

16th Nandewar Poetry Competition Results

A little over 20 members and friends of the Narrabri & District Historical Society Inc. gathered for a luncheon at the RSL for the announcement and reading of the results of the above competition. This being the biggest number of entries so far in the competition. Although not as big as some competitions it is still growing which is very pleasing to the organisers, especially when so many poetry competitions are losing favour.

Our thanks go out to the RSL for helping us to finance the competition thus allowing us to continue with the only written poetry competition between Gilgandra and the Queensland border.

At the conclusion of the meal Jacqui Warnock was presented and she delivered 2 of the Highly Commended poems:- "Dreams and Dreamers" by Brenda Joy and "The Duelling Duo" by Robyn Sykes. Jacqui went on to present "To Sing My Song" also by Robyn Sykes. "The Duelling Duo" was the only poem in the winning circle that had any hint of humour.

As Jacqui had to leave at that time, Neila Bourke, Jenny and Chris Seccombe and Jean Fairless went on to present poems they had chosen, while I presented the other Highly Commended "Sealed with a Kiss" by Tom McIlveen; the second placed poem "The Flying Doctor" by Shelley Hansen and "Rebuilding The Rock" by Robyn Sykes which was the overall winner. As there was very little humour in the poetry the co-ordinator concluded the session reciting several humorous poems.

It was a little difficult at times as I forgot they have intermittent thunderstorms in the RSL, so the presenters had a bit of competition at times.

Winners

1st place *Rebuilding the Rock* by Robyn Sykes

2nd place *To Sing My Song* by Robyn Sykes

3rd place *Flying Doctor* by Shelley Hansen

H.C. *Dreams and Dreamers* by Brenda Joy

H.C. *The Duelling Duo* by Robyn Sykes

H.C. *Sealed With a Kiss* – Tom McIlveen

Max Pringle