

2008 TARONGA FOUNDATION POETRY PRIZE WINNING AND COMMENDED POETS

WILDLIFE WINNER

Edge: Seasons of Childhood, Sophia Nugent-Siegal, 17, QLD

SENIOR WINNERS

WINNER - On the beauty of the word 'shark', Phoebe M Clarke, 19, QLD

SA WINNER - *Sparkling Fire*, Roni Cherlet, 17, SA

NSW WINNER – *Red*, Laura Chan, 17, NSW

TAS WINNER – *Crow*, Catherine Peacock, 17, TAS

INTERMEDIATE WINNERS

WINNER - *Guardians of the Future*, Yasmin Soliman, 14, WA

VIC WINNER – *Excess of Elv s mpersonators*, Jessica Yu, 14, VIC

NSW WINNER - *Not Anymore*, Claudia Fletcher, 14, NSW

SA WINNER - *Poem About Anything*, Melissa Liu, 14, SA

QLD WINNER – *Butterscotch, Saffron and Tangerine*, Cecelia Redfern, 15, QLD

JUNIOR WINNERS

WINNER - *Fontanka Bear*, Samantha Hartley, 11, NSW

VIC WINNER - *A Painting of the Universe*, Rory Burg, 9, VIC

TAS WINNER – *One Needs...*, Skylar Giles, 7, TAS

WA WINNER - *Carnaby's Cockatoos*, Jacob Rigg, 5, WA

NSW WINNER - *Eucalypt Tree*, Veronica Sebesfi, 11, NSW

JUNIOR CLASS WINNER

CLASS JUNIOR WINNERS – *Bearly There*, Class 2/3D Bodalla Public School, NSW

JUNIOR CLASS COMMENDED

The Riverbank, Class 2/3/4 Corowa South Public School, NSW

I Wonder, I Worry, Class 3/4/5/6 Upper Orara Public School, NSW

COMMENDED

SENIOR COMMENDED

The Sky People, Ben Knight, 19, NSW

This is what ran through his mind, Frances O'Brien, 17, NSW

Underwater Kisses, Rafael S.W, 18, VIC

The Flight into Egypt, Book of Hours, Sophia Nugent-Siegal, 17, QLD

Men of Quality, Anita Hyde, 16, WA

Vox Dei, Jessica Bloom, 17, NSW

Blackbirds, Veronica Wagner, 16, NSW

Mermaid, Laura Chan, 17, NSW

INTERMEDIATE COMMENDED

Your Country, Sam Walters, 15, NSW

Amoeba, Jack Burnham, 14, QLD

Regulars, Claudia Fletcher, 14, NSW

Neverending, Karyn Tee, 13, SA

The Clockwork Bear, Ruby Jones, 13, VIC

The Drought, Ashleigh Keevers-Eastman, 14, NSW

Those Crazy Politicians, Ben Maltby, 12, SA

JUNIOR COMMENDED

Could You Bear It?, Yasmine Athaide, 7, VIC

Creative Writing Class, Samantha Hartley, 11, NSW

I Saw a Gorilla, Dylan Potter, 9, NSW

Flamingo, Chloe Honig, 10, TAS

A Warm Message, Chloe Seccombe, 9, NSW

Seasons, Miles Mullin-Chivers, 10, NSW

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WILDLIFE WINNER

Once When, Bonnie Gordon, 18, TAS

SENIOR WINNERS

WINNER - *Word extinction*, Courtney Landers, 16, QLD

QLD WINNER - *I am the angel of reality*, Phoebe M. Clarke, 18, QLD

NSW WINNER - *Turtle at Heron Island*, Alice Wong, 19, NSW

TAS WINNER - *Praying mantis*, Ya Szu Chang, 18, TAS

ACT WINNER - *Words for a Funeral*, Melissa Wellham, 17, ACT

INTERMEDIATE WINNERS

WINNER - *Tasmanian Thylacine's Final Stand*, Miranda Allender, 13, TAS

SA WINNER - *The Child Within Me*, Naomi Wattchow, 15, SA

NSW WINNER - *Into the Reef*, Kristina Le Marne, 15, NSW

TAS WINNER - *10 Delectable Chocolates*, Miranda Allender, 13, TAS

QLD WINNER - *Transformation*, Jack Burnham, 13, QLD

VIC WINNER - *Countdown*, Joshua C. Chang, 12, VIC

WA WINNER - *Seasons Come, Seasons Go*, Susie Stockwell, 12, WA

JUNIOR WINNERS

WINNER - *Who Am I?*, Elizabeth Waldron, 11, NSW

QLD WINNER - *My New Friend*, Brielle Blandford, 10, QLD

SA WINNER - *My Cat Misty*, Allisha Kate Foster, 11, SA

VIC WINNER - *Christmas Baby*, Rory Burg, 8, VIC

NSW WINNER - *Early Afternoon on a Quiet Beach*, Veronica Sebesfi, 11, NSW

CLASS WINNERS

CLASS JUNIOR WINNERS - *Sustainability*, 5/6 Mango, St Martin De Porres Primary School, 11, VIC

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Ante-Extinction Ballad, Rachel Dennis, 18, TAS

The Old World, Robert Hortle, 18, TAS

A Corporeal Chorus, Phoebe Jackson Morison, 17, TAS

Butterflies, Claudia Fletcher, 13, NSW

The Last Thylacinus Cynocephalus, Miranda Allender, 13, TAS

Regret, Millicent Walker, 14, NSW

The Wombat, Isabella Athaide, 11, VIC

The Greyscale Rainbow, Lachlan Ellison, 11, NSW

The School Photo, Samantha Hartley, 10, NSW

COMMENDED

Storm Villanelle, Rachel Dennis, 18, TAS

Typing, Sophie Nugent-Siegal, 16, QLD

Education, Lucy Fokkema, 17, NSW

Reality Check, Charitha Siriwardena, 16, NSW

A Girl at the Bus Stop, Phoebe Jackson Morison, 17, TAS

In Utero, Kim Wilkinson, 19, QLD

My Country Afghanistan, Masuda Ghafari, 19, SA

Chameleon, Aascha Brown, 18, TAS

The Suburban Street of Toorak, Naomi Wattchow, 15, SA

Prowlin', Jack Moller, 13, VIC

Woomera, Dominic Wilcox-Watson, 15, NSW

The Colours of Life, Chelsea Levin, 13, NSW

The Rainforest, Ineluctable, Samuel Munro, 15, SA

Colour, Miles Mullin-Chivers, 9, NSW

Sorry, Veronica Sebesfi, 11, NSW

Inside the Tornado, Alex Rowe, 11, NSW

The Tree, Imogen Smith, 11, NSW

The Wind, Jean-Luc Poidevin, 11, NSW

Tall Friend, Class 4/5, Gold Coast Adventist School, QLD

2006 TARONGA FOUNDATION POETRY PRIZE WINNING AND COMMENDED POETS

WILDLIFE WINNER

The Sly Plant Creeps at the Windowsill, Phoebe Clarke, 17, QLD

SENIOR WINNERS

WINNER - *Pulling it all Apart*, Alison Chau, 17, NSW

VIC WINNER – *Cobwebs*, Sarah Bell, 19, VIC

QLD WINNER - *Girl Holding a Harmonica on a Bridge*, Michael Malay, 19, QLD

TAS WINNER - *Sum, es, est*, Rosie Schriever, 19, TAS

NSW WINNER – *Bigfoot*, Alice Wong, 18, NSW

ACT WINNER - *The Cosmologist, My Universe*, Joy Thompson, 18, ACT

INTERMEDIATE WINNERS

WINNER – *Hermione: Age 16*, Sophie Nugent-Siegal, 15, QLD

SA WINNER - *The Big Bang*, Phillip Stapleton, 15, SA

TAS WINNER - *Farewell My Forester*, Miranda Allender, 12, TAS

JUNIOR WINNERS

WINNER - *The Dragon*, Michela Fieni, 11, NSW

QLD WINNER - *Horrible Humans*, Joshua Ellis, 9, QLD

NT WINNER - *My Backyard*, Michaela Watts, 7, NT

WA WINNER - *Help!* Jessica Waterson, 11,

NSW WINNER - *Collective Nouns*, Elizabeth Waldron, 10, NSW

JUNIOR CLASS WINNERS

Mid-morning Snack, Class 1H, Bodalla Public School, NSW

JUNIOR CLASS – HIGHLY COMMENDED

Joey, Kangaroo, Hurstbridge Learning Co-operative, VIC

Silk Makers, Class 2/3R, Bodalla Public School, NSW

COMMENDED

SENIOR COMMENDED

The Personal Assistant, Nicholas Findlater, 16, NSW

Tó Sendoni, Melissa-Kelly Franklin, 19, NSW

Backyard Super Pig, Victoria Dickson, 17, TAS

Cat, Melissa Wellham, 16, ACT

Small Estrangements, Sarah Bell, 19, VIC

Dandelion Seed, Alicia Pelham, 18, TAS

Short Finned Eel, Reinhard Hemm, 18, TAS

A Theory of Fruit, Michael Malay, 19, QLD

INTERMEDIATES COMMENDED

The Night Stalker, Eve Malsem, 12, VIC

The Food Chain, Katrina Brown, 13, WA

Backyard Rugby, Elyse Miriam Burns, 14, NSW

The Secrets of Modern Life, Dominic Wilcox-Watson, 14, NSW

The Wind, Ebony-Lea Burns, 13, NSW

Postmodernism in Practice, Jessica Bloom, 15, NSW

First Time, Samuel Cooper, 12, NSW

A Move I Remember, Mirander Allender, 12, TAS

JUNIOR COMMENDED

Finn, Seth Armstrong, 6, NSW

My House, Ellie-Jean Coffey, 11, NSW

Rotten Recipe, Holly Sievers, 11, VIC

Kangaroos, Audrey Halliday, 7, VIC

Lost Quiet Place, Christopher Mercuri, 11, VIC

The Reef, Charlie Gates, 8, NSW

Macropods, Mitchell Scrivener, 8, NSW

Is Now Silent, Clare Sibraa, 10, NSW

Mr Devil's Hunt for White, Anastasia Wood & Ruby Tancred, 11, WA

Little Dancer, Abhishek Malik, 8, NSW

Haiku Poem, Jean-Luc Poidevin, 10, NSW

Dad's Day at Work, Nathan Vermey, 11, NSW

2005 TARONGA FOUNDATION POETRY PRIZE WINNING AND COMMENDED POETS

SENIOR WINNERS

WINNER - *For Vitaliy*, Chris Summers, 17, NSW
NSW WINNER - *Afternoon on the Art Gallery Steps*, Joy Thompson, 17, NSW
VIC WINNER - *Greatest Loss*, Sarah Bell, 18, VIC
TAS WINNER - *The Remnant*, Rachael Jessup, 19, TAS
SA WINNER - *Ornithological Obstreperousness*, Angus Maxwell-Clark, 18, SA
QLD WINNER - *Paradise Point Blues*, Michael Malay, 18, QLD

INTERMEDIATE WINNERS

WINNER – *Three*, Sophie Nugent-Siegal, 14, QLD
NSW WINNER - *Timothy's Dad*, Sophie Schumann-Maude, 13, NSW
VIC WINNER – *Reflections*, Tashina Craigie, 15, VIC
TAS WINNER – *Spider*, Kendra Tabor, 15, TAS
SA WINNER - *Borrowed Light*, Shaez Mortimer, 15, SA
WA WINNER - *Taronga Park*, Clancy Holt, 12, WA
QLD WINNER - *Star-Crossed Lovers – the real story*, Tui Trezise, 15, QLD

JUNIOR WINNERS

WINNER - *As I Sit*, Miranda Allender, 11, TAS
ACT WINNER - *Monkey mayhem*, Gillian Ophel, 9, ACT
NSW WINNER - *In His Minds Eye*, Samuel Walker, 11, NSW
VIC WINNER - *Move On*, Joshua Chang, 10, VIC
TAS WINNER - *Eastern Rosella Brothers*, Miranda Allender, 11, TAS
SA WINNER - *The Fossil*, Peter Stapleton, 10, SA
QLD WINNER - *Born Too Soon*, Jack Burnham, 11, QLD

COMMENDED

SENIOR COMMENDED
(aq): *reflections in Sydney Aquarium*, Joy Thompson, 17, NSW
The Day My Creativity Left Me, Carla Gratton, 18, SA
Treesong, Sarah Bell, 18, VIC
Missing you, Rose Walton, 18, TAS
Playing God, Alice Wong, 17, NSW
Juniper Burning, Michael Malay, 18, QLD
Faith, Amelia Marshall, 18, NSW
Ikebana, Joy Thompson, 17, NSW
Requiem for a Pope, Phoebe Clarke, 16, QLD
Gloucester Cathedral, Corinna Box, 19, ACT
Dream, Ruby Todd, 19, VIC
Family Shrine, Alice Wong, 17, NSW

INTERMEDIATE COMMENDED

The Death of Hecuba, Sophie Nugent-Siegal, 14, QLD
Akimbo (I would speculate), Josephine Seto, 15, NSW
The photo, Laura Arjona, 14, SA
Micio (Italian pet name for cat), Alexandra Adornetto, 13, VIC
The Sad Sonnet of a Bullied Boy, George Koumoukelis, 14, NSW
White Cockatoo, Kim Westrup, 14, VIC
Extinct, Jessica Bloom, 14, NSW
Hard Times, John Aclis, 13, NSW
Roll Call at Bondi Beach (Roll of Honour), Samuel Allender, 13, TAS
Of No Particular Blue, Kim Westrup, 14, VIC
10 Silly Zookeepers, Adelaide Burnett, 14, ACT
The Flibbitigibbit, Shaez Mortimer, 15, SA
Billycart Blues, Michael Burns, 15, NSW

JUNIOR COMMENDED

Where I Live, Rex van der Made, 11, NSW
The Giraffe, Brigitte Levins, 10, NSW
Tasmanian Devils Plea, Miranda Allender, 11, TAS
The War, Michaela Davern, 10, VIC
Hurry & Hustle, Jessica DSouza, 11, NSW
In Memory of Bugless, Gabriella Lowik, 8, QLD
Meerkats, Sophie McGing, 10, NSW
I am, Gabriella Kwok, 11, NSW
My Farm, Jesse Luke Loveridge, 9, QLD

2004 TARONGA FOUNDATION POETRY PRIZE WINNING AND COMMENDED POETS

WILDLIFE WINNER

The Roll Call of Mammals Lost, Phillip Stapleton, 13, SA

SENIOR WINNERS

WINNER – *Memory*, Rachael Jessup, 18, TAS

ACT WINNER – *The Australian War Cemetery At Viller-Bretonneux*, Christopher Ransom, 19, ACT

NSW WINNER – *Notes For Her Soul*, Lisa Wu, 16, NSW

VIC WINNER – *Are Worlds Recycled*, Sarah Bell, 17, VIC

QLD WINNER – *The Leave Taking*, Stuart Szigeti, 17, QLD

SA WINNER – *Life Before Death*, Lara Popovic, 18, SA

TAS WINNER – *Are We There Yet?*, Michael Thompson, 16, TAS

INTERMEDIATE WINNERS

WINNER – *Little Miss Muffet (Extract)*, Georgia King, 15, VIC

ACT WINNER – *Sister*, Melissa Wellham, 14, ACT

NSW WINNER – *Passenger Pigeon*, Jessica Bloom, 13, NSW

VIC WINNER – *Baileyana Street*, Kim Westrup, 13, VIC

QLD WINNER – *Queensland Day, Queensland Night*, Martin Thompson, 14, QLD

SA WINNER – *The Roll Call Of Mammals Lost*, Phillip Stapleton, 13, SA

TAS WINNER – *The Deserved Apology*, Jasmin Sage, 14, TAS

JUNIOR WINNERS

WINNER – *Joeys*, Peter Stapleton, 9, SA

ACT WINNER – *Red*, Elise Ryan, 11, ACT

NSW WINNER – *Marsh Frog Tadpoles*, Aaron O'Shea, 11, NSW

QLD WINNER – *As The Rain Came Down*, Erin Bridgewater, 11, QLD

SA WINNER – *The Remnant*, Olivia Stapleton, 10, SA

TAS WINNER – *The Log Truck Driver*, Rebecca Bryan, 11, TAS

COMMENDED

SENIOR HIGHLY COMMENDED

Your Face, Your Place, Rosanne Smith, 17, TAS

SENIOR COMMENDED

Back Alley Princess, Rachael Jessup, 18, TAS

Spring Cleaning, Amelia Marshall, 17, NSW

A Nosebleed (It Was A Comical Situation), Lynette Nam, 18, QLD

Their Requests, Hannah Terry-Whyte, 17, ACT

INTERMEDIATE HIGHLY COMMENDED

A Rain Of Tears, Sarah Wadsley, 14, Acton Park TAS

INTERMEDIATE COMMENDED

The Beast, Josephine Bale, 14, NSW

Queenstown, Jessica Bloom, 13, NSW

The End Of Winter, Elyse Miriam Burns, 12, QLD

A Dog's Love, Thomas Fisher, 14, NSW

Visiting Grandpa, Sophie McBean, 15, QLD

The Life Of A Farmer, Kate Imrie, 14, NSW

Phantasma Tyger, Frances O'Brien, 13, NSW

Culling Koalas On KI, Phillip Stapleton, 13, SA

Love Is Not A Mills & Boon, Jemima Strambini, 15, QLD

Forest Minus Koalas, Amy Wattison, 14, NSW

JUNIOR HIGHLY COMMENDED –

Where's My Maths Book?, Ebony- Lea Burns, 11, NSW

JUNIOR CLASS COMMENDED

Poem For My Mother, German International School, Year 2, NSW

JUNIOR COMMENDED

My Cat: A Haiku Chain, Alice Gandouin, 11, NSW

The Turtle, Gabriella Lowik, 7, QLD

Guilt, Sam Robinson, 11, NSW

The Murray Drain, Olivia Stapleton, 10, SA

Tammar Wallabies At Vivonne Bay, Peter Stapleton, 9, SA

Eating Out, Millicent Walker, 11, NSW

2003 TARONGA FOUNDATION POETRY PRIZE WINNING AND COMMENDED POETS

WILDLIFE WINNER

Pride of al-Zawra, Will Upcher, 17, TAS

SENIOR WINNER

Cries of a Phoenix (Praying for the Pyre), Andrea Phan, 17, NSW

INTERMEDIATE WINNER

War, Michelle Granger, 14, QLD

JUNIOR WINNER

Ode to the Coorong, Phillip Stapleton, 12, SA

COMMENDED

SENIOR HIGHLY COMMENDED

Le Cimetiere du Pere-Lachaise, Christopher Ransom, 18, NSW

Twenty-four, Alex Howes, 18, ACT

Interconnected, Sarah Bell, 16, VIC

SENIOR COMMENDED

The City Student's Country, Anna Kirkpatrick, 16, NSW

Glistening Parabolas, Christopher Ransom, 18, NSW

White – Black – White, Lara Stephenson, 17, QLD

The Ride, Phoebe Johnson, 17, NSW

When the Moment Has Passed, Madelyn Munday, 16, TAS

Dear Dad, David James, 18, TAS

Karen, Camille Woodward, 17, NSW

Ode to Dad, Jasper Hedges, 18, TAS

Electrical Outlet, Patricia Hope, 17, WA

Simple Poetry, Kim Lam, 17, VIC

Copperhead, Patricia Hope, 17, WA

Boondaburra, Jasper Hedges, 18, TAS

INTERMEDIATE HIGHLY COMMENDED

The Perfect Stone, Chris Stapleton, 13, SA

Wolf, Elizabeth Lee, 13, QLD

INTERMEDIATE COMMENDED

The History Museum, Di Yu, 14, NSW

Moving On, Daniel Westgarth, 15, NT

When I Was Your Age..., Siobhan Dell, 15, WA

My True Love, Adam Kuitkowski, 14, NSW

Walking Home in the Rain, Lucy Fokkema, 13, NSW

Through Iraqi Eyes, Bonita Wright, 15, VIC

Brave, Brendan King, 15, VIC

Remember..., Sarah Gittus, 14, VIC

Master, Anna Taylor, 15, VIC

JUNIOR HIGHLY COMMENDED

Grandma's House, Brittany Gorjanc, 11, TAS

Perente, Sam McPaul, 12, NSW

JUNIOR COMMENDED

When You Get Lost in the Wild, Joyce Lam, 10, NSW

The Beach, Jarrad Battersby, 12, WA

Free, Rochelle Swanson, 12, NSW

The Bus to Coober Pedy, Phillip Stapleton, 12, SA

So Little to Ask, Emma Fitzgerald, 12, NSW

My Friend, Lynley, Corinne Van Den Hoek, 12, VIC

The Funny Things About Poems, Patricia Arcilla, 9, NSW

Mother Nature, Chloe Mackenzie, 12, VIC

A Tree, Phoebe McGoldrick, 10, NSW

A Winter's Night, Emily Marotta, 10, VIC

Autumn, Clare Marotta, 8, VIC

Morning, Bronwyn Alder, 12, NSW
Swimming Lessons, Aithne Dell, 12, WA
Marylou, Shivani Luithle, 11, NSW
Ibis, Jessica Bloom, 12, NSW
We Love Animals, Ruth Baker, 8, NSW
Ezra Pound Couplets, Javi Franco, 9, NSW
Elley's Brumbies, Katelyn Fox, 12, QLD
Red Belly Black, Phillip Stapleton, 12, SA
Guide to Australian Animals, Gaby Lax, 8, NSW
About an Elephant, Ben Payne, 11, ACT