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## Congratulations to the 2021 Roland Leach Poetry Prize winners

At a special presentation evening held at the Mt Claremont Community Centre and officiated by Patron Roland Leach and City of Nedlands Deputy Mayor Cr Leo McManus, Ms Poppy Bell from Presbyterian Ladies' College was named Overall Winner of the 2021 Roland Leach Poetry Prize, for her poem 'shoelaces'.

With 540 entries from around the State, first, second and third prizes were awarded in each category, as well as high commendations and an overall winner. Renowned Western Australian poet Kevin Gillian, who was judging the contest for the first time, was delighted at the variety and calibre of entries.

The Roland Leach Poetry Prize is a biennial competition run by the City of Nedlands Library Service. The competition aims to promote poetry in the community and to recognise and reward outstanding, original works by Western Australian primary and high school students.

Due to COVID-19, the competition was postponed last year, however this year, the eighth year of the competition, 540 entries were received from 69 schools. This was an outstanding result showcasing a wealth of talent from a broad range of students from Years 3 to 12.

### Winners of the Roland Leach Poetry Prize for 2021

The Most Enthusiastic School Award was won by Christchurch Grammar School with 59 entries, and The Most Poetic School was Presbyterian Ladies' College with two category winners and the overall winner.

Overall Winner of the Roland Leach Poetry Prize for 2021 is Poppy Bell from Presbyterian Ladies' College for her poem called 'shoelace'.

#### Category A: Middle Primary: years 3 and 4

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Liesl Ho for <i>Animal Dilemma</i>	Nedlands Primary School
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Kavya Mistry for <i>Story</i>	Methodist Ladies' College
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Adia Krejci for <i>Djilba</i>	Subiaco Primary School
Highly Commended	Prachi Shah for <i>Spring</i>	Karrinyup Primary School

#### Category B: Upper Primary: years 5 and 6

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Justicio Ksatrianto for <i>When the Earth was born</i>	Nedlands Primary School
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Rosie Ashton for <i>My Special Field</i>	Little Grove Primary School
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Hugo Lawer for <i>My Country</i>	Wembley Primary School
Highly Commended	Alexander Antic for <i>Inside the Statue's Mind</i>	Osborne Primary School

Category C: Lower Secondary: years 7, 8 and 9

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Thalia Therese Kurniawan for <i>That is Visual Art to Me!</i>	John XXIII College
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Victoria Hill for <i>Social media is ruining our nation</i>	St Stephens School
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Elizaveta Fedotova for <i>A Story of an Unborn Child</i>	Bob Hawke College
Highly Commended	Eleni Chapman for <i>The Virun from Wuhan</i>	Chisholm Catholic College

Category D: Upper Secondary: years 10, 11 and 12

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Poppy Bell for <i>shoelaces</i>	Presbyterian Ladies' College
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Poppy Bell for <i>Potlucks</i>	Presbyterian Ladies' College
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Pippa Atwell for <i>Creatures of digits</i>	Presbyterian Ladies' College
Highly Commended	Claire Dunn for <i>Math Problem</i>	Nagle Catholic College

Photo caption:

Front row: Hugo Lawer, Alexander Antic, Adia Krejci, Kavya Mistry, Liesl Ho, Eleni Chapman, Thalia Therese Kurniawan. Back row: Victoria Hill, Elizaveta Fedotova, Poppy Bell, Pippa Atwell. Far left: Roland Leach. Far right: Deputy Mayor, Cr Leo McManus

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**About the City of Nedlands**

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from the Perth CBD and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the white sands of the Indian Ocean. Covering the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt



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## Media Release

Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park, the City of Nedlands is home to a population of approximately 22,000 residents.

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