

Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards – 2017



History

The twenty-ninth annual Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards were presented at Geraldton Grammar School. Jen Banyard, a children's author of fun, mystery, and adventure books, was invited to speak at the evening's awards ceremony.

Categories & Entries

Over 570 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

Betty Bovell
Chris Yates
Deanne Davies
Judi Hollands
Lorraine Chapman
Malcolm Smith

Meredith Wills
Nola Gregory
Sue Chiera
Tony Turner
Warwick Glenister

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Lower Primary Poetry

1st – Nicole Chamberlain – Geraldton Grammar School – *Brothers*
2nd – Henry Thomson – St Francis Xavier Primary School – *The Beast*
3rd – Cameron Stokes – Chapman Valley Primary School – *You Mean Everything to Me*
HC – Fergus Watson – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Ghost*

Lower Primary Prose

1st – Kate McKenzie – St Francis Xavier Primary School – *"Button"*
2nd – Saskia Newman – St Francis Xavier Primary School – *Think Fast 'Coz Courage Counts*
3rd – Charlie Humphries – Chapman Valley Primary School – *Eureka Stockade*

Upper Primary Poetry

1st – Nikki Higgins – Allendale Primary School – *No Time Like the Present*
2nd – Elena Davidson – Geraldton Grammar School – *Ode to My Inner Stink*
3rd – Hien Tran Thi Thu – St Francis Xavier Primary School – *The Best Voice in the Jungle*
HC – Shelby O'Neill – St Lawrence's Primary School – *The Magic Book*
HC – Dylan Spencer – Eneabba Primary School – *A True Story of the Pine in the Schoolyard*
HC – Nat Wyatt – St Lawrence's Primary School – *Hogwarts Land*

Upper Primary Prose

1st – Jake Bailey – Walkway Primary School – *The Great Football Match*
2nd – Georgia Perks – Saint Francis Xavier Primary School – *Fading In, Fading Out*
3rd – Amy Kaitlyn Price – Saint Francis Xavier Primary School – *Jungle Tragedy*
HC – Lily Pawelski – Yuna Primary School – *Watch Out He's Coming*
HC – Shelby Clarke – Chapman Valley Primary School – *Mount Everest*

Lower Secondary Poetry

1st – Tahnee Gronow – Geraldton Grammar School – *Muster*
2nd – Lucy Murdoch – Nagle Catholic College – *Aussie Christmas*
3rd – Jaylin Kite – Carnamah District High School – *Stay Strong*
HC – Seamus Gadsby – John Willcock College – *The Forest*
HC – Matilda Attwood – John Willcock College – *The Darkened World*

Lower Secondary Prose

1st – Tahnee Gronow – Geraldton Grammar School – *Family is Better*
2nd – Oscar Finlay – Nagle Catholic College – *The Bucket List*
3rd – Rose Adamson – Geraldton Grammar School – *My Will to Live*
HC – Connie Greeve – Geraldton Grammar School – *Edwina*
HC – Katie Wells – Dongara District High School – *Mick Dodson*

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Middle Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Finlay Clarke – Geraldton Senior College – *Isolation*
2nd – Aela Harris – Geraldton Senior College – *In One Minute*
3rd – Martha Schenk – Nagle Catholic College – *The Lie*
HC – Jasmine Anderson – Geraldton Senior College – *Not Just Walls*

Middle Secondary Prose

- 1st – Maddison Conti – Geraldton Senior College – *Cracks in Time*
2nd – Jessie Dyer – Nagle Catholic College – *Population Control Project (PCP)*
3rd – Mikaela McAuliffe – Nagle Catholic College – *This Digital World*
HC – Zachary Dennett – Geraldton Grammar School – *Six Shots*

Upper Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Kyle Tinio – Nagle Catholic College – *Afflicted Affiliation*
2nd – Luke Godley – Nagle Catholic College – *Aussterben Follows Those Blinded by Lekki*
3rd – Haylee Nguyen – Nagle Catholic College – *Is it a Life Worth Living?*
HC – Michael Walters – Nagle Catholic College – *Apathy is the Enemy*

Upper Secondary Prose

- 1st – Travis Martin – Geraldton Senior College – *Yards*
2nd – Haylee Nguyen – Nagle Catholic College – *The Capability From Within*
3rd – Ben Darcy-Evans – Nagle Catholic College – *7 Minutes*
HC – Tayla Brown – Geraldton Senior College – *Ragdoll*
HC – Nathan Danh – Nagle Catholic College – *Wake Up! Mr. Disney*

Pat Gallaher Encouragement Award

- Nathan Danh – Nagle Catholic College – *Wake Up! Mr. Disney*