

WINNERS OF THE TOOLANGI CJ DENNIS POETRY COMPETITION 2020

Category 1: Open Poetry

Shelley Hansen, First Prize, My Singing Garden
Brenda Joy, Second Prize, In a Mangrove World
David Campbell, Third Prize, The Lesson We Must Learn
Brenda Joy, Highly Commended, Deluge of The Plains

Category 2: Open Short Story

Shelley Hansen, First Prize, No Flies on The Sentimental Bloke
Gwen Pascoe, Second Prize, The Jogger
Bill Bean, Third Prize, There Was Once

Category 3: Poems Written by Adults for Children

Shelley Hansen, First Prize, School at Home
Brenda Joy, Second Prize, Hanging Out
Caz Goodwin, Third Prize, Feeling Sick
Susan Hancy, Highly Commended, Possum Problems
Kevin Pye, Highly Commended, Just Imagine

Category 3: Poems Written by Adults for Children as Judged by the Poonindie Community Learning Centre

Carolyn Foreman, First Prize, Taking the Shortcut to School
Di Scotte, Second Prize, Fright Night
Sharon S. Rushton, Third Prize, The Woods at Night

Category 4: Primary School Students

Taasha Korsten, First Prize, Seasons
Shria, Shah, Second Prize, Flames of The Forest
Eleni Quinn Chapman, Third Prize, CJ Dennis in the 21st Century
Chloe Lee, Highly Commended, The First Human
Nelson Whippy, Highly Commended, First Love

Category 5: Secondary School Students

Natalie Barr, First Prize, Brush Strokes
Natalie Barr, Second Prize, Letter for The Earth
Tessa Quinlan, Third Prize, Black Rain Falling

From the Organisers --

The Toolangi CJ Dennis Poetry Competition 2020

This year's Poetry Competition was successful and had the most entries ever, which was approximately 200.

Due to Covid we couldn't have our festival therefore we are announcing all of our winners online. A hearty congratulations to everyone for participating and for our winners a double congratulations.

Once again, due to Covid restrictions, we have been unable to get our Anthology printed on time therefore we will be sending prizes to the winners and as soon as the Anthology arrives we will post all participants a copy.

Thank you everyone for having faith and entering in this difficult year. A very big thank you to our Judges who have taken everything in their stride and chosen excellent winners as well as all of those who assisted behind the scenes.

From Jan and Sharon, we wish you a happy and Covid safe Christmas. Watch out for more CJ Dennis Poetry Competition announcements in the new year.

Jan Williams

The Singing Gardens of CJ Dennis, Toolangi