

GULGONG, HENRY LAWSON SOCIETY -- Annual Literary Awards (Written)

Gulgong Heritage Centre, NSW – 11th June, 2017

This year saw another increase with 98 entries in total, with entries from many states of Australia.

Congratulations to all the writers who have made the prize winners' list, whether it's First place, or a Commended Award. These awards were presented at the Gulgong Opera House on the Saturday Night, June 10th as part of the Henry Lawson Heritage Festival. Also on the night was the finals of the Performance Poetry with the final 10 performers entertaining a large audience as they competed for the \$1,000 prize and a Henry Lawson Statuette.

OPEN WRITTEN POETRY The Winner receives \$1,000 prize and a Henry Lawson Statuette.

1st Place – "The Promise", by Helen Harvey (Coonamble, NSW)

2nd Place – "'And in 'And", by Geoffrey Graham (Eaglehawk, Vic)

3rd Place – "On History's Page", by Brenda Joy (Charters Towers, Qld)

Highly Commended – "Manacled and Shackled", by Tom McIlveen (Port Macquarie, NSW)

Highly Commended – "Sealed With a Kiss", by Tom McIlveen (Port Macquarie, NSW)

Highly Commended – "Walter Ryan's Map", by John Roberts (Cunnamulla, Qld)

Highly Commended – "I Regret to Advise", by Kevin Pye (Mudgee, NSW)

Commended – "Billy Crowe", by Leonie Parker (Brassall, Ipswich, Qld)

Commended – "Bill's Story", by Tony Hammill (Carindale, Qld)

Commended – "Horse Sense", by Don Adams (Feilding,)

Commended – "The Water Lettuce Warrior", by John Roberts (Cunnamulla, Qld)

EMERGING WRITTEN POETRY (Open only to writers who have not won First Prize in a Poetry Competition). Winner receives a Henry Lawson Statuette and \$200.

1st Place – "The Station Owner's Wife" by Irene Timponi (Atherton, Qld)

2nd Place – "Memories of the Woolgar Shed" by Peter O'Shaughnessy (Eaton)

Highly Commended – "A Soldier's Return" by Imogen Ferdinando (Pomona, Qld) (15 Years Qld)

Commended – "Too Bad, To Good, Two Quid" by Peter O'Shaughnessy (Eaton)

Judge's brief comment (full report yet to be received):

The winning entries in both categories were standouts but sorting the other entries was quite difficult.

GULGONG, HENRY LAWSON SOCIETY -- Annual Literary Awards (Performance 2017)

On Saturday the 10th June, 10 poets “strutted their stuff” on the stage of the Gulgong Prince of Wales Opera House, entertaining the large crowd present with a variety of poems. The meal on the night was provided by the Gulgong High School Hospitality Group.

The results were:—

1st — Ralph Scrivens, (Corrimal, NSW) “RAIN FROM NOWHERE” 1st Prize \$1,000— sponsored by Moolarben Coal , with the Henry Statue sponsored by the Gulgong Post Shop

2nd — Ken Tough, Pretty Breach, NSW; “MICK CASEY” 2nd Prize — \$500 sponsored by MidWestern Regional Council

3rd — Celia Kershaw, (Port Macquarie, NSW); “THE MULLET MAN” 3rd Prize — \$200 sponsored by Henry Lawson Caravan Park

Highly Commended;—

Jenny Markwell, (Wangi Wangi, NSW); “REMEMBER”

Des Kelly, (Gulgong, NSW); “REEDY RIVER”

Rhonda Tallnash, (Violet Town, Vic); “THE WRAPPER”

Commended:—

Ken Potter, (Wollongong, NSW); “THE KERRIGAN BOYS”

Amy Bradfield, (Warwick, Qld); “DO YOU THINK THAT I DO NOT KNOW”

Ted Webber, (Young, NSW); “THE GHOSTS OF DUNEDOO”

Catherine Stewart, (Lismore, NSW); “FOR'ARD”

AUDIENCE VOTE

This year, as all 10 finalists had all won first prize in a performance poetry event at least once, there were no emerging poets and so an Audience Vote was held instead. The results of this were, with the same person coming first in both sections:—

1st — Ralph Scrivens, (Corrimal, NSW); “RAIN FROM NOWHERE” 1st Prize of \$150 was sponsored by F & J Markwell, and the Loaded Dog statue sponsored by Pearsons’ Jewellers.

2nd — Celia Kershaw, (Port Macquarie, NSW); “THE MULLET MAN” 2nd prize \$50 sponsored by Gulgong Telegraph Station.

3rd — Ken Potter, (Wollongong, NSW); “THE KERRIGAN BOYS”