**The Society of Women Writers Victoria Inc.**

Reg. No. A0039632B

**Kathryn Purnell Poetry Award 2021**

Open to women writers.
Prizes: 1st $200, 2nd $125, 3rd $75
**CLOSING DATE: Friday 4th June 2021**

**About the award:**

Awarded for a poem written by a woman of no more than 50 lines, this biennial award is named in honour of a much-loved member of the Society. Kathryn conducted poetry workshops in her home for members, who greatly benefited from her expertise and mentoring.

Kathryn Purnell was born in Canada and lived in France, England, Scotland, Egypt, Indonesia and Africa. When she married an Australian she moved permanently to Melbourne. Kathryn continued her education at the University of Melbourne and became a creative writing tutor. Her poetry and prose was published in many magazines and broadcast on ABC radio. She was an editor in the Luna collective and won many awards for her work.

After her death, the Society set up the Kathryn Purnell Poetry Prize in her honour. It is open to SWW members in all branches and non-members.

**Conditions of Entry:**

* Size: Limit of 50 lines per poem
* Presentation: Size 12 font
* Each entry to be attached to separate entry form (keep copies of all work submitted)
* Number of entries: Poems limited to three [3] per person
* Fees: Per entry – $10 (SWW members)/$15 (non-members) OR 3 entries $20 (SWW members)/$30 (non-members)
* Authorship: Entries must be unpublished, original work of the entrant. Not concurrently entered in another competition, and not previously in receipt of an award.
* Judging: The Judge’s decisions are final; no correspondence will be entered into.
* Announcement of winners will be made at the Society’s Monthly Meeting on Friday 30th July 2021.
* Winning poems will be published in the 2021 issue of *Sparx.*

SEND ENTRIES TO BY EMAIL TO: SUZANNE BENSON, RECEIVING OFFICER: suzannabenson@gmail.com

**Please pay online via TryBooking:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQLCR>

**Or via bank transfer:**

Account name: Society of Women Writers Victoria

Community Solutions BSB: 033636

Account: 152422 please put **[KPPP and your surname]** in the reference section and email a copy of your receipt to suzannabenson@gmail.com

**RESULTS OF THE KATHRYN PURNELL POETRY PRIZE WILL BE MADE KNOWN THROUGH THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The Society of Women Writers Victoria Monthly Meeting
2. Publication in the Society of Women Writers Victoria newsletter – *Write Away* August edition.
3. Posting to the SWWV website [www.swwvic.org.au](http://www.swwvic.org.au)

**SWWV Kathryn Purnell Award—Entry Form**

*PLEASE NOTE: You must be a current financial member of the Society at the time of submission to qualify for the discounted entry price. To join the Society please go to* [*www.swwvic.org.au*](http://www.swwvic.org.au)
Title of poem 1)……………………………………………………………………………

2)……………………………………………………………………………

3)……………………………………………………………………………

Name………………………………………………………………………..

Email address.………………………………………………………………

Telephone number……………………………………………..……………
Address………………………………………………………………………

Postcode………………..
Entry Fee paid $..........................
TryBooking or bank transfer reference and date…………………………….