



2019 ARTS QUEENSLAND THOMAS SHAPCOTT POETRY PRIZE

Named in honour of a distinguished Queensland poet, the Arts Queensland Thomas Shapcott Poetry Prize for an Unpublished Manuscript is committed to encouraging emerging Queensland poets.

Now in its 17th year, this prestigious prize for an unpublished poetry manuscript comes with total prize money of \$2,000 and a publishing contract. This prize is funded by Arts Queensland and supported by (University of Queensland Press) UQP.

1ST PRIZE includes:

\$2,000 + book launch at QPF 2019 + a publishing contract with UQP

The winner will be announced at the Queensland Poetry Awards, to take place the opening night of the Queensland Poetry Festival, Thursday 22nd August 2019 at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts, Fortitude Valley.

Previous winners: Rae White, Shastra Deo, Stuart Barnes, Krissy Kneen, David Stavanger, Rachael Briggs, Nicholas Powell, Lidja Cvetkovic, Rosanna Licari, Jaya Savige, Nathan Shepherdson, Angela Gardner, Sarah Holland-Batt, Felicity Plunkett, Vladislav Nekliaev

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

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How is an 'emerging poet' defined?

A: An 'emerging poet' is an individual who has NOT published a book of poems.

Q: How is a 'book of poems' defined?

A: A 'book of poems' is defined as 40 or more pages of poetry, commercially printed, with an ISBN number.

Q: How do I get my Entry to you?

A: You need to complete an online application form and payment process. In addition to the online form, 3 x copies of your manuscript must be posted to Queensland Poetry Festival: PO Box 3488, South Brisbane Q 4101. (postmarked Friday 6th July 2019). Late applications will not be accepted.

Q: Will I get any feedback from the judges?

A: No. Judges will comment only on the winning MS. Note: Runners-up will receive a publishing support letter from UQP's Poetry Editor and/or QPF

Manuscript Format Instructions

- The manuscript (MS) must be between 48 – 100 pages in length.
- All manuscripts must be paginated.
- Each new poem must start on a new page.
- Page 1 will be the first poem OR the first section title or epigraph (if applicable)
- The MS should begin with unnumbered front matter: a title page with the MS title, your name and contact details, a table of contents, and acknowledgement list (if applicable).

- Use a serif font (e.g. Times New Roman) in 12-point type, 1.5 line spacing on single-sided white A4 paper.
- Include a biography at the end of the MS (optional).
- This information need not be included in page count.
- Do not bind or staple the MS.
- Clip loose sheets with a bulldog or alligator clip and place in envelope of appropriate size.

Rules

1. Entrants must have resided in Queensland for the past 2 years.
2. Entrants must NOT have published a book of poetry (see above.)
3. The poetry manuscript (MS) must be the entrant's original work.
4. The MS must be unpublished and not on offer for publication elsewhere up to and including 22 August 2019. Prior publication of individual poems in literary journals and newspapers is encouraged.
5. The MS must be between 48 – 100 pages in length.
6. Entrants may submit more than one MS, but each *entry must be accompanied by a separate Entry Form and a separate Entry Fee as per below.*
7. Entries will not be returned.
8. Entries will be acknowledged by email only.
8. Judges' decision is final; no correspondence will be entered into. Judges reserve the right not to make the award.
9. Mail three (3) hardcopies of your manuscript with a completed Entry Form to:

**Queensland Poetry Festival
Arts Queensland Thomas Shapcott 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. Up to (4) manuscripts will be shortlisted by Judges, with the overall winner and highly-commended applicants to be formally announced at the Queensland Poetry Awards, 22 August 2019. All applicants are encouraged to attend the Awards night.
12. A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 (or \$15 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 or contact (07) 3842 9990 (Monday – Thursday).

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