

Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards – 2015



History

The twenty-seventh annual Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards were presented at Nagle Catholic College during a ceremony. This year, the Pat Gallaher Encouragement Award was established. Pat Gallaher (OAM) died in 2014. Pat served as the City Librarian for 20 years, and during that period, he initiated a number of new services and programmes, including these awards. Pat was also elected to the Geraldton City Council, serving from 2001-2003. Retiring to Perth, Pat volunteered at the State Library of Western Australia.

Categories & Entries

Over 420 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
Jennifer Keene
Chris Lewis

Stan Maley
Dr Glyn Parry
Rosie Sitorus
Malcolm Smith
Chris Yates

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Lower Primary Poetry

1st – Clancy Hann – Geraldton Grammar School – *A Garden*
2nd – Jaxon Dodson – Geraldton Primary School – *Sometimes at Night*
3rd – Keira Sutherland – Carnamah District High School – *Me, Myself and I*
HC – Benecia Geqwin – Leaning Tree Community School – *Friends Forever*

Lower Primary Prose

1st – Olivia Morton – Eneabba Primary School – *The Secret Garden*
2nd – Gracie Watters – Leaning Tree Community School – *The Mysterious School for Girls*
3rd – Tabitha Murdoch – Leaning Tree Community School – *Two Worlds*
HC – Rebecca Tierney – Meekatharra School of the Air – *Test Time*

Upper Primary Poetry

1st – Ashley Teakle – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Un-noticed*
2nd – Mea Cupido – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Grandpa*
3rd – Sophie Spencer – Eneabba Primary School – *A Dent in History*
HC – Jazmin Cocking – St Francis Xavier Primary School – *My Majestic Mare*
HC – Charley Parker – St Lawrence's Primary School – *The Unbelievable Blaze*

Upper Primary Prose

1st – Mea Cupido – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *The Trip*
2nd – Antonia Thorpe – Strathalbyn Christian College – *In the Middle of the Road*
3rd – Lawson O'Brien – Nagle Catholic College – *Minimise*
HC – Fina Dethlefsen – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Under the Sea!*
HC – Judd McVee – Mount Tarcoola Primary School – *Abrolhos Islands*

Lower Secondary Poetry

1st – Sash Eastough – Nagle Catholic College – *No-one Ever Listens*
2nd – Claire Sherwood – Nagle Catholic College – *A Sea of Red*
3rd – Martha Schenk – Nagle Catholic College – *Pressure is On*
HC – Roxanne Roux – Nagle Catholic College – *Time is Running Out*
HC – Montanna O'Byrne – Nagle Catholic College – *My Special Place*

Lower Secondary Prose

1st – Astrid Still – Strathalbyn Christian College – *Jason and Dawn*
2nd – Maddie Pead – Geraldton Grammar School – *Like a Deer in Headlights*
3rd – Gemma Martucci – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Wave*
HC – Roxanne Roux – Nagle Catholic College – *Scientific Observations of a 3.99 Year Old*
HC – Mahana Roy – Geraldton Grammar School – *Sam is a Girl's Best Friend*

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Middle Secondary Poetry

1st – Zul Subardi – Geraldton Senior College – *I Don't Know*
2nd – Brianna Perriam – Geraldton Senior College – *A Fallen Angel*
3rd – Hannah McMillan – Geraldton Senior College – *Hidden*
HC – Jessica Olman – Geraldton Senior College – *You and I*

Middle Secondary Prose

1st – Claire Symons – Geraldton Senior College – *Sailor's Journal*
2nd – Ellie Pead – Geraldton Senior College – *Wednesday is Washing Day*
3rd – Tayla Brown – Geraldton Senior College – *Band Camp*
HC – Emily Broadhurst – Geraldton Senior College – *London Love*
HC – Caitlyn Rogers – Dongara District High School - *Temptation*

Upper Secondary Poetry

1st – Rosie Bogumil – Geraldton Grammar School – *Centenary of Silence*
2nd – Nena Sawyer – Geraldton Senior College – *Dream of the Kookaburra Call*
3rd – Maea Dennis – Strathalbyn Christian College – *The Ceaseless Waltz*

Upper Secondary Prose

1st – Casey Sweeney – Nagle Catholic College – *Winfields*
2nd – Jade Briggs – Nagle Catholic College – *Assumptions*
3rd – Alice Crisp – Nagle Catholic College – *The Invisible Musician*
HC – Danika Abrahams – Nagle Catholic College – *St Clare Avenue*
HC – Catharina Mees – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Deep End*