

2021 Toolangi CJ Dennis Poetry Competition Winners

Now the Festival is over for another year, we can now let you all know who won each category and those who received other recognition for their work.

We had an amazing day on Zoom and heard outstanding poetry from across the categories. If you were able to join in you now have a clear idea of what winning poetry sounds like and we look forward to another fabulous year in 2022. For those who missed the day, we will soon have a video link available and we will let you know when it is ready.

Now, without further delay.....

Poetry Competition Winners

Open Poetry Award

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| 1 st | David Campbell | <i>A Last Goodbye</i> |
| 2 nd | Shelley Hansen | <i>The Barber of Peak Hill</i> |
| 3 rd | Peter O'Shaughnessy | <i>It Wasn't a Triantiwontigongolope</i> |
| Highly Commended | Helene Castles | <i>Our Dog</i> |
| Highly Commended | Gwen Pascoe | <i>I'd Like to be The P.M.</i> |
| Highly Commended | Peter White | <i>Who's Got Dementia</i> |

Open Short Story Award

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| 1 st | Jim Kent | <i>Are We There Yet?</i> |
| 2 nd | Gwen Pascoe | <i>The Man with The Daffodil</i> |
| 3 rd | Shelley Hansen | <i>The Axe-Man's Apprentice</i> |
| Honourable Mention | Gwen Pascoe | <i>The Wink</i> |
| Honourable Mention | Jasmine Craig | <i>The Maiden in the Rainbow</i> |

Adults Writing for Children - Judged by Adults

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| 1 st | Caroline Tuohey | <i>Choosing Socks</i> |
| 2 nd | Susan Hancy | <i>I'd Love To Be....</i> |
| 3 rd | Jenny Erlanger | <i>Easter Thief</i> |
| Highly Commended | Peter White | <i>The Grundys' Undies</i> |
| Highly Commended | Shelley Hansen | <i>Willie Wagtail</i> |

Adults Writing for Children - Judged by Poonindi Learning Centre Students

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| 1 st | Rebecca M Newman | <i>Magpie Season</i> |
| 2 nd | Caroline Tuohey | <i>Choosing Socks</i> |
| 3 rd | Di Scotte | <i>Playmates for Pedro</i> |

Poems by Students - Preps to Year 4

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| 1 st | Clem Chapman | <i>A Bird Poem</i> |
| 2 nd | Rafe Wiggins | <i>Snip Snap! (The Crab Song)</i> |
| 3 rd | Waratsaya Hartog | <i>The Cutest Dog – Rosie</i> |
| Special Mention | Willow Walsh | <i>Yellow</i> |

Poems by Students - Years 5 to 8

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| 1 st | Natalie Barr | <i>Little Mary-Jane and her Bike</i> |
| 2 nd | Jerome Shaw | <i>The Bearded Dragon</i> |
| 3 rd | William Gong | <i>Bushland</i> |
| Honourable Mention | Taasha Korsten | <i>Light at the end of the Tunnel</i> |

Poems by Students - Years 9 to 12

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| 1 st | Kuhu Sharma | <i>Tame the Fire</i> |
| 2 nd | Kuhu Sharma | <i>Sunny Days</i> |
| 3 rd | Noah Tasker | <i>Soli-Tied</i> |
| Honourable Mention | Oshadha Perera | <i>Radiance</i> |

Congratulations to all of our winners and entrants, without you the competition and festival would not be the shining light it is today.

We look forward to your entries in 2022.

Best wishes
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