

**THE
RED
ROOM
COMPANY**

POETRY IN UNUSUAL
AND USEFUL WAYS

THE RED ROOM COMPANY PRESENTS



2015

SHORTLIST

**Red Room
Poetry Object
2015:
poems inspired
by special
objects**

**“Grenade-shaped but also a peach.
Strong and unswallowable”**

**- DANIEL, BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL, NSW**

**“A white, porous stone,
filled with air.”**

**- ANSAR, HOLROYD HIGH SCHOOL,
NSW**

**“Childhood was a bundle
of stained pages”**

- LILLI, WILDERNESS SCHOOL, SA

**“Despite this sufferable quest,
This amulet remains inviolate”**

**- AUGUSTUS, GLENMORE ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL,
NSW**

**“I taste peoples blood
all strange in the air, it
tastes like red poppies.”**

- JACOB, MILTON STATE SCHOOL, QLD

**“How could something so small
create so much happiness”**

**- SARAH, BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL,
NSW**

**“Vibrancy is more pristine than a
lorikeet, a boasting sway.”**

**- ALICE, BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL, NSW**





RED ROOM POETRY OBJECT 2015 SHORTLIST

We're pleased to announce the *Red Room Poetry Object 2015* Shortlist!

Firstly, Congratulations and enormous thanks to each and every poet who has contributed with such consideration and generosity to *Red Room Poetry Object 2015*.

With over 2550 object offerings from students and teachers across Australia and New Zealand, we've been deeply moved by the generosity, humour and thoughtfulness in the work.

In the words of this year's *Poetry Object* judge Lisa Gorton: "I was amazed and delighted by the high standard of the poetry in this competition. Some poems were funny, some heartfelt or dramatic; some were like speech and some were like a song; but every poem had something brilliant and original in it."



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL

TERRITORY

'Memory Catcher' ~ Kylie, Year 7, Caroline Chisholm School

'Runaway' ~ Annalise Pippard, Teacher, Caroline Chisholm School

'The Mask' ~ Niamh, Year 7, Caroline Chisholm School

'Under The Covers' ~ Jack, Year 7, Caroline Chisholm School

'The broken ornaments' ~ Cara Shipp, Teacher Wanniassa School

NEW SOUTH WALES

'Much-loved Novel' ~ Jana, Year 6, Annandale North Primary School

'My Guitar' ~ Leo, Year 5, Annandale North Public School

'Memories of a Watch' ~ Alyssa, Year 8, Auburn Girls High School

'Five Nights at Freddy's' ~ Abby, Year 6, Balgowlah Heights Public School

'Mud and the Ring' ~ Zoe, Year 6, Balgowlah Heights Public School

'Stars' ~ Rebecca Conor, Year 6, Balgowlah Heights Public School

'The Forgotten Fossil' ~ Carter, Year 6 Balgowlah Heights Public School

'The Horse and I' ~ Sophie, Year 6, Balgowlah Heights Public School

'Tree Swinger' ~ Lucia, Year 5, Balgowlah Heights Public School

'Wildcat' ~ Louise, Year 5, Balgowlah Heights Public School

'Wedding Band' ~ Blake Nuto, Teacher, Balmain Public School

'The Wise Old Man on the Hill' ~ Tahaf, Year 5, Ben Venue Public School

'Dog' ~ Lucy, Year 6, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School

'Notorious' ~ Bettina, Year 3, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School

'Mysterious Allure' ~ Alice, Year 6, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School

'The Dove' ~ Leah, Year 4, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School

'The Mask' ~ Cian, Year 3, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School

'Shelter' ~ Daniel, Year 3, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School

'Words From Home' ~ Linda Filmer, Teacher, Bletchington Public School

'Piano' ~ Coco, Year 3, Bondi Beach Public School

'Stronghold' ~ Tiegan, Year 9, Dapto High School

'Angel in a Silver Dress' ~ Mairead, Year 6, Farmborough Rd Public School

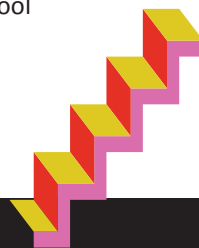
'Solar-powered Nodding Cats' ~ Karolina Novak, Teacher, Forestville Montessori Secondary School

'Life of Ball' ~ Adam, Year 7, Forestville Montessori Secondary School

'The Athenian Helm' ~ Augustus, Year 6, Glenmore Road Public School

'The Test of Time' ~ Harrison, Year 6, Hay School of the Air

'A Stone of Memories' ~ Ansar, Year 8, Holroyd High School



NEW SOUTH WALES **continued...**

'Cameo' ~ Abdullah, Year 8, Holroyd High School

'The Wondrous And Mysterious Tooth' ~ Rana, Year 3, Holy Saviour School

'The bone of mosquitoes has been unleashed – but don't worry it will be fun' ~ Mia, Year 7, Hornsby Girls High School

'My Little Angel' ~ Olivia, Year 7, Hornsby Girls High School

'Grandmother's Chips' ~ Grace, Year 7, Hornsby Girls High School

'A Globe of Many Places' ~ Sithumi, Year 7, Hornsby Girls High School

'Sarcasm Loading, Please Wait' ~ Elizabeth, Year 8, Illawarra Christian School

'My Tick Tock Yoda Clock' ~ Lachlan, Year 3, Kensington Public School

'Miniature Elephant Statue' ~ Harry, Year 6, Lakelands Public School

'Refrigerator/Fridge' ~ Owen, Year 7, LaSalle Catholic College

'As time is made and lost' ~ Vivian, Year 9, Macquarie Fields High School

'Tiger' ~ Calum, Year 7, Magdalene Catholic High School

'Little Letters' ~ Daphne, Year 9, Meriden

'Nothing' ~ Jenny, Year 10, Meriden

'The Trunk' ~ Katerina, Year 10, Meriden

'My Pink Plastic Saviour' ~ Emily, Year 8, Meriden

'Sleep Spirit' ~ Chloe, Year 6, Mona Vale Public School

'The Arms' ~ Lara, Year 6, Mona Vale Public School

'My Clarinet' ~ Joshua, Year 6, Mona Vale Public School

'A condensed sky' ~ Sascha, Year 8, Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College

'Little Bronze Coin' ~ Molly, Year 8, Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College

'A Poem For Frank' ~ Kate Dench, Teacher, Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College

'Tessellation' ~ Suzanne Mealing, Teacher, Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College

'Lighting up our world with poetry' ~ Years 3-4 Poetry Installation, Mount St Thomas Public School

'Shell' ~ Alexandra, Year 8, North Sydney Girls High School

'Come and Gone' ~ Thomas, Year 5, Oatley West Public School

'The Jigsaw Puzzle Piece' ~ James, Year 5, Oatley West Public School

'The Shortest Journey' ~ Isaac, Year 5, Oatley West Primary School

'Poetree Forest' ~ Years 7-10 Poetry Installation, Parkes High School

'Ageless' ~ Sarah, Year 10, Shoalhaven High School

'From Zero to Fun in 10 Seconds' ~ Laurinda Bailey, Teacher, Shoalhaven High School

'Para Sa Aking Mga Kakabayan' ~ Joseph, Year 7, St. Patrick's Marist College

'Kia Ora' ~ James, Year 8, The Forest High School

'Pain And Gain' ~ Ben, Year 8, The Forest High School

'The Black Upright' ~ Jacqui, Year 8, The Forest High School

NEW SOUTH WALES **continued...**

'Titanium' ~ Chris Falkland, Teacher, The Forest High School

'Newton's Cradle' ~ Darci, Year 6, Unload Creative Writing

NORTHERN TERRITORY

'Crocodiles' ~ Raymond, Year 6, Braitling Primary School

'Home' ~ Lily, Year 5, Durack School

'The Grasslands' ~ Christopher, Year 6, Durack School

'A Solitary Refugee' ~ Kristen Scott, Teacher, Kormilda College

'Bush Tucka' ~ Jeanie, Year 3, Wugularr School

QUEENSLAND

'My Army Hat' ~ Jacob, Year 4, Milton State School

'Deadly Hat Brah' ~ Chace, Year 4, Toowoomba Grammar School

'Great Grandmas Shoes' ~ Nicholas, Year 4, Toowoomba Grammar School

'My Medals' ~ Matthew, Year 4, Toowoomba Grammar School

'My Mother's Watch' ~ Margaret Gebbett, Teacher, Toowoomba Grammar School

'Poet Tree' ~ Year 4 Poetry Installation, Toowoomba Grammar School

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

'Fibonacci Recall' ~ Rebekah Martin, Teacher, Hallett Cove School

'Deseutude' ~ Skylah, Year 8, Mitcham Girls High School

'Gift of Fortune' ~ Amelia, Year 8, Mitcham Girls High School

'Ode To Master Roshi' ~ Mitchell, Year 9, Riverton & District High School

'Padlock' ~ Amy, Year 8, Wilderness School

'The Enchanted Wood' ~ Lilli, Year 8, Wilderness School

TASMANIA

'Dreamcatcher' ~ Aida, Year 4, Albuera Street Primary School

'Monkey' ~ Grant Williams, Teacher, Albuera Street Primary School

'My Adventurous Novelty' ~ Lauren, Year 5, Albuera Street Primary School

'My Cards' ~ Jack, Year 5, Albuera Street Primary School

'My Copper Grit Scooter' ~ Christopher, Year 5, Albuera Street Primary School

'Working with Wire' ~ Year 4/5 Williams Poetry Installation, Albuera Street Primary School

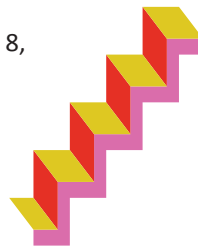
'Infinite Endings' ~ Jo Longbottom, Teacher, Montrose Bay High School

'Junk Drawers' ~ Years 8-10 Poetry Installation, Montrose Bay High School

'Spirit of the Card' ~ Joshua, Year 10, Montrose Bay High School

'Portal' ~ Lily, Year 8, Riverside High School

'The Evolution of a Story' ~ Jessica, Year 8, Riverside High School



VICTORIA

'Red Room Antiques' ~ Sanghaya, Cathy, Jennifer, My, Katie, Emma, Rita and Jazmin, Year 7 Poetry Installation, Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

'Book' ~ April, Year 3, North Fitzroy Primary School

'An Inevitable Thing' ~ Tom Kristof, Teacher, North Fitzroy Primary School

'Toy Kangaroo' ~ Renate El Shataly, Teacher, Our Lady of Sion

'I Am The Spark' ~ Stephanie, Year 7, Star of the Sea College

'M Leunig' ~ Julie Humphreys, Teacher, St Mary's School, Myrtleford

'As a man is, So he Sees' ~ Helen Bradwell, Teacher, Suzanne Cory High School

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

'Eraser' ~ Emily, Year 7, Applecross Senior High School

'Taonga (treasure)' ~ Veronica Lake, Teacher, Applecross Senior High School

'My First Toy' ~ Anna, Year 5, Churchlands Primary School

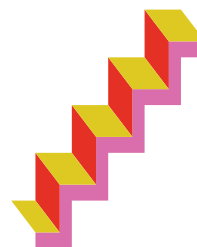
'Balloon Installation' ~ Year 8 English Poetry Installation, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School

'Riverstone' ~ Aryanne, Year 10, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School

'The Medal' ~ Emma, Year 8, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School

NEW ZEALAND

'Bearded Dragon' ~ Maite, Year 6, Puketapu School



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