



RON PRETTY

Class of 1957

Ron Pretty (1953-1957) continued his studies in the field of education at Balmain Teachers' College and the University of Sydney. He has taught in primary schools, high schools, teachers' colleges and universities from 1960 to 2007. As well, Ron has taught creative writing in schools, universities and community groups throughout Australia, USA, England and Austria. He was Head of Writing in the Faculty of Creative Arts at the university of Wollongong 1993 -1998.

He established the South Coast Writers' Centre and Five Islands Press, the leading publisher of contemporary Australian Poetry. He also ran the Poetry Australian Foundation and more recently the Taronga Foundation Poetry Prize for young poets. He has also had many poems published in newspapers and literary magazines over the past 35 years.

Ron Pretty won the NSW premier's Special Prize for Services to Literature in 2001 and receive an AM for services to Australian Literature in 2002.