2017 HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL
VERSE & SHORT Story WINNERS

VERSE

STATUETTE WINNER: ALYS JACKSON “Drought”

Class 1: Traditional Verse, Australian Theme

1st Prize – “Drought” by Alys Jackson, Coromandel Valley S.A.
2nd Prize - “Fairy Martins” by David Waterhouse, Oatley NSW
Highly Commended – “Tomorrows” by Leonie Parker, Brassall QLD
Highly Commended – “Where She Lies” by Helen Harvey, Coonamble NSW
Highly Commended – “Manacled and Shackled” by Tom McIlveen, Port Macquarie NSW

Class 2: Humerous Verse, Australian Theme

1st Prize – “Not Just a River in Egypt” by Jenny Blackford, Wallsend NSW
2nd Prize – “The Day That Mum Cooked Elvis” by Leonie Parker, Brassall QLD
Highly Commended – “Sub Zero at the Children’s Hospital” by John Carey, Chatswood NSW
Highly Commended – “The Bedroom Handicap” by David Campbell, Aireys Inlet VIC
Highly Commended – “A Beer, a Bath, a Woman” by Geoffrey Graham, Eagle Hawk VIC

Class 3: Free Verse, Any Theme

1st Prize – “St John Ambulance – Apply First Aid” by Helen Thurloe, Avalon NSW
2nd Prize – “Bushland Regeneration” by Viv (Bipi) Armitage, Cooks Gap NSW
Highly Commended – “Wedding Season FNQ” by Helen Thurloe, Avalon NSW
Highly Commended – “Waiting” by Virginia Creer, Paddington NSW
Highly Commended – “Crypsis” by Virginia Creer, Paddington NSW
Highly Commended – “Nameless” by Ruth McConnell, Chapman ACT
**Class 4:** Secondary School

1st Prize — “Mars and Stars” by Darcey White, Roseville College, Lindfield

2nd Prize — “The Door” by George Mitton, The Henry Lawson High School, Grenfell NSW

Highly Commended — “For Times Like Those” by Sarah Knight, The Henry Lawson High School, Grenfell NSW

Highly Commended — “I Don’t Want Much” by Brittany Doolan, Coonabarabran High School NSW

**Class 5:** Primary School

1st Prize — “Helpless” by Neve Crotty, Ben Venue Public School, Armidale NSW

2nd Prize — “Even Dead Animals Need Love” by Nicholas Jorgensen, Parktone Primary School VIC

Highly Commended — “Ancient Kingston Tower” by Marcus Lim, Mont Albert North, VIC

Highly Commended — “Our Men?” by Lily Hallawell, Saint Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga NSW

Commended — “Poverty” by Ellesse Peltonen, Ben Venue Public School, Armidale NSW
SHORT STORY

STATUETTE WINNER: Alys Jackson, winner of the Open Section

Class 1: Open Short Story, any theme

1st Prize: "A Single Breath", By Alys Jackson, Coromandel Valley S.A.
2nd Prize: "The River", by Kara Goodsell, Byron Bay NSW
Highly Commended: "Ebb Tide", by Rowena Harding-Smith, Annandale NSW
Highly Commended: "In The House of Sorrows", by Carmel Lillis, Yarraville VIC

Class 2: Secondary School,

1st Prize: "Divine Consumption", by Jacqueline Brown, SCEGGS Darlinghurst NSW
2nd Prize: "If Only", by Abby Strangward, Frankston High School VIC
Highly Commended: "Reprieve", by Elizabeth Hoyle, Parkes NSW
Highly Commended: "The Photo Album" by Sarah Knight, The Henry Lawson High School, Grenfell.

Class 3: Primary School

1st Prize: "Letty Smith", by Elsa Ray Lane, Coogee Public School NSW
2nd Prize: "Larna", by James Death, Caragabal Public School, NSW
Highly Commended: "Sunk", by Arabella Smith, Roseville College, NSW
Highly Commended: "The Night", by Eva Becker-Grahame, Coogee Public School, NSW