



2019 Oodgeroo Noonuccal Indigenous Poetry Prize

QPF are very proud to again present Australia's only open-age Indigenous poetry prize for an unpublished poem of 80 lines or less. Named in honour of Oodgeroo Noonuccal, the first Aboriginal Australian to publish a book of verse. This award has been named after receiving permission from Oodgeroo's family and in close consultation with Quandamooka Festival.

The Oodgeroo Noonuccal Indigenous Poetry Prize is open to all Indigenous poets, emerging and established, throughout Australia.

1ST PRIZE: \$2,000, plus mentoring sessions with an established Indigenous poet/writer
Highest Quandamooka entry: \$500 Qld Writers Centre workshop and membership credit, performance opportunity at Queensland Poetry Festival 2020

* Winners + highly recommended will be also be published online.

Previous Winners: Andrew Booth / Julie Janson, Jeanine Leane, Sachem Parkin-Owens

The winners will be announced at the Queensland Poetry Awards on Thursday 22 August 2019 at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts in Brisbane.

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

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does '80 lines or less' 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: 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. This prize is open to Indigenous people only.
2. The Quandamooka highest place entry is open to Quandamooka people only.

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 The poem must be unpublished and not on offer for publication elsewhere up to and including 22 August 2019.
5. The poem must not exceed 80 lines in length.
6. Entrants may submit more than one poem (or suite or poems), but each entry must be accompanied by a separate Entry Form.
7. Entrants may submit poems in language (accompanied by an English translation of the poem.)
8. Use a serif font (e.g. Times New Roman) in 12-point type, 1.5 line spacing on single-sided white A4 papers.
9. Entries will not be returned. Entries will be acknowledged by email only.
10. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
11. As the poems are judged anonymously, your name must NOT appear anywhere on the poem.
12. Entries may be posted or submitted using the online application form at www.queenslandpoetryfestival.com

Either mail three (3) hardcopies of your poem (or suite of poems) with a completed Entry Form to:

**Queensland Poetry Festival
Oodgeroo Noonuccal Indigenous Poetry Prize
PO Box 3488
South Brisbane QLD 4101**

or

Upload your poem (as a PDF or Word doc) and complete the online entry form at the QPF website

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

4. Winners and highly recommended may be required to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality Form

15. Winners will be advised in late-August and announced at the Queensland Poetry Festival on 22 August 2019.

16. Entry to this award is FREE of charge

Application enquiries should be directed to awards@queenslandpoetryfestival.com or contact (07) 3842 9990 (Monday – Thursday).

This prize is supported by the Australia Council for the Arts, the Queensland Writers Centre and Quandamooka Festival. QPF also thanks the Walker family for their support in the naming this prize.



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Oodgeroo Noonuccal Indigenous Poetry Prize – Application Form 2019

Full name:	
Address	
Street:	
Suburb:	
State:	Postcode:
Phone number:	
Email Address:	

Title of poem (or suite of poems):

I certify that this poem (or suite of poems) is my own original work, that it is unpublished, and 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:

Deadline for receipt of applications: Friday 5th July 2019 (entries to be emailed or postmarked on or before this date). **Note: Entry to this prize is free**

Applicant Checklist

- I have enclosed 2 hardcopies of poem (or suite of poems), which is 80 lines or less.
- My name does not appear anywhere on my poem or suite.
- I have addressed this application to:

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