

## **POETS ON THE WRITERS WALK TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

This 2023 National Poetry Day competition runs from Friday 14 July to Friday 11 August 2023 inclusive. The competition is presented by the Wellington branch of the New Zealand Society of Authors and Wellington Writers Walk.

Entries close at 11.59pm on Friday 11 August 2023.

Late entries will not be entered into the competition.

Entry is open to anyone living in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Entry is open to all ages. Entrants who are 18 years of age or younger on 25 August 2023 may indicate when submitting their entry if they wish to be considered for youth awards.

There is a limit of one poem (one entry) per person.

All entries must be submitted electronically via the entry form (file formats accepted: pdf, doc, docx, txt). Use poem title as filename, and do not include your name anywhere (including filename) in your uploaded poem.

Each poem must be no more than one page and no more than 30 lines in length. There is no lower word or line limit.

No submission fee.

All poems must be the original work of the person named on the entry form. All poems must be unpublished (the poem has not previously been published for payment or published as a winning entry in a previous competition). We will accept entries that have previously been submitted to other competitions, provided they have not been awarded a prize or been published.

Entries will be judged anonymously.

The decision of the judge(s) is final.

Winning entrants will be selected and informed by Monday 21 August 2023.

Winners will be publicly announced, and prizes presented, at our Phantom Billstickers National Poetry Day POETS ON THE WRITERS WALK salon event on Friday 25 August 2023 between 6pm and 8pm in Wellington (venue to be confirmed). Winners and shortlisted poets will be invited to read their poem at the salon, or may choose for their poem to be read on their behalf.

Winning entrants will not be funded for travel or accommodation to attend the prize-giving.

If unable to attend, arrangements will be made for winning prizes to be collected by, or delivered to, the winner.

Prize-winning poems will be posted to social media by Wellington branch of the New Zealand Society of Authors and Wellington Writers Walk.

Other (non-prize-winning) poems may be posted to social media by Wellington branch of the New Zealand Society of Authors and Wellington Writers Walk, unless requested otherwise at time of submission.

Entries will not be returned.

Committee members of Wellington Branch of the New Zealand Society of Authors or Wellington Writers Walk are not eligible to enter.