



The 2008 Arts Queensland Val Vallis Award for Unpublished Poetry

Named in honour of a distinguished Queensland poet, The Arts Queensland Val Vallis Award for Unpublished Poetry is committed to encouraging emerging poets throughout Australia. Now in its 10th year, this prestigious prize for an unpublished poem (or suite of poems) of 100 lines or less comes with total prize money of \$4 000:

1st Prize \$3 000

2nd Prize \$750

3rd Prize \$250

Announcement Ceremony

The winners of the 2008 Arts Queensland Val Vallis Award will be announced at the opening night of the Queensland Poetry Festival on 22 August 2008 at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Art in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. For more details visit: www.queenslandpoetryfestival.com

Previous Winners

Previous winners of this award have experienced publication and performance opportunities and become some of Australia's best known poets:

2007 Andrew Slattery
2006 Nathan Shepherdson
2005 Ynes Sanz
2004 Sandra Hill
2003 Jaya Savige
2002 Judy Johnson
2001 Anna Kerdijk Nicholson
2000 Bronwyn Lea
1999 Rebecca Edwards

Frequently Asked Questions

How is an 'emerging poet' defined?

An 'emerging poet' is defined as an individual who has NOT published more than one (1) book of poems.

How is a 'book of poems' defined?

A 'book of poems' is defined as 40 or more pages of poetry, printed in editions of more than 300 copies, with an ISBN number.

What does 'a poem not exceeding 100 lines' mean?

Each entry must be 100 lines or less in length. The line count does NOT include the poem's title or section titles within the poem.

Can I enter a 'suite of poems' as a single entry?

You may enter any number of poems as a single "suite of poems" provided that the total number of lines does not exceed 100. If you have a number of totally unrelated poems you should consider entering them separately.

Can I fax or e-mail my Entry?

All entries must be posted or hand delivered to the Queensland Writers Centre. Emailed entries cannot be accepted.

What about copyright?

Copyright of all poems (including the winning poems) will remain with the author.

Will I get any feedback from the Judges?

Due to the number of received Entries, judges can comment only on the winning poems.

Rules

1. Entrants must be residents of Australia as of the date of entry.
2. Entrants must NOT have published more than one (1) book of poetry.
3. The poem must be the entrant's original work.
4. The poem must be unpublished and not on offer for publication elsewhere up to and including 22 August 2008.
5. The poem must NOT exceed 100 lines in length.
6. Entrants may submit more than one poem (or suite of poems) but each entry must be accompanied by a separate entry form and a separate Entry Fee of \$20. Entry Forms may be photocopied.
7. Entries will not be returned. Do not include an SSAE.
8. Entries will be acknowledged by email only.
9. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
10. As the poems are judged anonymously, your name must NOT appear anywhere on the poem.
11. Mail four (4) hardcopies of your poem with a completed Entry Form and a \$20 Entry Fee to:
The Arts Queensland Val Vallis Award C/o QWC
Level 2, 109 Edward Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Contact: Jane Humphreys, jhumphreys@qwc.asn.au or phone 07 3839 1243
12. Entries must be received by last mail on **Monday, 7 July 2008**. Late entries cannot be accepted
13. Winners will be advised during mid-August and announced at the Queensland Poetry Festival on 22 August 2008. For more details visit www.queenslandpoetryfestival.com

2008 Arts Queensland Val Vallis Entry form

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Title of poem (or suite): _____

I certify that this poem is my own original work, that it is unpublished, and that it is not under consideration for publication or for any other prize. I meet the Eligibility Criteria & agree to be bound by the Conditions of Entry.

Signature & date: _____

Entries close Monday 7 July 2008

Method of Payment for \$20 entry fee

Cheque made out to QWC Money order made out to QWC Visa Mastercard

Card #: _____ exp. date: ____/____/____

Signature & date: _____

