

UTR6.188 - THE VINCENT BUCKLEY POETRY PRIZE

Recitals-

- A. The University received donations totalling \$23,000 ('capital sum') in 1992 from family and friends of the late Professor Emeritus Vincent Buckley to establish "The Vincent Buckley Poetry Prize" in his memory.
- B. The donors stipulated that income from the fund established by the donations be applied to the purposes and on the conditions as set out in this record.
- C. Further funds may be donated following the recent launching of an appeal to augment the initial donations.

It is provided as follows-

1. The capital sum and any accumulations and additions to the capital sum form a fund called the "Vincent Buckley Poetry Prize" ('fund') and the fund must be paid into one or more investment common funds and remain there until Council directs otherwise.
2. A prize called 'The Vincent Buckley Poetry Prize' is to be awarded on behalf of the University by the dean of the faculty of Arts ('dean') upon the recommendation of a committee ('committee') comprising-
 - (a) the director of the Australian Centre, or, in the event of the Centre ceasing to exist, a senior lecturer or above who specialises in the teaching of Australian literature at the University;
 - (b) the head of the academic unit responsible for the discipline of English at the University or the head's nominee; and
 - (c) a practising poet nominated from time to time by the dean.
3. Subject to the provisions of section 7, the prize is to be awarded every two years ('period') as follows-
 - (a) the first award of the prize must be to a poet writing in Australia and the second award of the prize must be to a poet writing in Ireland, and each subsequent prize must be made on the same alternate basis; and
 - (b) to be eligible for award of the prize, the poet must present a group or volume or volumes or oeuvre of poems written in English by himself or herself.
4. Subject to section 8, the prize, which is funded from net annual income of the fund, consists of the whole of, or assistance towards, a return airfare to Ireland for a poet writing in Australia and the whole of, or assistance towards, a return airfare to Australia for a poet writing in Ireland. If funds permit, and if the committee so determines, some spending money may form part of the prize and, if so, the amount of spending money available is to be determined by the committee.
5. For one year from the date of award of the prize, the prize-winner will be an honorary fellow of the University associated with the Australian Centre, the reasonable resources of which will be available to the prize-winner for the purposes of commemorating Vincent Buckley's life and work.
6. The availability of the prize must be advertised by the committee in such manner as it in its absolute discretion considers appropriate and the cost of such advertising is to be met out of the fund.

7. (a) If the committee in its absolute discretion determines that no entry in any period qualifies for the prize it may withhold the prize for that period.
 - (b) Where a prize is withheld in accordance with paragraph (a), the subsequent prize is to be awarded to a poet either in Australia or in Ireland, as the case may be, as if the withheld prize had been made in the ordinary course.
 - (c) If the income of the fund in any year is insufficient to enable award of the prize, the committee may, in its discretion, postpone the offer of the prize for such period as it determines, which may be less than two years, in order to allow the income of the fund to reach a satisfactory level. The postponed prize must be offered to poets in Australia or Ireland, as the case may be, who would have been eligible for award of the prize at the date of postponement.
8. If at any time and for whatever reason it becomes impracticable or impossible to continue to award the prize on the above conditions then the Council may apply the income of the fund and, where necessary, the capital, for such other purposes as the Council decides most closely accord with the donors' intentions in establishing a poetry prize to commemorate Vincent Buckley's life and work.

[Revoked as a Regulation and certified as a University trust record 26/5/10; Recitals A, B am and D del; ss 1, 2, 2(b)(c), 3, 4, 7c) am and 8 del 16/02/12.]