

## 2024 Peter Porter Poetry Prize Shortlist

*Australian Book Review* is delighted to announce the shortlist for the 2024 Peter Porter Poetry Prize. First presented in 2005, the Porter Prize is one of the world's leading prizes for a new poem in English. It is worth a total of \$10,000, of which the overall winner will receive \$6,000.

This year our judges are Lachlan Brown, Dan Disney and Felicity Plunkett.

They chose the five shortlisted poems from a field of 1,066 entries. Poets from twenty-one different countries entered the Prize.

The shortlisted poets are **Judith Nangala Crispin** (NSW), **Natalie Damjanovich-Napoleon** (WA), **Dan Hogan** (NSW), **Meredi Ortega** (Scotland/UK), and **Dženana Vucic** (Germany).



(L to R): Judith Nangala Crispin, Natalie Damjanovich-Napoleon, Dan Hogan, Meredi Ortega and Dženana Vucic

### From the Judges' Report:

'Arriving at this shortlist, each of us was reading for language that was concise and perspicacious, language that arrested our attention in ways that immediately rewarded rereading. In uniquely different ways, each shortlisted poem demonstrates compelling awareness of the function not only of the poetic line but, more broadly, of syntax, grammar, diction and the power relations transmitted therein.'

The shortlisted poems will appear in the January–February 2024 issue of *Australian Book Review*.

The official ceremony will take place via Zoom at 6pm on **Tuesday, 23 January** (AEDT).

To register your interest in this online event, please email [rsvp@australianbookreview.com.au](mailto:rsvp@australianbookreview.com.au)

### About the shortlisted poets

**Judith Nangala Crispin** is a poet and visual artist of Indigenous and mixed descent. She has published two collections of poetry.

**Natalie Damjanovich-Napoleon's** work has appeared in *Meanjin*, *Cordite*, *The Found Poetry Review*, *Westerly*, *Australian Poetry Journal* and *Writer's Digest*.

**Dan Hogan's** debut collection is *Secret Third Thing* (Cordite, 2023) and their work has been recognised by the Judith Wright Poetry Prize, Val Vallis Award, and XYZ Prize.

**Meredi Ortega's** poems have appeared in the *Times Literary Supplement*, *The Poetry Review*, *Meanjin*, *The Best Australian Science Writing 2023*, and *Scientific American*.

**Dženana Vucic's** writing has appeared in *Sydney Review of Books*, *Overland*, *Meanjin*, *Australian Poetry Journal*, and *Australian Multilingual Writing Project*.

### Further information

The shortlisted poets and the Editor are available for interview. See the *ABR* website for information about the prize.

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