POETRY OBJECT
2016
SHORTLIST
A BEACON OF HOPE IN AN ISLAND OF DARKNESS. AN ISLAND OF DANCING FLAME.

ELISE, YEAR 7
HORNSBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL, NSW

Ink streams from my heart
silken and wonder
and all that collides
The universe is mine

Gabi, Year 8
Riverside High School, TAS

A token from the sea
that clasps the shore
You are a prism of frosted light

Kimberley, Year 10
Darwin High School, NT

Rivers flowing into deltas
where feathered creatures flew
Through your fragile pages
I see a magnificence I never knew

Haixin, Year 10
St John’s Grammar School, SA

En garde on my shelf
Keeper of my worded knowledge
backbone of my books

Hugh B, Year 6
Tewantin State School, QLD

A casing of chestnut, xanthis
fuchsia and snow
Adorning a character sweeter
than a marshmallow

Dominique, Year 5
Methodist Ladies College, WA
After much deliberation, we’re delighted to announce the Poetry Object shortlist! Congratulations and enormous thanks to all the poets who contributed heartfelt poems about treasured and curious objects.

With over 3000 poetic offerings from students and teachers across Australia and New Zealand, we’ve been deeply moved by the imagination, humour and thoughtfulness of the poems.

This year has been Poetry Object’s brightest yet, and we look forward to more poetic inspiration from your schools in the near future.

Sincerely,
The Red Room team
‘Braslet Vospominaniya’ ~ Elisaveta, Year 6, Craigmore South Primary School

‘Two Circles’ ~ Ms. Heather Brown, Teacher, Craigmore South Primary School

‘Dad’s Garden’ ~ Abbey, Year 5, Hahndorf Primary School

‘Love Story’ ~ Ms. Catherine O’Toole, Teacher, Craigmore South Primary School

‘The Creek’ ~ Hayley, Year 9, Riverton & District High School

‘Didgeridoo’ ~ William, Year 9, Riverton & District High School

‘Atlas’ ~ Haixin, Year 10, St. John’s Grammar School

‘Noho iho ra’ ~ Josh, Year 10, St. John’s Grammar School

‘My house keys back in France’ ~ Jarrousse, Year 10, St. John’s Grammar School

‘Novelty Shakespeare Pen’ ~ Mr. Ramon Bartholomeusz, Teacher, St. John’s Grammar School

‘No Replacement’ ~ Jacinta, Year 8, Wilderness School

‘Once Upon an Autumn’ ~ Sophie, Year 8, Wilderness School

‘Tags of War’ ~ Metao, Year 6, Casuarina Street Independent Primary School

‘Tales in Time’ ~ Ava, Year 10, Darwin High School

‘Sea Glass’ ~ Kimberley, Year 10, Darwin High School

‘Driftwood’ ~ Morgan, Year 10, Darwin High School

‘An Ordinary Day in the Yard’ ~ Cody, Year 5, Durack School

‘Waiting’ ~ Tilly, Year 6, Durack School

‘Kane Dead-Reckoning Computer’ ~ Connor, Year 10, Good Shepherd Lutheran College

‘Little Mineral’ ~ Maia, Year 3, Ross Park Primary School

‘A Delightful Bright Blue’ ~ Preston, Year 8, Taminmin College

‘My Guitar’ ~ Rovin, Year 9, Tennant Creek High School

‘A Demon Has Departed’ ~ Mr. Simon Walford, Teacher, Tennant Creek High School

‘My Mystic Moonstone’ ~ Laika, Year 10, Benowa State High School

‘Books’ ~ Chloe, Year 7, Nerang State High School

‘Sparks’ ~ Bayley, Year 7, Nerang State High School

‘Little Red Leaf’ ~ Bailey, Year 9, Noosa District State High School

‘Ferocious Fearsome Feline’ ~ Colin, Year 5, Tewantin State School

‘Crystal Memories’ ~ Elijah, Year 3, Tewantin State School

‘Mystery’ ~ Hugh, Year 6, Tewantin State School

‘Feather’ ~ Henry, Year 4, Tewantin State School

‘My Granddad’s Trumpet’ ~ Bebe, Year 5, Toowoomba Grammar School

‘My Nana Bay’s Jubes’ ~ Sam, Year 5, Toowoomba Grammar School
‘Votive Offerings’ ~ Ms. Veronica Lake, Teacher, Applecross Senior High School

‘Family Resemblance’ ~ Mr. Chris Raich, Teacher, Applecross Senior High School

‘The Stone’ ~ Anna, Year 5, Churchlands Primary School

‘Hei Matau’ ~ David, Year 9, Christ Church Grammar School

‘High Jinx of the Maneki Neko’ ~ Nick, Year 9, Christ Church Grammar School

‘The Warrior’ ~ Megan, Year 7, Comet Bay College

‘Babushka Dolls’ ~ Ashleigh, Year 5, Methodist Ladies’ College

‘Hello Kitty’ ~ Dominique, Year 5, Methodist Ladies’ College

‘The Power of a Book’ ~ Ellie, Year 10, St. Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School

‘The Eagle’s Eye’ ~ Mrs. Rebecca Doughty, Teacher, St. Joseph’s College

‘Petals of Memories’ ~ Amrutha, Year 7, Willetton Senior High School

‘The Lady Red’ ~ Quinton, Year 7, Brighton Secondary College

‘Little Black Box’ ~ James, Year 7, Brighton Secondary College

‘My Bone Sparrow’ ~ Claudia, Year 4, Fitzroy North Primary School

‘Our Jack-in-the-Box’ ~ Mr. Tom Kristof, Teacher, Fitzroy North Primary School

‘Lee St.’ ~ Mr. Konstantinos Rigopoulos, Teacher, Fitzroy North Primary School

‘The Ballet Show’ ~ Julia, Year 7, Star of the Sea College

‘Rhythm’s Ticking’ ~ Sarah, Year 7, Star of the Sea College

‘Unto’ ~ Mrs. Christine Herzog-Lewis, Teacher, Star of the Sea College

‘The Blue Tiger Butterfly’ ~ Oliver, Year 5, St Kevin’s College

‘Rocking Weight’ ~ Will, Year 5, St Kevin’s College

‘Not Our Piano’ ~ Bella, Year 10, Ogilvie High School

‘Music Box Memories’ ~ Katrina, Year 10, Ogilvie High School

‘The Pen’ ~ Gabi, Year 8, Riverside High School

‘Black Leather’ ~ Nash, Year 8, Riverside High School

‘Old Mug’ ~ Mr. Cameron Hindrum, Teacher, Riverside High School

‘Bicheno (kelp-shells)’ ~ Annaliese, Year 4, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Launceston

‘The Little Boat’ ~ Ava, Year 4, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Launceston

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‘Photo In A Frame’ ~ Holly, Year 5, Canberra Girls Grammar School

‘My First Ballet Shoes’ ~ Lucy, Year 5, Canberra Girls Grammar School

‘Deer Skin’ ~ Ms. Edwina Cowdery, Teacher, Abbotsford Public School

‘Water Bottle’ ~ Jacob, Year 7, Albion Park High School

‘My First Goldfish’ ~ Mr. Trevor Maurice, Teacher, Annandale North Primary School

‘Night Warrior’ ~ Holly, Year 7, ASC St Peter’s Campus

‘Wild And Free’ ~ Ella, Year 5, Balgowlah Heights Public School

‘The Turtle’ ~ Max, Year 6, Balgowlah Heights Public School

‘Child’s Painting’ ~ Sascha, Year 6, Balgowlah Heights Public School

‘Seiko Love Dream’ ~ Mr. Blake Nuto, Teacher, Balmain Public School

‘The Bronze Plane’ ~ Jordan, Year 5, Beecroft Public School

‘My Soccer Boots’ ~ Brock, Year 6, Ben Venue Primary School

‘The Letter’ ~ Ella, Year 5, Blue Mountains Grammar School

(Faux) Tortoise Shell Knitting Needles’ ~ Mrs. Deborah Ritchie, Teacher, Bowral Public School

‘The Oak Tree’ ~ Parris, Year 10, Cedars Christian College

‘An Album of Memories’ ~ Mr. Peter Ramm, Teacher, Cedars Christian College

‘The Magical Torq Necklace’ ~ Ellie, Year 5, Coogee Public School

‘The Seashell Roar’ ~ Francesca, Year 5, Coogee Public School

‘The Wish’ ~ Gabriella, Year 6, Coogee Public School

‘Cards’ ~ Olivia, Year 7, Cranebrook High School

‘2016 Talisman, Brand New’ ~ Ms. Grace, Teacher, Cranebrook High School

‘Memory Jar’ ~ Ms. Julie Suey, Teacher, Farmborough Road Public School

‘Whispers of the Past’ ~ Ella, Year 6, Glenmore Road Public School

‘Essence of Jade Dragons’ ~ Dexter, Year 6, Glenmore Road Public School

‘Ceramic Serpent’ ~ Toby, Year 6, Glenmore Road Public School

‘My Timekeeper’ ~ Trist, Year 5, Greenacre Public School

‘The Seed’ ~ Raphaela, Year 7, Hornsby Girls High School

‘My Gradmother & I’ ~ Yovela, Year 7, Hornsby Girls High School

‘Treasure of The Deep’ ~ Kirtana, Year 7, Hornsby Girls High School
‘Claddagh Ring’ – Ms. Shannon McLoughlin, Teacher, Lake Illawara High School

‘Native Bird’ – Iris, Year 7, Lycée Concordet

‘Rescue’ – Ms. Partington, Teacher, Monte Sant’ Angelo Mercy College

‘Band of Silver’ – Zoe, Year 9, Nagle College

‘Yoga Mat’ – Alexandra, Year 9, North Sydney Girls High School

‘Harry Potter’ – Lachlan, Year 3, Oatley West Public School

‘The Gift’ – Ms. Stephanie Aravanopoulos, Teacher, Oatley West Public School

‘Gondwana Rock’ – Ms. Jennifer McDonald, Teacher, Oatley West Public School

‘Nike Basketball’ – Joseph, Year 6, Our Lady of Mt Carmel

‘Crocodile Tooth Necklace’ – Niamh, Year 6, Our Lady of Mt Carmel

‘Photo Frame’ – Val, Year 6, Our Lady of Mt Carmel

‘Dragon Teapot’ – Eric, Year 4, Randwick Public School

‘The Crystal Rock’ – Connor, Year 4, Shell Cove Public School

‘The Totem Cup’ – Thomas, Year 3, Shell Cove Public School

‘The Camera’ – Elliot, Year 7, Smith’s Hill High School

‘Scarab Beetle in Africa’ – Luke, Year 7, Smith's Hill High School

‘Bottle in the Sea’ – Caitlin, Year 6, St Ambrose Primary School

‘Red Jasper’ – Isabella, Year 5, St Ambrose Primary School

‘One Ring to Bind Them’ – Mr. Andrew Lade, Teacher, Stanmore Public School

‘Greenstone’ – Mr. Nigel Hunt, Teacher, Stanmore Public School

‘Wings’ – Ms. Valerie Derry, Teacher, St. George Girls High School

‘Honor, Strength, Pride’ – Isaac, Year 5, St Michael's Blacktown South

‘Om’ – Nikshay, Year 5, St Michael's Blacktown South

‘Soccer Ball’ – Geetnash, Year 7, St. Paul's Catholic College

‘Pencil’ – Rynan, Year 7, St. Paul’s Catholic College

‘iPod’ – Mrs. Jennifer Simonetta, Teacher, St. Paul’s Catholic College

‘Snowflake’ – Mr. Gerald Curtin, Teacher, St. Paul’s Catholic College

‘Bottlebrush’ – Mr. Gerald Curtin, Teacher, St. Paul’s Catholic College

‘My First Goal’ – Lorenzo, Year 5, St Peter’s Anglican Primary School

‘Circle of Gold’ – Ms. Edwards, Teacher, St Peter’s Anglican Primary School

‘Stuffed Penguin’ – Jack, Year 5, Wakehurst Public School
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EXHIBITION LAUNCH

We invite school communities far and wide to celebrate their poetic efforts after another inspiring year of Poetry Object. Winning poems will be announced on 17 November at the Big Fat Smile Gallery in Wollongong.

Who: students, teachers, poets, avid object enthusiasts
What: The launch of our annual Poetry Object exhibition.
Where: Big Fat Smile Gallery, Wollongong.
When: Thursday 17 November

FAMILY FUN DAY

We will host a free drop-in workshop day led by poets and artists. Students of all ages can experiment with language and art to create personal responses to special objects and the colour red.

Who: Students 16 and under and parents
What: A day of poetry writing and art activities that respond to special objects and the colour red
Where: Big Fat Smile Gallery, Corrimal NSW
When: 12 – 4pm, Saturday 19 November
Cost: Free

CONTACT

For more information, visit redroomcompany.org
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‘Rhyming’ – Che, Year 3, Beach Haven Primary
‘Burning Flame’ – Jade, Year 8, Iona College
‘Blue Hawaiian Dress’ – Boudicca, Year 8, Iona College
‘The Call to My Heart’ – Shiloh, Year 7, Iona College
‘Taonga (Green Stone)’ – Abby, Year 4, Napier Girls High School
‘The Journey’ – Chloe, Year 8, Puketapu School