

FRIENDLY STREET POETS Inc.

NEW POETS 27

2026 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Each edition of the *New Poets* series publishes a collection of poems from 3 previously unpublished poets, selected anonymously by an experienced judge following a competition open to any poet living in South Australia.

Please read carefully the following information regarding eligibility, presentation format, and the selection process. Any entries which fail to comply with these submission guidelines will be disqualified.

Submissions open 1st April 2026 and close at midnight, 31st May, 2026.

Submissions will only be accepted via the on-line form on the FSP website:

<http://friendlystreetpoets.org.au>

Late submissions will not be accepted.

Criteria for Eligibility

- Entry is open to South Australian residents only.
- Subject to the exception below, entry is only open to poets who have not had a collection of poetry published or under consideration for publication by any publisher.
- Self-published manuscripts or chapbooks may be exempted under certain circumstances. To allow consideration of the matter by the Friendly Street Poets Inc Committee, please request a determination in the email submission with information about the book: title, date printed, printer and/or publisher details, number of copies printed, number of pages. If the book has an ISBN, it will be ineligible. If a submission is found ineligible, a refund will be given.

Format and Presentation

- The title of the manuscript must appear on the title page and in the submission form.
- The **name of the poet must not appear anywhere** in the body of the manuscript.
- Manuscripts cannot include an acknowledgment page detailing previous publication of the poems. If your manuscript is selected, you will be asked to supply such details later.
- The work must be formatted on **A4 pages with 4cm side margins**. Use a clear readable **12-point font. 30 lines maximum per page**, including titles.
- Manuscripts must contain **26 pages of poetry**. Poets can enter more than 1 poem per page to allow authors of haiku, quatrains & other short poetry forms to submit, but if more than 1 poem per page, there **MUST** be at least 2 spaces between poems, and including 2nd and subsequent titles. Pages must be numbered.
- The manuscript must be in MS Word .doc or .docx format or as a PDF file.
- The manuscript must be submitted via the on-line form on the FSP website:
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Selection

- No member of the Friendly Street Poets Inc. Committee will be involved in the selection of manuscripts. An outside assessor will be appointed by that Committee.
- The Judge's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Should no manuscripts of publishable standard be received, the Committee reserves the right to take any of the following actions: cancel publication of the New Poets volume, defer publication until three manuscripts of publishable standard are received, widen the eligibility criteria, or call for further submissions. However, as judging must take place before these decisions are made, there will be no refund of entry fees.

Results

- All poets who submit an entry will be invited to attend the meeting of Friendly Street Poets Inc. at which the names of those poets chosen for publication will be announced.
- All poets will receive official notification by email and a copy of the Judge's general report about the entries, unless collected at the meeting.
- Poets chosen for publication will receive a brief written report about their manuscript from the Judge.

Editing and Publication

Poets chosen for publication agree to work expeditiously with the Friendly Street Poets Inc Publishing Editor to meet all deadlines related to the editing and publication of **New Poets 26**.

Launch Date of Publication & Benefits for the Poets

- **New Poets 27** will be launched in **October 2026**.
- Each poet in the book will receive \$187.50 prize money (royalties paid in advance), 2 copies of the publication and free membership of FSP until the end of **2027**.
- Each poet has the option to purchase further copies at \$15.00 each to sell with the profits made by each New Poet to be kept by the poet selling the **New Poet 27** books.
- Any proceeds from selling **New Poets 27** books sold by FSP will be kept by FSP.

Entry fee

An entry fee of **\$40** must be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer to FSP:

BSB # 105-090

Account # 347 509 340

Poets **MUST** enter "**NP27**" and their **surname** and **initials** on the electronic payment!