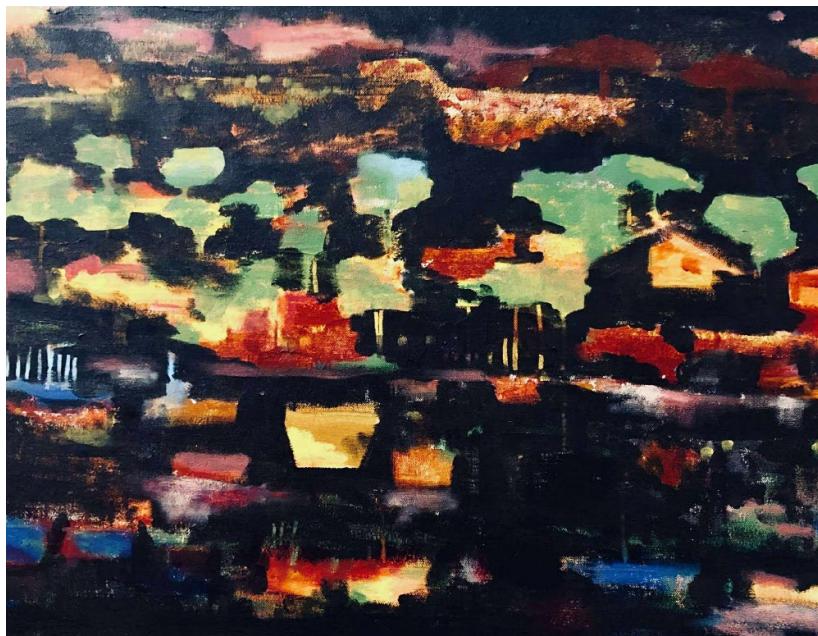


Liquid Amber 2026 Poetry Prize and Anthology

Poetry on Fire

Catch the spark, poets! The 2026 Liquid Amber Poetry Prize invites you to take up the challenge of the theme '**Poetry on Fire.**' Like poetry itself, fire can be exciting, useful, edgy, moody, dangerous. Fire can brighten and warm – and, out of control, it can burn and destroy. You might take this theme in any direction – a flair of the heart, sustenance of the hearth, illuminations of the imagination, or cataclysms of the environment.

Challenge yourself to tend the flames of your creativity, discovering what is being energized into the myriad embers of poetry. We are looking forward to reading your work!



'Untitled', Sharon Monagle, 2020

We are all of us born of fire.

Judith Wright, 'The Shadow of Fire: Ghazals'



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The annual Liquid Amber Poetry Prize invites established and emerging poets to explore a stimulating theme, win prizes and have their poems published in a high-quality anthology.

First prize: \$1,250

Second prize: \$ 650

Best Poem by an Emerging Poet: Mentoring Pack with Rose Lucas

The Longlist to be published in the Anthology (authors receive a complimentary copy)

Be inspired. Be part of a growing community of poets and readers.

- **Entry:** \$25/poem; or for those unwaged the entry fee is \$15/poem
Purchase your Entry Form at www.liquidamberpress.com.au/shop
- **Submissions to be sent to:** info@liquidamberpress.com.au
- **Submissions:** open Feb 7th and close May 3rd, 2026
- **Judges:** Rose Lucas, Ali Whitelock and Angela Costi
- **Longlist announced:** July 2026. Poems selected for the Longlist will be published as the Anthology *Poetry on Fire*(Liquid Amber Press, 2026)
- **Winners announced:** August 2026
- **Anthology launched:** Poetry Zoom, November 2026

Rules and Guidelines

- Open to all poets internationally (excluding Liquid Amber Press team members)
- No late entries accepted
- Poems must not have been previously published in digital or print form, and if longlisted must not be published elsewhere before December 2026
- Poems can be in any style and must be a response to the broad theme of 'on Fire'
- Each poem MUST:
 - be submitted as a **Word document accompanied by a signed Entry Form**
 - be **no more than 50 lines** (does not include title, subtitle or footnotes)
- Note: Author's name should NOT appear on the poem
- There is no limit to the number of entries that each poet can submit
- To be eligible for the Emerging Poet Prize, the author must not have a full collection of poetry published prior to December 2026
- The prize will be judged anonymously and the Judges' decision will be final

Liquid Amber Press is located in western Melbourne/Naarm and we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this unceded land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders, poets and artists, past and present.