

UNDER THE SILVER TREE POETRY COMPETITION 2023

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Opening date: **February 1, 2023**

Closing date: **April 30, 2023**



Under the Silver Tree Cooperative Bookshop in Broken Hill is offering prizes for poetry in its annual competition.

There is no set theme or style for this competition.
All forms of poetry are accepted.

Word limit: 50 lines

Entry fee: \$10 for each entry. You may submit multiple entries.

PRIZES

Poetry winner **\$1000**

Best entry from the Western Region* **\$300** donated by West Darling Arts

Best junior entry **\$200** donated by West Darling Arts

Highly commended **\$100**

***Western Region** is defined as a resident of Far West NSW, the areas encompassed by Broken Hill City Council, Wentworth Shire Council, Central Darling Shire, and the Western Unincorporated Area.

PRIZE GIVING

Sat 24 June 2023 at the Art Exchange, 313 Argent Street, Broken Hill at 6 pm.

JUDGING

The Poetry Competition will be judged by Robyn Sykes who was recommended by last year's judge, Les Wicks. Robyn Sykes is a multi-awarded poet and performer. Her poems are published in journals and anthologies inter/nationally and online. She won the Society of Women Writers Tasmania (SWWT) Robyn Mathison Award 2021. Ms Sykes has featured at festivals and events around Australia.

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RULES



1. **Entries close on April 30, 2023.**
2. **Entrants** must be **over 16 years old** on the **closing date** (April 30, 2023).
3. **Maximum length** of submissions is **50 lines**.
4. All entries must be the **original** and **unpublished** work of the entrant, and not currently submitted for publication nor for any other competition or award.
5. The competition is open to any writer who may submit as many entries as they choose.
6. Entries must be written in **English**.
7. Entries will not be returned. Please keep a copy. **No corrections or alterations** can be made after receipt of entry.
8. Entries may be **submitted** in any of the following ways:
 - (a) *in person* - Under The Silver Tree Bookshop, 29 Sulphide Street, Broken Hill NSW 2880
 - (b) *by email* – UTSTwritingcompetition@gmail.com (attached as a **PDF** file)
 - (c) *by post* – Under The Silver Tree Bookshop, 29 Sulphide Street, Broken Hill NSW 2880Entries must arrive no later than 30/04/2023.
If you require acknowledgement of receipt for a postal entry you must enclose a stamped addressed postcard marked **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**.
9. **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) *cash* - at Under the Silver Tree Bookshop
 - (b) *cheque* - made out to “Under the Silver Tree Co-operative Bookshop”
 - (c) *direct deposit* - **BSB 802 377 Account 3774 1613****IMPORTANT:** If paying by direct deposit include your name or distinctive identifier. Notify us by email.
10. Entrants must agree to have their work published by *Under The Silver Tree Cooperative Bookshop* (UTST), read on radio, and read at the prize giving. Ownership reverts to the entrant after July 31, 2023.
11. **Entrant’s name and contact details should only appear on the cover page (not the actual poem)**. Entries must be typed in double spacing or handwritten and include a **cover page** stating the entrant’s name, address, phone number, email address and title of the poem.
12. Entry is not open to board members of UTST.
13. No entrant may win more than one prize.

JUDGING: The competition judge is appointed by UTST. The judge’s decision will be final with no correspondence entered into. The judging panel will select stories to be published by UTST. If the quality of the entries is not deemed high enough, prizes do not have to be given.

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

Email:	UTSTwritingcompetition@gmail.com
Postal address:	Under The Silver Tree Bookshop, 29 Sulphide Street,

Broken Hill NSW 2880

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ENTRY FORM

2023



Date

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (only needed for Under 26 special prize) (D) (M) (Y)

Address:

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Phone:

Email:

The title(s) of my submission(s) is (are)

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

Signature

RECEIPT *(for UTST office use only)*

Manuscript received (Date)

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

Signed