



**2020 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FOR UNPUBLISHED POETRY**

Named in honour of a distinguished Queensland poet, the Arts Queensland Val Vallis Award for an Unpublished Poem is committed to encouraging poets throughout Australia. Now in its 21st year, this prestigious prize for an unpublished poem (or suite of poems) of 80 lines or less comes with a total value of \$2,000.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: Performance opportunity at Queensland Poetry Festival 2021

Prize-winners will also be published in Cordite

The winner will be announced at the Queensland Poetry Awards, Friday 31 July 2020

Previous winners: Damen O'Brien, Zenobia Frost, 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 Monday 4th May 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does 'a poem not exceeding 80 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: Yes, provided that the total number of lines does not exceed 80.

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 The poem must be unpublished and not on offer for publication elsewhere up to and including 31 July 2020.
4. The poem must NOT exceed 80 lines in length.
5. Entrants must adhere to the limit of **one entry per person** for the Val Vallis Award.
6. Use a serif font (e.g. Times New Roman) in 12-point type, 1.5 line spacing.
7. Entries will be acknowledged by email only.
8. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. As the poems are judged anonymously, your name must NOT appear anywhere on the poem.
10. Entries must be received by 5pm Monday 4th May 2020. Late entries cannot be accepted.
11. Prize-winners will be formally announced at the Queensland Poetry Awards, 31 July 2020. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted in July.
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.com

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