

Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards – 2012



History

The twenty-fourth annual Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards were held at a ceremony at Geraldton Grammar School. Meg McKinley, a reputable children's writer and poet, was invited to speak at the ceremony. The Award was originally established in 1989 by the Geraldton Regional Library with the support of the Geraldton Mid-West Regional Group of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). This year marked the end of operation of this branch of ALIA, and so the Geraldton Regional Library would be solely responsible for planning, promotion and organisation of the award from 2012. *The Land's Meaning*, an anthology of Randolph Stow's poetry collected by WA poet John Kinsella, was published in July of this year.

Categories & Entries

Over 550 entries were received from schools throughout the region and more than 40 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

Lorraine Chapman
Jackie Gill
Warwick Glenister
Nola Gregory
Jenny Keene

Chris Lewis
Stan Maley
Dr Glyn Parry
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Tony Turner

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Lower Primary Poetry

- 1st – Sally Faichney – St Lawrence’s Primary School – *My Secret Creature!!*
2nd – Anna Nguyen – Geraldton Grammar School – *My Doggie Trashed the House*
3rd – Bridget Baldock – Geraldton Grammar School – *My Pet Bear*
HC – Isabelle Browne – Eneabba District High School – *A Flood*
HC – Neis Dunn – Geraldton Grammar School – *An Ode to Jelly*

Lower Primary Prose

- 1st – Ciara Woollorton – Carnamah District High School – *Dinosaurs*
2nd – Emily Bilingham – Chapman Valley Primary School – *The Disappearance*
3rd – Lucy Higgs – St Lawrence’s Primary School – *Holy Spirit Adventure*
HC – Zoe Angelatos – St Francis Xavier Primary School – *The Adventures of Marie-Lee*
HC – Gracie Fisher – St Lawrence’s Primary School – *The Beach Fair*

Upper Primary Poetry

- 1st – Tahlia Watts – Geraldton Grammar School – *Midnight*
2nd – Kelsey Christoffersen – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Lonely Sailor*
3rd – Aaron Nguyen – Geraldton Grammar School – *Amusement Park*
HC – Irene Roy – Geraldton Grammar School – *Watch Out!!!*
HC – Blake Bettsworth – Geraldton Grammar School – *In Memory of a Fly*

Upper Primary Prose

- 1st – Shaun Killick – Chapman Valley Primary School – *Fishing for Hope*
2nd – Emma Beveridge – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Sunken Treasure*
3rd – Ellie Pead – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *The Blue Hole*
HC – Lily Rooney – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Fight or Flight?*
HC – Niamh O’Donovan – St Lawrence’s Primary School – *Goldie Waited an Anzac Story*

Lower Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Rosie Bogumil – Geraldton Grammar School – *All in My Mind?*
2nd – Chelsea Cuthbertson – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Hello to Goodbye*
3rd – Casey Sweeney – Nagle Catholic College – *The Girl on the Magazine*
HC – Nena Sawyer – John Willcock College – *The Little Blue Beast*
HC – Matthew Walker – John Willcock College – *Fishing*

Lower Secondary Prose

- 1st – Cassidy Jeeves – Homeschool – *Observations*
2nd – Emma-Leigh Stafford – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Heart Strings*
3rd – Jade Briggs – Nagle Catholic College – *The Catalyst*

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HC – Casey Sweeney – Nagle Catholic College – *Talent Accepted*

HC – Taryn Sanders – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Dancing My Worries Away*

Middle Secondary Poetry

1st – Anne Morrison – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Life is Strange*

2nd – Anna Watt – Nagle Catholic College – *The Wave*

3rd – Taylor Priest – Strathalbyn Christian College – *When He Abducted Sheryl-Anne*

Middle Secondary Prose

1st – Grace Richardson – Strathalbyn Christian College – *The Marionette Doll*

2nd – Isobel Bombara – Nagle Catholic College – *Welcome to the Circus!*

3rd – Teagan Goodfield – Geraldton Senior College – *Lingering Spirits*

HC – Zachary Sheppard – Geraldton Senior College – *Lost Soldier*

Upper Secondary Poetry

1st – Emily Semple – Geraldton Grammar School – *Slumber*

2nd – Samantha Pollard – Geraldton Senior College – *Dear Me*

3rd – Tova Ethell – Geraldton Senior College – *Kissing the Rocks*

HC – Stacey Purcher – Geraldton Grammar School – *And Then There's You*

HC – Safire Lewis – Strathalbyn Christian College – *The Tree*

Upper Secondary Prose

1st – Denby Evans – Geraldton Grammar School – *Living Dolls*

2nd – Safire Lewis – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Loneliness*

3rd – Cassidy Watson – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Part of Me Behind Bars*

HC – Samantha Pollard – Geraldton Senior College – *She Screamed*

HC – Mickayla Brady – Strathalbyn Christian College – *'Lone*