

Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards – 2020



History

The thirty-second annual Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards were presented at Geraldton Senior High School. Despite the fact that the year has been challenging for both teachers and students due to the COVID-19 constraints, it has been encouraging to see students encouraged to produce such creative and evocative works that can be enjoyed and shared by all. Howard Gray, Geraldton's own successful author, historian, and teacher, spoke at the evening's presentation ceremony, promoting and recognising the value of creative writing.

Categories & Entries

Over 800 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

Stan Maley
Fiona Farley
Tony Turner
Sue Chiera
Jackie Gill
Nola Gregory

Warwick Glenister
Deanne Davies
Lorraine Chapman
Malcolm Smith
Matilda Scotney

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Lower Primary Poetry

- 1st – Sydnee Chant – Wandina Primary School – *Gratitude*
2nd – Emmy Abetz – Homeschool – *My Dog*
3rd – Seth Leech – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Gruesome Cat*
HC – Torah Simpson – St Mary’s Primary School, Northampton – *Bill and Dusty’s Journey*
HC – Esta Penberthy – Geraldton Grammar School – *Days of School*

Lower Primary Prose

- 1st – Torah Simpson – St Mary’s Primary School, Northampton – *The Rescue*
2nd – Brooklin Emery – Mt Tarcoola Primary School – *The Monster with a Splinter*
3rd – Christabella Pumpa – Meekatharra School of the Air – *The Dust Storm*

Upper Primary Poetry

- 1st – Wil Burgess – Geraldton Grammar School – *Why I Love Relief Teachers*
2nd – Ashleigh Jones – St Francis Xavier Primary School – *My Magic Box*
3rd – Angus Chadbourne – Mt Tarcoola Primary School – *Him*
HC – Laney Critch – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mullewa – *Life or Death*
HC – Thomas Wellstead – Dongara District High School – *Reconciliation Week*

Upper Primary Prose

- 1st – Amelie Dumont – Geraldton Primary School – *On the Frontline*
2nd – Sophia Pigdon – Geraldton Primary School – *Sue Nami*
3rd – Sophie Graziadelli – Wandina Primary School – *Soul Surfer*
HC – Kallan Bee – St Lawrence Primary School – *Strike*
HC – Thomas Wellstead – Dongara District High School – *The Big Catch*

Lower Secondary Poetry

- 1st – Saskia Newman – Nagle Catholic College – *The Markets*
2nd – Lilly Murszewski – Nagle Catholic College – *Midnight Thoughts*
3rd – Ruby McGuinness – Nagle Catholic College – *Misunderstood*
HC – Cody Nelson – Nagle Catholic College – *Aotearoa*

Lower Secondary Prose

- 1st – Fergus Keeffe – Nagle Catholic College – *The Interview*
2nd – Lorena Sansone – Nagle Catholic College – *Warrior Within*
3rd – Jade Schwarz – Nagle Catholic College – *Fire*

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HC – Cooper Holland – Nagle Catholic College – *The Lost Footy*
HC – Ashlyn Williams – Nagle Catholic College – *Breathe*

Middle Secondary Poetry

1st – Tess Correy – Nagle Catholic College – *A Hollow Sphere Iridescent Surface*
2nd – Rhiannon Mckenzie – Northampton District High School – *Who are You?*
3rd – Lindsay Powell – Geraldton Senior High School – *Where I Grew Up*
HC – Matilda Attwood – Geraldton Senior High School – *The Wall*
HC – India Newman – Nagle Catholic College – *Fencies, Gnarlaloo*

Middle Secondary Prose

1st – Grace McLean – Nagle Catholic College – *Paper Butterflies*
2nd – Alex Kingdon – Nagle Catholic College – *Better Than Diamonds*
3rd – Mya Abbott – Nagle Catholic College – *The Drop of a Flower*
HC – Belle Fisher – Nagle Catholic College – *One Last Party*
HC – India Newman – Nagle Catholic College – *Deep Blue*

Upper Secondary Poetry

1st – Paige Littlefair – Nagle Catholic College – *Losing Language*
2nd – Kamryn Correy – Nagle Catholic College – *Wynter Romance*
3rd – Gracie Fisher – Nagle Catholic College – *Not Your Dame*

Upper Secondary Prose

1st – Danielle Radford – Geraldton Senior High School – *I Don't Wanna be a Pinhead*
2nd – Ella Clarke – Geraldton Grammar School – *Toast to the Ones We Lost on the Way*
3rd – Freya Grice – Geraldton Senior High School – *The Bridge*
HC – Mylee Grant – Nagle Catholic College – *Unbreakable Bonds*
HC – Darcy Ingle – Geraldton Grammar School – *The Man With the Booming Laugh*
HC – Sophie Spencer – Geraldton Grammar School – *A Lifetime of Massacres*
HC – Ryan Forward – Nagle Catholic College – *The Last Train to Freedom*
HC – Will Cachard – Nagle Catholic College – *BREAKING NEWS: Record Broken on Mt Everest*

Pat Gallaher Encouragement Award

Mylee Grant – Nagle Catholic College – *Unbreakable Bonds*