



**2019 ARTS QUEENSLAND  
VAL VALLIS AWARD  
FOR UNPUBLISHED POETRY**

Named in honour of a distinguished Queensland poet, the Arts Queensland Val Vallis Award for an Unpublished Poem is committed to encouraging poets throughout Australia. Now in its 20th year, this prestigious prize for an unpublished poem (or suite of poems) of 80 lines or less comes with a total value of \$2,000.

**1ST PRIZE: \$1,000**

**2nd PRIZE: \$500**

**Highest Qld entry:** \$500 workshop credit at Qld Writers Centre, along with performance opportunity at Queensland Poetry Festival 2020

Prize-winners will also be published in Cordite

The winner will be announced at the Queensland Poetry Awards, Thursday 22 August 2019 at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts, Fortitude Valley.

Previous winners: Bronwyn Lovell, Caitlin Maling, Andrew Last, Brett Dionysius, Chloe Wilson, Rachael Briggs, Rebecca Edwards, Bronwyn Lea, Anna Kerdijk Nicholson, Judy Johnson, Jaya Savige, Sandra Hill, Ynes Sanz, Nathan Shepherdson, Anna Krien, Michelle Cahill.

**Deadline for receipt of applications: by 5pm Friday 5 July 2019**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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

A: Each entry must be 80 lines or less in length. The line count does NOT include the poem's title or section titles within the poems.

Q: Are published poets eligible to enter?

A: Yes, so long as the entry itself has not been published or is on offer for publication

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

A: You may enter any number of poems as a single 'suite of poems' provided that the total number of lines does not exceed 80. *If you have a number of totally unrelated poems you must enter them separately.*

**Q: Can email or fax my entry?**

No. Once you have completed the online application form, you will need to post (3) hard copies of your entries to Queensland Poetry Festival (as described below). Late applications will not be accepted.

**Q: What about copyright?**

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

**Q: Will I get any feedback from the judges?**

A: No. Judges will comment only on the winning poems.

**Rules**

1. Entrants must be residents of Australia as of the date of entry.
2. The poem must be the entrant's original work.
3. The poem must be unpublished and not on offer for publication elsewhere up to and including 23 August 2019.
4. The poem must NOT exceed 80 lines in length.
5. Entrants may submit more than one poem (or suite or poems), but *each entry must be accompanied by a separate Entry Form and a separate Entry Fee.*
6. Use a serif font (e.g. Times New Roman) in 12-point type, 1.5 line spacing on single-sided A4 document
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 three (3) hardcopies of your poem (or suite of poems) to:

**Queensland Poetry Festival  
Arts Queensland Val Vallis Award  
PO Box 3488  
South Brisbane QLD 4101**

**(Please include a cover note with your name and contact details)**

10. Entries must be received by 5pm Friday 5th July 2019 (entries to be postmarked on or before this date). Late entries cannot be accepted.

11. Prize-winners will be formally announced at the Queensland Poetry Awards, 22 August 2019. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted in August. All applicants are encouraged to attend the Awards night.

12. A non-refundable entry fee of \$15 (or \$10 concession) is required upon submission of the online application form. (Concession card holders will be required to provide proof of concession).

**Application enquiries should be directed to [awards@queenslandpoetryfestival](mailto:awards@queenslandpoetryfestival) or contact (07) 3842 9990 (Monday – Thursday).**

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