



Eastern  
Regional  
Libraries

2009

NATIONAL  
poetry writing  
competition

**Adult 1st Prize \$1000**

**Local Award \$500** for residents of  
Knox, Maroondah and Yarra Ranges

**Teenage 1st Prize \$300** 13-18 years

**Junior 1st Prize \$200** 9-12 years

Sponsored by



Entries close Friday, 23 October 2009

# Patricia Sykes

## Judge



Patricia Sykes is an award-winning poet, and a librettist. Her first collection of poetry, *Wire Dancing*, arose out of her experiences as a performer with the Women's Circus and was shortlisted for the Anne Elder and Mary Gilmore awards for 2000.

Her second collection, *Modewarre - Home Ground*, was shortlisted for The Judith Wright Award 2005. Patricia has read and performed her work widely, including on Australian, French and New Zealand radio.

In 2005 she wrote the poetic text for Liza Lim's *Mother Tongue* which premiered at the Festival d'Automne in Paris. In 2006 she was the Asialink writer in residence in Malaysia. Her most recent work is the libretto for Liza Lim's opera, *The Navigator*, which premiered at the Brisbane and Melbourne Arts Festivals in 2008, and will be performed in Moscow and Paris in 2009.

## Conditions of entry

- All entries to be submitted to any branch of Eastern Regional Libraries 7B Eastgate Court, Wantirna South, Victoria 3152 (FAXES AND EMAILS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)
- Entries close Friday 23 October 2009
- Entries posted after this date will not be accepted
- **A Registration Fee must accompany each entry form**
- **\$5 (inc. GST) for Open entries**
- **\$2 (inc. GST) for Teenage and Junior entries** (NB If 2 poems are submitted the fee covers both poems)
- Entrants should be Australian residents
- All poems must be original and not have been previously published in print or online, or entered in any other competition.
- Poems should not exceed 40 lines in length
- Teenage and junior entries may require proof of age
- Schools are requested to limit the number of entries submitted per class.
- In order to ensure anonymity entries should be submitted without the author's name appearing on the entry.
- All entries should be typed on A4 paper and stapled if required.
- Please ensure all personal details are included on the registration form
- The judge's decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into.
- Eastern Regional Libraries reserves the right to retain a copy of prize winning entries and to reproduce these for loan.
- Copyright remains with the writer and is not taken over by the Library.
- **Poems will not be returned.**
- Entrants are advised to retain a copy of the poems submitted
- Winners only will be notified
- Results will be published in the local media and displayed in all branches of Eastern Regional Libraries and on the library's website [www.erl.vic.gov.au](http://www.erl.vic.gov.au)
- Prizes will be awarded at a presentation evening in late November.

**Enquiries phone Lorraine Seeger (03) 9800 6405**



Entry form must be completed - Registration fee to accompany each entry form. Download entry form: [www.erl.vic.gov.au](http://www.erl.vic.gov.au)

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

AGE (Teenage & Junior only)

POEM 1

POEM 2

WHERE DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS COMPETITION?