

FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS NSW INC.

LAMBING FLAT REGIONAL WRITING COMPETITION

Celebrating 35 year at Young 1982 – 2017

Sponsored by the South West Slopes Credit Union,
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 68TH NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL 2017

RESULT SHEET 2017
ADULT SHORT STORY SECTION

FIRST PLACE

PEARL Elaine Staples Nth Richmond NSW

This was a very funny account of a medical experience, written in a crisp style with a twist at the end. It had a well constructed plot with no excess words.

SECOND PLACE:

NEW LIFE Elizabeth McVie Jilliby NSW

This story told of the desperation facing displaced people and through no fault of their own have lost everything but the will to survive.

HIGHLY COMMENDED: THE DEEPER THE HOLE Sheila Drakeley Umina Beach NSW

The old story of what goes around comes around told with a well constructed mystery

COMMENDED: BIG BROTHER Janice Williams Stawell Vic

Not quite what you would expect by the title but clever never the less.

THE SCANDAL OF MISS HARDY'S WEEKEND

Jacqueline Bolte West Wyalong NSW

"She Said – He Said" done very well, and the true tale got there in the end.

Number of entries 86

Judges comments: Congratulations to the placegetters and thank you for entering. The quality of editing has much improved but we feel some stories have been resubmitted from previous years. Still many stories are 'told' not 'shown' and are lacking the authentic description and 'hook'. There were quite a few stories that fail to have an adequate and engaging conclusion. You must edit, and edit again, also, keep to the word count because the committee does check it!

ADULT POETRY SECTION.

FIRST PLACE: **AGAINST THE DARK** Jenny Blackford Wallsend NSW

A really effective poem, firmly established purpose and good control of language and imagery while establishing relevance to a wide present-day audience in content and emotional power. Failures of pacifism and wars of attrition sit uncomfortably with the showy displays of the Military Tattoo which have become another generation's salute to past wars. Yet the power of the twist in the last line is breathtaking. This has the power to stop responders in their tracks.

SECOND PLACE: **THE CONVICT'S DREAM** Tony Hammill Carindale QLD

This creative and insightful approach, gives more depth and universal relevance to the convict experience in his struggles to overcome the inequities, in life celebrations and for all time, for his future generations as their progenitor. The writer must be congratulated on such originality.

HIGHLY COMMENDED: **REVISITING MY FATHER'S HOUSE**

Mark Miller Shoalhaven Heads NSW

SUMMER PROMISES Gavin Austin Potts Point NSW

OUTSIDE LOOKING IN David Campbell Aireys Inlet Vic

COMMENDED

ECHIDNA Elizabeth Egan Crookwell NSW

Number of entries 138