

# SILVER TREE POETRY COMPETITION

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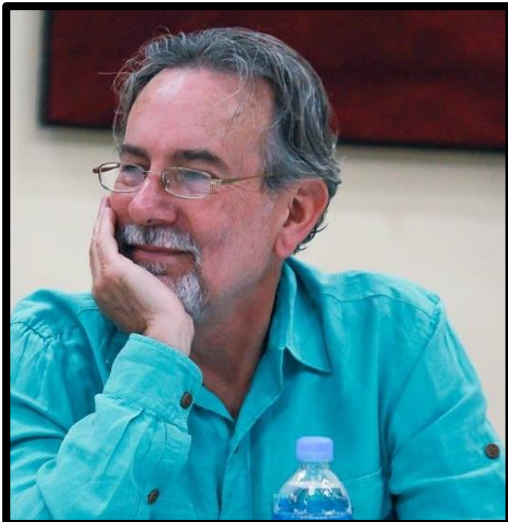


Opening date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Closing date: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

Under the Silver Tree Cooperative Bookshop is conducting a poetry writing competition, with total prize money of \$1,500

**JUDGE: Les Wicks, Australian poet, publisher and workshop facilitator**



Les Wicks, an experienced editor and workshop facilitator, has been published across 33 countries in 15 languages. With 14 books out, he has performed internationally and across Australia.

He also runs Meuse press, which focuses on poetry outreach projects.

**FIRST PRIZE : \$1,000**

**BEST LOCAL\* POEM: \$300**

**HIGHLY COMMENDED (*up to 2 at judge's discretion*) : \$100 each**

**Word limit: 50 lines**

**This competition is open to all ages**

**THERE IS NO SET THEME OR STYLE**

There is a fee of \$10 for each entry. Entrants may submit more than one entry.

The winners will be announced by Les in April 2022 at a prize giving ceremony at the Broken Hill Art Exchange (COVID-19 permitting) and also broadcast on 2DRY FM.

Under the Silver Tree is holding this writing competition to further our mission of encouraging reading, writing and the love of literature. We acknowledge the continuous support of John Wren at the Silver City Cinema and of West Darling Arts.



**WEST  
DARLING  
ARTS**

*\*Local is defined as written by someone living in Far West NSW, the areas encompassed by Broken Hill City Council, Wentworth Shire Council, Central Darling Shire and the Western Unincorporated Area.*

# Silver Tree Poetry Competition: RULES



1. Closing date for entries is **1 February 2022**. Late entries cannot be accepted.
2. The maximum length of submissions is 50 lines (does not include title).
3. All entries must be the original and unpublished work of the entrant, and not currently submitted for publication nor for any other competition or award.
4. The competition is open to any writer, who can submit as many entries as they choose.
5. Entries must be typed and written in English.
6. Entrants must provide a separate typed cover page stating their name, address, phone number and email address. **The entrant's contact details must only appear on the cover page.**
7. Entries may be submitted in any of the following ways:
  - (a) *in person* at Under The Silver Tree Bookshop
  - (b) *emailed*, attached as a PDF file. Entry form may be attached as a scanned JPG image.
  - (c) *posted* - must be postmarked no later than 1st February, 2022  
If entrants require acknowledgement of receipt of a postal entry they must enclose a stamped addressed postcard marked ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.
8. Entry fee is \$10 for each work entered, to be submitted with the entry.  
Entry fees may be paid in any of the following ways:
  - (a) by cash or EFTPOS at Under the Silver Tree Bookshop (*see below for address*)
  - (b) by cheque made out to "Under the Silver Tree Co-operative Bookshop"
  - (c) by direct deposit to our account **BSB 802377 Account 37739325**  
If paying by direct deposit include your name or distinctive identifier. Notify us by email.
9. Entrants must agree that Under the Silver Tree Cooperative Bookshop reserves the right to publish, broadcast or publicly perform all submitted work for promotional purposes only. Ownership reverts to the entrant after 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.
10. Entries will not be returned. No corrections or alterations can be made after receipt of entry.
11. Entry is not open to members of the board of Under the Silver Tree Bookshop.
12. It is possible that both First Prize and Best Local Poem could be awarded to local poets.
13. The judge's decision will be final with no correspondence being entered into. In the unlikely event that the quality of the entries is not deemed high enough, prizes do not have to be awarded.

## OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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## ENTRY FORM

2022



Date: .....

First Name .....

Last Name .....

Address: .....

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Phone: .....

Email: .....

TITLE of Entry .....

I have read the rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature .....

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### RECEIPT *(for UTST office use only)*

Manuscript received ..... (Date)

Entry fee paid ..... (Date) *An entry fee must be paid for each entry*

Signed .....