

Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards – 2013



History

The twenty-fifth annual Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards were held at a ceremony at John Willcock College. Cristy Burne, a children's author and science writer who has worked as editor of CSIRO's *Scientriffic* magazine and as a performer with the Shell Questacon, was invited to speak at the evening's presentation ceremony. 2013 was the final year of Altorfer & Stow's generous perpetual sponsorship that began with the Awards inauguration in 1989.

Randolph Stow was highly celebrated throughout 2013. Stow's book *Merry-go-round in the Sea* was adapted as a stage play in both Perth and then Geraldton. WA poet John Kinsella delivered the Randolph Stow Memorial Lecture at UWA in August of 2013 during which he discussed Stow's poems that didn't make it into *The Land's Meaning*, published the previous year. Late in 2013, Gabrielle Carey, respected author of novels, biography, autobiography and essays, released *Moving Among Strangers: Randolph Stow and My Family* – a pilgrimage story tracing Gabrielle's search to "...understand the visionary yet elusive Australian poet and novelist, Randolph Stow."

Categories & Entries

Over 600 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

Leonie Boddington
Geoff Cannon
Lorraine Chapman
Warwick Glenister
Jenny Keene

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Tony Turner

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Mrs Helen McArthur
Writers of Coral Coast

Young Motors Geraldton

Lower Primary Poetry

1st – Tristan Jacques – Homeschool – *The White Shadow*
2nd – Emily Cook – Geraldton Grammar School – *Think*
3rd – Alivia Wakely – St Lawrence's Primary School – *All About Pearly*
HC – Aleesha Greenfield – Northampton District High School – *The Beach*
HC – Clay Kriston – Dongara District High School – *Dad*

Lower Primary Prose

1st – Jesse Thompson – Meekatharra School of the Air – *Ocean Animals*
2nd – Chloe Marsden – St Lawrence's Primary School – *The Rain Forest's Magic Puddle*
3rd – Gus Bromley – Meekatharra School of the Air – *My School Holidays*
HC – Breanna Mead – Meekatharra School of the Air – *The Weird Looking Footprint*
HC – Lawson O'Brien – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Spitting on the Wheel*

Upper Primary Poetry

1st – Jackson Rayner – St John's Primary School – *Mum*
2nd – Alexandra Ayers – Northampton District High School – *Shearing Time*
3rd – Charley Pomeroy – St Francis Xavier Primary School – *Clouds*
HC – Martha Schenk – Geraldton Primary School – *Things*

Upper Primary Prose

1st – Daniel Jacques – Homeschool – *The Ghost Town*
2nd – Emma Beveridge – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Lost Memories*
3rd – Nicholas Duplex – St Lawrence's Primary School – *The Jig is Up*
HC – Tom Bresland – Bluff Point Primary School – *Like Bringing a Knife to a Gunfight*

Lower Secondary Poetry

1st – Emma Bateman – Nagle Catholic College – *It Was Not a Dream*
2nd – Samantha Carter – Strathalbyn Christian College – *The Beach*
3rd – Taryn Sanders – Strathalbyn Christian College – *In Their Eyes*
HC – Ashley Parker – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Oscar's Law*
HC – Katelyn Burney – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Rustic Wheels*

Lower Secondary Prose

1st – Ellie Pead – John Willcock College – *Nan*
2nd – Lauren Terry – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Another Adventure of Billy Webstone*
3rd – Rosie-Ann Bogumil – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Tree that Twirled*

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HC – Millicent Gadsby – John Willcock College – *Ropes and Scissors*
HC – Thandolwenkosi Tanaka Mahachi – Geraldton Grammar School – *Dream Writing*

Middle Secondary Poetry

1st – Nena Sawyer – Geraldton Senior College – *A Symphony for Estelle*
2nd – Gemma Simkin – Nagle Catholic College – *Hot Summer Storm*
3rd – Jessica Wright – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Memories*

Middle Secondary Prose

1st – Ethan Saunders – Geraldton Senior College – *In the Beginning*
2nd – Connor Hutton – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Puppeteer*
3rd – Kevin Buckley – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Joakim..*
HC – Aliesha Williams – Geraldton Senior College – *Release to Reality*
HC – Stephen Bruce – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Tale of a Teenage Boy*

Upper Secondary Poetry

1st – Brooke McKenzie – Geraldton Grammar School – *Ode to the Insane*
2nd – Elizabeth McCamish – Geraldton Senior College – *Fleeting Morals*
3rd – Racheal Wellman – Geraldton Senior College – *Public Appeasement*
HC – Renier Beukes – Geraldton Senior College – *A Poem about Poems*

Upper Secondary Prose

1st – Telysia Taylor – Geraldton Senior College – *Ephemeral*
2nd – Emily Semple – Geraldton Grammar School – *Limbo*
3rd – Sarah Summers – Geraldton Grammar School – *Orange Robes*
HC – Cheyenne Daly – Geraldton Senior College – *Broken Earth*
HC – Katelyn Slee – Geraldton Senior College – *The Discovery of Beauty*
HC – Racheal Wellman – Geraldton Senior College – *My Version of Perfect*