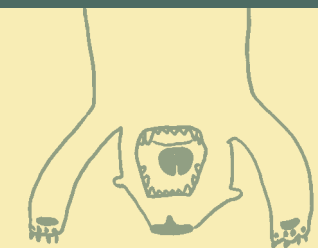




The Taronga  
Foundation  
POETRY PRIZE  
2008

## AUSTRALIA'S LEADING NON-PROFIT YOUTH POETRY PRIZE A PRIZE FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS



The Taronga Foundation Poetry Prize (TFPP) offers Australia's youth the opportunity to share in over **\$31,000** in prizes, AND have their poetry published by Random House Australia.

The writing of poetry encourages a love of literacy and gives youth a heightened sense of what language is and how it works. This awareness can help improve their prose reading and language skills.

From a teaching perspective, writing poetry and preparing entries for the TFPP satisfies many English curriculum outcomes. In primary, the writing of poetry satisfies the WS2.9 and WS3.9 requirements for more demanding text writing. In senior years, poetry writing helps develop experimental and imaginative text and provides a counterpoint to explore the relationship between and among texts.

In addition to promoting a love of poetry, the TFPP aims to develop a love of the environment. An information sheet about this year's environmental focus, bears, is available at [www.btgstudios.com/tfppanimal.html](http://www.btgstudios.com/tfppanimal.html)

**Schools, libraries and youth groups can benefit by entering the 'class/group' division, which offers \$3,000 in book vouchers.** Entries in this division must be a single poem written by three or more poets. Class poems are an excellent way to teach poetry to a class or group. A teaching worksheet is available from [www.btgstudios.com/worksheet.html](http://www.btgstudios.com/worksheet.html)

Students benefit too. **Every individual or class who enters the TFPP receives one certificate, one sticker and free entry for two to Taronga Zoo or their participating state/territory zoo or eco-venue on 28 February 2009.** (This exclusive TFPP benefit represents \$150,000 worth of free entries around Australia.)

In addition, national and state/territory winners have the chance to win cash, trophies, leading poetry and wildlife books and free passes to Australia's premier zoos/eco-venues, totalling \$31,000.

Poems may be on any subject, but a \$3,000 Wildlife Prize is awarded for the most outstanding poem dealing with wildlife conservation or the environment.

Winning and commended poets are published in *Poems by Young Australians Vol 6*, to be launched at the TFPP award ceremony on **Saturday 28 February 2009** at Taronga Zoo in Sydney. Anyone interested in poetry and wildlife is welcome to attend.

This year's competition, open to all Australians 19 and under, closes on **19 September 2008**. Further details are on the entry form overleaf. **We would be grateful if you would promote the prize through any newsletter.** The entry form overleaf has been designed for legible copying, or copies may be downloaded from [www.tarongafoundation.org](http://www.tarongafoundation.org) or [www.btgstudios.com/poetryprize.html](http://www.btgstudios.com/poetryprize.html) Please feel free to contact me for further copies of this entry form, A4 posters or for more information.

Yours sincerely,



Ron Pretty AM

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For more information on the plight of bears visit [www.freethebears.org.au](http://www.freethebears.org.au)



# 2008 TARONGA FOUNDATION POETRY PRIZE - Entry Form

Entries close Friday, September 19, 2008. Please read "Conditions of Entry" below before filling in this form.

ABN 4183932889

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone no. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age at 19/9/08 \_\_\_\_\_  
Please complete details of your School, College or University below  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone no. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Did your school organise this entry? (tick) YES  NO   
Teacher's name [if applicable] Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Results will be sent to entrant's home address & the teacher notified of winners' details.

## DIVISION ENTERED

### INDIVIDUAL

- Junior (<12)  
 Intermediate (12-15)  
 Senior (16-19)

### CLASS

- Junior (<12)  
 Intermediate (12-15)

(Must be your Age at 19/9/08. Tick 1 box only.)

Judges determine poem's eligibility for Wildlife Prize

TITLE OF POEM(S) ENTERED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A parent, guardian or teacher MUST sign this form on behalf of the entrant if the entrant is under 18 years of age. I declare that the poem(s) submitted is/are my/the entrants original unpublished work, and that the age stated above left is my/the entrants age as at 19/9/08. I/the entrant agree(s) for my/the entrant's work to be published by the TFPP.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT

I enclose a cheque/money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$5.00 per poem inc. GST)

Only payments of \$10 or more may be made by Visa, Bankcard or Mastercard. (If only paying for one entry with a credit card, the \$10 minimum still applies).

Number:

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date [ / ] Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Conditions of Entry

- DATES**  
The competition will close on Friday, September 19, 2008. No entry postmarked after this date will be considered.
- ADDRESS FOR ENTRIES**  
Entries must be posted to: **TARONGA FOUNDATION POETRY PRIZE**  
PO Box 395  
Berry NSW 2535  
You may enter as many poems as you like, however each author requires a separate entry form (photocopied forms acceptable).  
At the bottom of each poem, please put the name and address of the author of the poem, age as at September 19, 2008, and the name of their school/college/university.  
You may also download an entry form from [www.tarongafoundation.org](http://www.tarongafoundation.org) or [www.btgstudios.com/poetryprize.html](http://www.btgstudios.com/poetryprize.html). Please keep a copy of your poems, as they will not be returned.
- ENTRY FEE**  
There is an entry fee of \$5.00 inc GST for each poem entered in this competition. This fee helps cover printing and mailing costs. It may be waived in cases where the TFPP accepts that the fee would cause significant hardship. Apply in writing to "Mr Ron Pretty, TFPP Fee Waiver Application, PO Box 395 Berry NSW 2535".
- ENTRY SIZE**  
Only entries on A4 sized paper or smaller will be accepted into the competition. Entries should NOT be mounted or laminated.
- PUBLISHED WORK AND PLAGIARISM**  
Only unpublished, original poems are to be submitted to the TFPP.
- VERIFICATION**  
This form serves as a verification of age and a declaration that the poem is the entrant's original work. The entrant (as the original copyright holder) is personally liable for any action resulting from publication of their poetry if it is found to be non original (plagiarised), or previously published work.
- COPYRIGHT**  
If any entered poems contain copyright material sourced from a third party eg: song lyrics, published poems etc, the author of the poem must credit the source and obtain copyright permission from the copyright holder.
- ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS**  
Entrants of the competition will be contacted prior to the prize-giving ceremony on February 28, 2009, at Taronga Zoo, Sydney. The prize-winning poems will be read by a reader chosen by a TFPP representative. All entrants, plus one other person, will have free entry to Taronga Zoo or their participating state/territory zoo/eco-venue **ON THAT DAY ONLY**.
- THE ANTHOLOGY**  
All prize-winning poems and a selection of commended poems will be published in an anthology to be released by Random House Australia in March, 2009. The choice of poems, editing and layout of the anthology is at the discretion of the TFPP and Random House. Poems may be published more than once by the TFPP, although entrants retain copyright. The TFPP is a non-profit organisation. All royalties from the sale of the anthology will be donated equally to the Taronga Foundation and Australian Poetry Centre.
- JUDGING**  
The judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. The judges may, at their discretion, withhold a prize in any section if the entries received are not deemed to be of the required standard.
- AUTHORISATION**  
The terms and conditions are authorised by the Chairman of the TFPP, Bradley Trevor Greive.
- THE PRIZES**  
All entrants receive a certificate and sticker. In addition, all poets included in the anthology will receive two tickets to the zoo/eco-venue in their state/territory, a copy of Bradley Trevor Greive's book *Priceless*, and a copy of *Poems by Young Australians Vol. 6*, both published by Random House Australia. Class poems are counted as a single entry and therefore receive one certificate, one sticker and one double entry pass to the zoo eco-venue in their state or territory.  
**MAJOR PRIZES**  
**National**  
**Senior Prize: \$2,000 and trophy**  
For entrants who will be at least 16 but who have not yet turned 20 on September 19, 2008.  
**Intermediate Prize: \$1,000 and trophy**  
For entrants who will be at least 12 but who have not yet turned 16 on September 19, 2008.  
**Junior Prize: \$1,000 and trophy**  
For entrants who have not yet turned 12 on September 19, 2008.  
**Wildlife Prize: \$3,000 and trophy**  
Poems entered in this competition may be on any subject, but all poems which concern the preservation and value of wildlife and the environment will also be considered for the Wildlife Prize.  
**State**  
**Senior Prize: (one from each chosen state/territory) \$300 and trophy**  
**Intermediate Prize: (one from each chosen state/territory) \$200 and trophy**  
**Junior Prize: (one from each chosen state/territory) \$200 and trophy**  
**Class**  
Awarded for the best class/group (3 or more people) poem. Prize goes to school/organising group.  
**Intermediate Class Prize: \$1,000 in book vouchers and trophy**  
**Intermediate Highly Commended Class Prize: \$500 in book vouchers**  
**Junior Class Prize: \$1,000 in book vouchers and trophy**  
**Junior Highly Commended Class Prize: \$500 in book vouchers**  
**Total retail value of the prizes: \$31,000 (approx).**  
**Participating Zoos/Eco-venues:**  
NSW - Taronga Zoo/Western Plains Zoo; VIC - Melbourne Zoo/Werribee Open Range Zoo/Healesville Sanctuary; QLD - Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary; SA - Adelaide Zoo/Monarto Zoo; WA - Perth Zoo; NT - Territory Wildlife Park; TAS - Dismal Swamp, Tahune Air Walk; ACT - National Zoo & Aquarium.