

Dan Hogan wins the 2024 Porter Prize

Dan Hogan was named the overall winner of the [2024 Peter Porter Poetry Prize](#) at an online ceremony on 23 January 2024 for their poem 'Workarounds'.

The Porter Prize – Australia's most prestigious poetry competition – is worth a total of \$10,000. This year's judges – Lachlan Brown, Dan Disney and Felicity Plunkett – shortlisted five poems, by Judith Nangala Crispin (NSW), Natalie Damjanovich-Napoleon (WA), Dan Hogan (NSW), Meredi Ortega (Scotland/UK), and Dženana Vucic (Germany). The shortlisted poems were selected from 1,066 entries sent from twenty-one countries. They appear in the [January–February issue](#) of *ABR*.

The judges said this of 'Workarounds':

“‘Workarounds’ remains a stunning critique of the so-called 4th Industrial Revolution, in a lexicon that could (almost) be the gibberish of a pre-ChatGPT machine attempting to replicate human thought ... but not quite. Amid apparent non sequiturs, the heroically outlandish expressiveness, the absurd sleights and puns, there are moments of challenge to those alert to the fact that this poem may be investing in social critique rather than mere post-LangPo fun.’

On learning of their win, Dan Hogan commented:

‘I was surprised to bits to learn that my poem had won the 2024 Peter Porter Poetry Prize. Deepest thanks to *Australian Book Review*, the judges, and those behind the prize. Recognising poetic daring, the Porter Prize is an important prize due to its international scope, and so it is an immense honour to join the prize's rich lineage of poems and poets.’

About Dan Hogan

Dan Hogan (they/them) is a writer from San Remo, NSW (Awabakal and Darkinjung Country). They currently live and work on Dharug and Gadigal Country (Sydney). Dan's debut book of poetry, *Secret Third Thing* (Cordite, 2023), won the Five Islands Poetry Prize. Dan's work has been recognised by the Val Vallis Award, the Judith Wright Poetry Prize, and the XYZ Prize.

Further information

The Peter Porter Poetry Prize honours the life and work of the great Australian poet Peter Porter (1929–2010), an honoured contributor to *ABR* for many years. For more information about the [Peter Porter Poetry Prize](#), or to read the [2024 shortlisted poems](#), please visit the [ABR website](#).

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Interviews

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