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2014 Queensland Literary Awards shortlists announcement

State Librarian Janette Wright today announced the shortlists for the 2014 Queensland Literary Awards.

In releasing the shortlists Ms Wright said, “The continued support for the Queensland Literary Awards from authors, publishers, sponsors and the literary community has been exceptional.

“We thank and acknowledge the support of our key award partners the Copyright Agency Limited Cultural Fund, *The Courier-Mail*, the University of Queensland, Griffith University, and the University of Southern Queensland.

“It has been inspiring and encouraging to see many of Australia’s distinguished and much loved authors represented alongside debut authors. The judges, across all categories, have had an extremely challenging task short listing from such a rich field of nominations and I thank them for their work.

The high calibre of entries has again highlighted the strength of Australian writing and publishing with a number of smaller independent presses/publishers alongside the major publishing houses.

In addition to the Queensland Literary Awards, three Queensland Writers Fellowships and the inaugural Queensland Premier’s Young Writers Fellowship will provide support for Queensland authors to develop their work for publication.

Arts Minister Ian Walker said the Queensland Government was supporting four fellowships to create opportunities for the next generation of writing heavyweights.

“The awards night will see three \$15,000 Queensland Writers Fellowships presented, along with the Queensland Premier’s Young Writers Fellowship worth \$10,000 for a Queensland writer under 30 years old,” Mr Walker said.

“These awards mean more Queensland writers can pursue a literary career, develop manuscripts for publication, and tell their stories to a national audience.”

The award winners and recipients of the fellowships will be announced at a special awards ceremony to be held on Monday 8 December 2014.

The shortlists can be found at www.qldliteraryawards.org.au

2014 Queensland Literary Award categories are:

- University of Queensland Fiction Book Award
- University of Queensland Non-fiction Book Award
- Griffith University Young Adult Book Award
- Griffith University Children’s Book Award
- University of Southern Queensland History Book Award
- University of Southern Queensland Australian Short Story Collection – Steele Rudd Award
- State Library of Queensland Poetry Collection – Judith Wright Calanthe Award
- Unpublished Indigenous Writer - David Unaipon Award (*supported by the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund and University of Queensland Press*)
- Emerging Queensland Writer – Manuscript Award (*supported by the University of Queensland Press*)
- *The Courier-Mail* People’s Choice Queensland Book for the Year

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2014 Queensland Literary Awards shortlists

University of Queensland Fiction Book Award

- Evie Wyld, *All the Birds, Singing* (Random House Australia)
- Richard Flanagan, *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* (Random House Australia)
- Fiona Capp, *Gotland* (Harper Collins Publishers)
- Tim Winton, *Eyrie* (Penguin Australia)
- Alex Miller, *Coal Creek* (Allen and Unwin)

University of Queensland Non-fiction Book Award

- Steve Bisley, *Stillways* (Harper Collins)
- Paul Ham, *1914: The Year the World Ended* (Random House Australia)
- Iain McCalman, *The Reef – A Passionate History* (Penguin Australia)
- Penny Olsen, *An Eye for Nature: The Life and Art of William T. Cooper* (National Library of Australia)
- Janis Sheldrick, *Nature's Line: George Goyder, surveyor, environmentalist, visionary* (Wakefield Press)

Griffith University Young Adult Book Award

- A.J Betts, *Zac and Mia* (Text Publishing)
- Felicity Castagna, *The Incredible Here and Now* (Giramondo Publishing)
- Kate Hendrick, *The Accident* (Text Publishing)
- David Metzenthien, *Tigerfish* (Penguin Australia)
- Jaclyn Moriarty, *The Cracks in the Kingdom* (Pan Macmillan Australia)

Griffith University Children's Book Award

- Jackie French, *Refuge* (Harper Collins Publishers)
- Pamela Rushby, *The Ratcatchers Daughter* (Harper Collins Publishers)
- Claire Saxby and Graham Byrne, *Nature Storybooks: The Big Red Kangaroo* (Walker Books Australia)
- Shaun Tan, *The Rules of Summer* (Hachette Australia)
- Samantha Wheeler, *Smooch and Rose* (UQP)

University of Southern Queensland History Book Award

- Joan Beaumont, *Broken Nation* (Allen and Unwin)
- Nicholas Clements, *The Black War : Fear, Sex and Resistance in Tasmania* (UQP)
- Iain McCalman, *The Reef* (Penguin Australia)
- Henry Reynolds, *The Forgotten War* (New South Publishing)
- Clare Wright, *The Forgotten Rebels of Eureka* (Text Publishing)

University of Southern Queensland Australian Short Story Collection – Steele Rudd Award

- Debra Adelaide, *Letter to George Clooney* (Pan Macmillan Australia)
- Tony Birch, *The Promise* (UQP)
- Luke Carman, *An Elegant Young Man* (Giramondo Publishing)
- Ceridwen Dovey, *Only the Animals* (Penguin Australia)
- Laura Jean McKay, *Holiday in Cambodia* (Black Inc. Books)

State Library of Queensland Poetry Collection – Judith Wright Calanthe Award

- Judith Beveridge, *Devadatta's Poems* (Giramondo Publishing)
- Rachael Briggs, *Free Logic* (UQP)
- Liam Ferney, *Boom* (Grand Parade Poets)
- Anthony Lawrence, *Signal Flare* (Puncher & Wattman)
- David Malouf, *Earth Hour* (UQP)

Unpublished Indigenous Writer – David Unaipon Award

- There is no shortlist for this category; the winner of the award will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on Monday 8 December.

Emerging Queensland Writer – Manuscript Award

- Leanne Nolan, *Open Cut*
- Julie Kearney, *3 for a Wedding, 4 for Death*
- Cathy McLennan, *We Come From Saltwater People*