

13th Annual

2015 Ipswich Poetry Feast

**TOTAL PRIZE VALUE OF
MORE THAN \$7500**

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize	Total
Age 5 - 7 years	\$50	\$30	\$20	\$100
Age 8 - 10 years	\$100	\$60	\$40	\$200
Age 11 - 13 years	\$120	\$80	\$50	\$250
Age 14 - 15 years	\$150	\$90	\$60	\$300
Age 16 - 17 years	\$250	\$150	\$100	\$500
Open Age - Bush Poetry	\$600	\$250	\$150	\$1000
Open Age - Other Poetry	\$600	\$250	\$150	\$1000
Open Age - Local Poets	\$600	\$250	\$150	\$1000

Local Poets defined as: live, work or attend an educational institution in the Ipswich City Council Region

Medallions for first place winners in each of the above categories

Babies of Walloon Statuette for overall winner in the Open Age categories

SPECIAL AWARDS

Ipswich Theme Award - Awarded to poems submitted in any category that best showcase the Ipswich region - Prizes as follows:

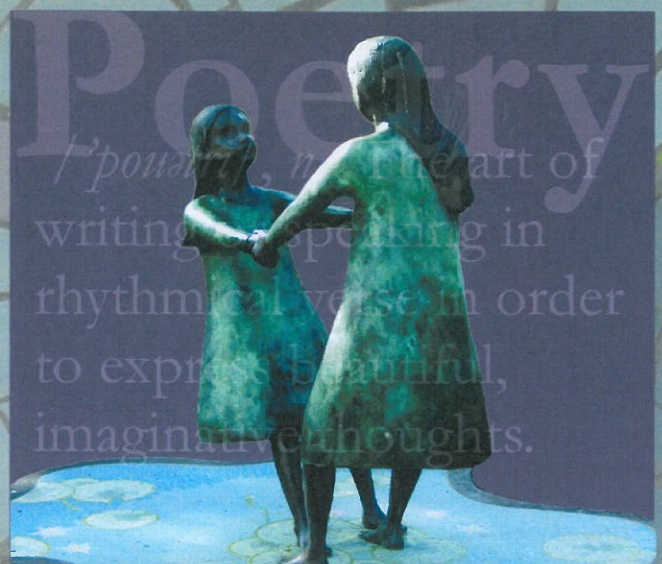
Age 5 - 13 years	\$50
Age 14 - 17 years	\$100
Open Age	\$150
Highly Commended (multiple awards in each category)	\$700
Chairperson's Encouragement Awards	\$150
Chairperson's School Award	\$150
Mentorship Prize - 15 hours mentorship with a professional poet	\$1050

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INTRODUCTION

The Ipswich Poetry Feast is an exciting initiative of Ipswich City Council, supported and driven by the local community. The Poetry Feast was introduced in 2002 with the aim of establishing a respected and prestigious national poetry competition to:

- Encourage young and aspiring poets
- Raise community awareness of the creativity and skills in poetry writing
- Promote and showcase Ipswich as a vibrant, culturally rich region.

BACKGROUND

In the latter part of the 19th century two young children, Bridget and Mary Broderick drowned at a waterhole that lies in the township of Walloon. This tragic event was the subject of a poem penned by Henry Lawson in the 1890's titled **The Babies of Walloon**. The impetus for the Ipswich Poetry Feast came from this tragedy and poem.

SHOWCASING OUR TALENT AND CITY

Since its inception, the Ipswich Poetry Feast has grown and flourished. It proudly incorporates an International Poetry Writing Competition, Official Launch, Poetry Writing Workshops, Poets' Breakfast and Awards Presentation.

For further information on the Ipswich Poetry Feast visit the website: www.ipswichpoetryfeast.com.au

Opening date: 29 March 2015

Closing date:

24 July 2015 at 5.00 pm

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