

ANNOUNCING THE 2017 ACU PRIZE FOR

poetry

theme

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The 2017 ACU Prize for Poetry aims to support writers and to continue the tradition of the Catholic Church as a key patron of the arts. Following the success of the Prize in previous years, the ACU Prize for Poetry will be awarded for outstanding poetry with the theme **JOY**.

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As Dale Biron, author of *A Fierce And Enduring Gratitude: How Poetry Supports The Happiness and Joy of Grateful Living In Good Times and Bad* has written, “for many... this is a time of deep cultural anxiety. ... But we have all transformed some degree of loss or tragedy into strength before and we can do it again. And this is where the poetry comes in. Great, well-selected poems recharge our courage and resolve like nothing else.”

(http://newsletters.getresponse.com/archive/dale_biron_poetry/You-Are-Already-Strong-Enough-339336001.html)

The prize is made possible through the sponsorship of the Directorate Identity & Mission at Australian Catholic University (ACU).

prize money

First prize: \$10,000

Second prize: \$5,000

Third prize: \$3,000

**For more information on
the Prize for Poetry contact**
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Entries | **Open 3RD April 2017**
Close 3RD July 2017

www.acu.edu.au/poetry-prize

GUIDELINES

1. Poems must be in English and be the original work of entrants.
2. Poems must be unpublished (including on any website or blog), must not have won any other competition, and must not be under consideration by any publisher, literary journal or for any other prize for the duration of the competition.
3. Entrants must be 18 yrs or over, citizens or permanent residents of Australia. Any international student currently studying at an Australian university may also apply.
4. ACU staff members (except the panel of judges) and ACU students are eligible to enter.
5. Entrants' names must not appear on any page of the work, but only on the entry form.
6. Each poem must be accompanied by an entry form and entry fee. The form must be complete. Multiple entries are permitted. Separate entry forms are required for each entry. Multiple entries may be paid for with one cheque, money order or credit card transaction.
7. Entrants must sign the declaration to be eligible.
8. Poems should be typed on A4 single-sided paper. Pages should be numbered and the title of the poem should appear on each page.
9. Each poem must not exceed 80 lines.
10. Three printed copies of each poem, together with one electronic copy in the form of a USB must be submitted. Entries will not be returned.
11. The opening date for entries is Monday 3RD April 2017 and the closing date for entries is Monday 3RD July 2017. Entries must be postmarked on or before Monday 3RD July 2017 and be complete with entry form, correct copies of poems, electronic copy of poem, and completed payment form to be eligible for entry.
12. Entries will only be accepted via post, and will not be accepted by email or fax.
13. If entrants withdraw their entry, the entry fee will not be refunded. Incomplete entries will not be processed.
14. The judges reserve the right not to award the Prize.
15. ACU reserves the right to quote extracts from poems, but not to exceed 'fair dealing' provisions of the Copyright Act, in order to promote the ACU Prize for Literature. This is separate from the licence you grant to ACU to print winning and commended poems in full on the ACU website, in ACU magazines and publications, and other promotional materials. Copyright will remain with the author.
16. The winning, commended and shortlisted poems will be announced 31ST August 2017. Results will be published on the ACU website and may be published in external publications including newspapers, magazines etc. The winning and commended works will be displayed at the awards ceremony which will be held in Melbourne on the 31ST August 2017.
17. Shortlisted entrants will be notified by email.
18. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence about the result will be entered into.

ENTRY FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME

ADDRESS

STREET

SUBURB STATE

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

POEM TITLE

ENTRY FEE

\$25 per poem

PAYMENT DETAILS [PLEASE TICK SELECTED OPTION]

- I have enclosed a cheque / money order made payable to Australian Catholic University
- I will pay via credit card (please fill in details below)

PLEASE DEBIT MY CREDIT CARD TO THE AMOUNT OF \$

CARDHOLDER NAME

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY

CARD TYPE

MASTERCARD VISA AMEX

CVV BACK OF CARD

SIGNATURE

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and have enclosed

- 3 copies of each poem
- \$25 entry fee for each poem
- A completed signed entry form for each poem
- An electronic copy of the poem/s on a USB

POET'S SIGNATURE

DATE

ENTRY FORM : THE 2017 ACU PRIZE FOR

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judge

Chris Wallace-Crabbe

Poet, distinguished academic and critic, generous contributor to literary culture, Chris Wallace-Crabbe is one of the best known figures in Australia's literary community and also enjoys a wider reputation in the international world of letters.

He began publishing poetry while an undergraduate, producing many volumes and winning awards and prizes, including the Grace Leven Poetry Prize in 1985 for *The Amorous Cannibal*, the Dublin Prize for the Arts and Sciences in 1987 and the Philip Hodgins Memorial Medal in 2002. His *Selected Poems: 1956-1994* won both the Dinny O'Hearn Poetry Prize and the Book of the Year Award in the 1995 Age Book of the Year Awards. In 2011 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, and in 2015 he was awarded the prestigious Melbourne Prize for Literature in "recognition of his outstanding contribution to Australian literature and cultural and intellectual life".

ENTRY FORM SUBMISSION

BY MONDAY 3RD JULY 2017

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