



Media Release

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Submissions open for the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards

I encourage budding young poets to put their writing skills to the test in the 2014 Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards.

Submissions to Australia's longest running poetry competition for students opened on March 1.

Poetry is an age-old art form that delights and inspires many. One of my personal favourites is Tennyson's Ulysses. I have often referred to these thought-provoking lines at various stages of my life.

It is always a delight to hear the fanciful poems created by the younger generation. Their imaginative pieces capture an innocence that only childhood holds.

In this day and age where technology reigns, it is terrific to see children putting pen to paper and creating some lyrical masterpieces.

Winning students will be well-rewarded for their efforts, with \$500 on offer for individual entrants and \$1000 for schools.

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards are celebrating a milestone this year with their 30th anniversary and I congratulate them on this achievement.

I hope talented young people will enter the awards and show off their poetic genius.

The awards are open to kindergarten, primary and secondary students and entries can be submitted online at www.dorothea.com.au. Submissions close June 30.

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