

Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards – 2009



History

To mark the twentieth anniversary of the Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards former City Librarian and Councillor Pat Gallaher, whom initiated the awards, was invited to speak at the presentation ceremony. Liliana Stafford, a highly regarded and well-published children's author was also invited to address the audience. Mr Randolph Stow wrote a personal letter as his acknowledgement of the prestigious occasion. The total prize money reached a record-breaking \$1200 this year.

Categories & Entries

Over 550 entries were received from schools throughout the region and more than 45 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

Catherine Belcher
Deanne Davies
Paul Drury
Warwick Glenister
Rob McEachern
Stan Maley

Hamish Morgan
Kate Summers
Tony Turner
Jennifer Warburton

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Writers of Geraldton

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Lower Primary Poetry

- 1st – Skye Newton – Mingenew Primary School – *My House*
2nd – Winona Gilewski – Bluff Point Primary School – *Wind*
3rd – Lloyd Still – Homeschool – *I Like Being Me*
HC – Erika Lea Weaver – Badgingarra Primary School – *The River*
HC – Ethan Barleyman – Badgingarra Primary School – *The Snail's Journey*
HC – Zuhri Abdul – Bluff Point Primary School – *The Seed*

Lower Primary Prose

- 1st – Corey Wright – Mingenew Primary School – *Corey the Alien*
2nd – Jesse Mardon – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *An Experience of a Lifetime*
3rd – Mason Cockram – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *The Kanga War*
HC – Toby Ausbin – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *The Jump!*
HC – Grace Fewster – Homeschool – *My Historic Hill*
HC – Ashley Baker – Useless Loop Primary School – *Dingo Danger*

Upper Primary Poetry

- 1st – Alexandra Shanley – Saint John's Primary School – *The Dunny House*
2nd – Grace Richardson – Strathalbyn Christian College - *Coma*
3rd – Abbie Gerlach – Saint John's Primary School – *For a Moment*
HC – Sarah Johnston – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Kung Fu Rabbit*
HC – Jacie Muscio – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Mummies Star*
HC – Freya Thompson – Saint John's Primary School – *Turtle*

Upper Primary Prose

- 1st – Luke Binetti – Saint John's Primary School – *Souls in the Mirrors*
2nd – Madeline Boetcher – Binnu Primary School – *Laylah Morsby*
3rd – Kyah Henderson – Saint John's Primary School – *Lunch Box of Doom*
HC – Curtis White – Saint John's Primary School – *Devious*
HC – Joseph Tanti – Saint John's Primary School – *Offline*
HC – Pheobe Vlahov – Chapman Valley Primary School – *The Legendary Box*

Lower Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Jordan St. Quintin – Nagle Catholic College – *The War*
2nd – Milton Carroll – Nagle Catholic College – *Sky Scrapers of the Forest*
3rd – Jesse Webb-Smith – Geraldton Grammar School – *Nothing Between the Teacher and the Man*
HC – Justin Gray – Nagle Catholic College – *The Monster*
HC – Michael Trezona – Nagle Catholic College – *The Moon is a Balloon*

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Lower Secondary Prose

- 1st – Cassandra Arangio – Nagle Catholic College – *The Illustrators Cove*
2nd – Maddie Hood – Nagle Catholic College – *Motionless Runner*
3rd – Claudia Carr – Nagle Catholic College – *Debris*

Middle Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Jade Morgan – Nagle Catholic College – *Teen Life Crash Course*
2nd – Simon Thuijs – Nagle Catholic College – *The War's Not Quite Over*
3rd – Ashton Taylor – Nagle Catholic College – *But..... What if?*
HC – Rikki Regan – Geraldton Senior College – *The Creamed Rice Chronicles*

Middle Secondary Prose

- 1st – Felicity Murphy – Geraldton Senior College – *The Day*
2nd – Ashton Taylor – Nagle Catholic College – *The Journey*
3rd – Isabelle Tanti – Nagle Catholic College - *Smiling*

Upper Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Caris Blayney – Nagle Catholic College – *The Melody of an Elephant*
2nd – Kara Payne – Geraldton Senior College – *Liberty*
3rd – Emily Webb-Smith – Geraldton Grammar School – *Honour Restored*

Upper Secondary Prose

- 1st – Jesse Hodge – Geraldton Senior College – *Memory of Him*
2nd – Jessie Freeman – Geraldton Senior College – *Only Seven*
3rd – Sarah Pollard – Geraldton Senior College – *The Oak Tree*
HC – Mishelle Taylor – Geraldton Senior College – *Red to Black*
HC – James Morton – Geraldton Senior College – *Wandering*