Sheree Edmondson – Geraldton Secondary College – *Like Lambs to the Slaughter*
2nd – Tanya Newport – Geraldton Grammar School – *A Stranger's Eyes*
3rd – Kathryn Leigh-Firbank – Geraldton Grammar School – *A New Life*
HC – Casey Maddren – Geraldton Grammar School – *I Just Forgot*
HC – Gemma White – Nagle Catholic College – *Medieval Love*
HC – Belinda Hawkins – Nagle Catholic College – *A Note from Titanic*

Upper Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Justine McGillivray – Geraldton Secondary College – *The Children*
2nd – Helen Spillman – Nagle Catholic College – *Hamlet*
3rd – Francesca Broomfield – Nagle Catholic College – *It*
HC – Stacy Gardner – Nagle Catholic College – *Come Sit for a While*

Upper Secondary Prose

- 1st – Catherine Berry – Nagle Catholic College – *A Bench in the Park, Mother?*
2nd – Trinita Rounsevell – Geraldton Secondary College – *My Pop and Johnny the Ram*
3rd – Francesca Broomfield – Nagle Catholic College – *The Innocent One*