

Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards – 2000



History

The twelfth annual Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards were presented in ceremony at Geraldton Grammar School on Friday 8th September 2000. Attendees enjoyed refreshments in the school's new library. A novel feature was the display of Randolph Stow's portrait on all the library's computers. This year an inaugural Stow Festival was held following the Awards night. The festival included two excellent performances of 'Midnite' by local actors, a series of poetry and other readings from Stow delivered in the Queen's Park Theatre's amphitheatre, and a bus tour of the areas described in Stow's 'The Merry-Go-Round in the Sea.' The Geraldton Regional Library and Geraldton Art Gallery displayed Juniper sets from a production of 'Midnite' performed in Perth several years before. The Stow Festival proved to be a wonderful celebration of one of Geraldton's famous sons!

Categories & Entries

Over 650 entries were received from schools throughout the region and 57 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

June Ausburn
Ray Cockerill
Heather Cross
Paul Flanagan
Joe Kenny

Kate Larby
Natalie Nelmes
Carolyn Nixon
Anne Pedlow
Robyn Richards

Sponsors

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Lower Primary Poetry

- 1st – Anna Karen Randrup – St Francis Xavier Primary School – *It's Time to go to Bed*
2nd – Elena Cope – Geraldton Primary School – *The Magic Sprinkler*
3rd – Michael Clarkson – St Lawrence's Primary School – *Australia in Poetry*
HC – Adrian Bridger – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Skateboarding*
HC – Bryce Gordon – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Today*
HC – Amy Sumner – St Lawrence's Primary School – *Blind*

Lower Primary Prose

- 1st – Lauren Kelly – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *The Adventures of Joe and the Little Elf*
2nd – Ainsley Rodgers – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Tragic but Good*
3rd – Sarah Gibbens – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *The Magic Spell*
HC – Liberty Cramer – Geraldton Grammar School – *Home in the Clouds – The Storm*
HC – Mark Bendon – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Underwater Adventure*

Upper Primary Poetry

- 1st – Joshua Boyle – St Lawrence's Primary School – *Australia*
2nd – Felicity Noonan – Geraldton Grammar School – *I Love the Weather*
3rd – Ben Criddle – St Lawrence's Primary School - *Australia*
HC – Emily Parkin – Allendale Primary School - *Australia*
HC – Katie Fleming – St Lawrence's Primary School – *I am Different*
HC – Angela Barrett – St Lawrence's Primary School – *Our Land Australia*
HC – Briony Carlyon – Allendale Primary School – *The Ocean*

Upper Primary Prose

- 1st – Ashleigh Britt – Waggrakine Primary School - *Congratulations*
2nd – Karen Kaba – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Noises in the Night*
3rd – Ellie Shaw – Geraldton Grammar School – *Slam Dunk*
HC – Ashe Copeland – Waggrakine Primary School – *Too Much to Deal With*
HC – Natasha Bradley – Geraldton Grammar School – *Running Away*
HC – Jade Sekuloff – Waggrakine Primary School – *Adrenaline Rush*
HC – Jessika Comito – St Lawrence's Primary School – *Jimina's Story*

Lower Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Nicholas Wilson – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Horror*
2nd – Caitlin Hunt – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Bear Truth*
3rd – Annalise Delfos – Nagle Catholic College – *Symphony of the Annum*
HC – Christopher Watt – Geraldton Grammar School – *Dawn Dust*
HC – Louise Spillman – Nagle Catholic College – *Upon the Keys of Ivory*
HC – Claire Shepherd – Nagle Catholic College – *Victimisation*

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HC – Michael Cannon – Geraldton Grammar School – *Tomorrow Will It Come*

Lower Secondary Prose

1st – Emma Sorensen – Geraldton Grammar School – *Camp Enro*
2nd – Leah Grant – Geraldton Grammar School – *Suicidal Mission*
3rd – Daniel Charnley – Geraldton Grammar School – *Vampire's Day Out*
HC – Kate Dempster – Nagle Catholic College – *One Summer's Day*

Middle Secondary Poetry

1st – Michelle Clarke – Nagle Catholic College – *The Way Life is*
2nd – Zak Ritchie – Geraldton Grammar School – *Insatiable Infection*
3rd – Caroline Taylor – Nagle Catholic College – *Questions*
HC – Fiona Lewis – Geraldton Grammar School – *It's Not My Fault*
HC – Jon Douglas – Geraldton Grammar School – *A Sealed Up Secret Wish*
HC – Rosie Fondacaro – Nagle Catholic College – *Afraid*

Middle Secondary Prose

1st – Ross Connolly – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Paper Cut Man*
2nd – Drew Harvey – Nagle Catholic College – *Volunteer*
3rd – Caroline Taylor – Nagle Catholic College – *The Picture*
HC – Violet Rowe – Nagle Catholic College – *The Pole*
HC – Adam White – Nagle Catholic College – *A Tainted Catch*
HC – Matt Behre – Nagle Catholic College – *A Day in the Life of a Garden Gnome*

Upper Secondary Poetry

1st – Kristy Stone – Nagle Catholic College – *A Lesson to Learn*
2nd – Zoe Keane – Nagle Catholic College – *In Your Hands*
3rd – Sarah Atkinson – Nagle Catholic College – *One People*
HC – Shane Paxa – Geraldton Secondary College – *My Thoughts*
HC – Karlee Cannon – Nagle Catholic College – *Thoughts*

Upper Secondary Prose

1st – Scott Jenkinson – Geraldton Secondary College – *Kid*
2nd – Jessica Wright – Nagle Catholic College – *Won't You Be My Friend*
3rd – Timothy Gough – Geraldton Secondary College – *Good Hair Day*
HC – Casey Maddren – Geraldton Secondary College – *Hardest to Help*