THE BETTY OLLE POETRY AWARD 2017 - RESULTS

<u>FIRST</u> David Campbell, Aireys Inlet Vic. "Far From Home"

SECOND Robyn Sykes, Binalong NSW "Treacherous Veil"

Highly Commended Brenda Joy, Charters Towers Qld. "On History's Page"

Highly Commended Max Merckenschlager, Murray Bridge SA "Thunderbolt"

<u>Highly Commended</u> Tom McIlveen, Port Macquarie NSW "Pappinbarra Burning"

<u>Highly Commended</u> Shelley Hansen, Maryborough Qld. "Jack, My Friend"

Highly Commended Val Wallace, Glendale NSW "Another Reluctant Hero"

Highly Commended Max Merckenschlager, Murray Bridge SA "Made in Australia"

<u>Commended</u> Leonie Parker, Brassall Qld. "The Untold Story"

Commended Catherine Lee, Mona Vale NSW "Plea of my People"

<u>Commended</u> Brenda Joy, Charters Towers Qld. "Ghosts of Gold"

Commended Leonie Parker, Brassall Qld. "Billy Crowe"

<u>Commended</u> Tony Hammill, Carindale Qld. "Black and White"

Commended Jim Kent, Port Fairy Vic. "We can't go back...."

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THE BETTY OLLE JUNIOR POETRY AWARD 2017 - RESULTS

FIRST Arielle Dolan, Kyabram Vic. "Years ago"

<u>SECOND</u> Mitchell Wright, Kyabram Vic. "The Traveller"

From the judging panel: "Absolutely overwhelmed by the quality of the entries. We could have added at least another dozen poems to the list of winners. All entrants should be extremely proud."