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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Rory Nevitt Harris was born on 12 Jan 1954 in Adelaide, South Australia. He completed a B.Ed in English and Drama in 1987, Graduate Diploma in Religious Education (Catholic studies), M.Ed. Studies (Literacy and Language Education. As a teacher, and a writer-in-residence, Rory Harris has taught in schools, colleges, universities and prisons. He has done much to encourage young people's writing and appreciation of poetry, and has edited anthologies of poetry written by children he has taught, and also edited their work for the South Australian teacher' journal.

With Peter McFarlane he has co-edited a series of poetry textbooks on teaching poetry for the Australian Association for the Teaching of English, including *A book to write poems by* (1983), *A book to perform poems by* (1985), *Making the magic* (1988) and *Doing bombers off the jetty : models for writing poetry* (1997).

In 1990 Harris was a primary school headmaster in the Solomon Islands. During his stay he wrote radio dramas which were translated into Solomon Island pidgin and broadcast on National Radio Solomon Islands.

At present he is Curriculum Coordinator of English and the Arts at St Paul's College, Adelaide, South Australia.

References: AustLit : the resource for Australian literature, January 2007.
Rory Harris Friendly Street Poets web page, January 2007.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers contain personal and professional correspondence and drafts of poems by Rory Harris. There are also drafts of book reviews for Friendly Street Poets, together with working notes and drafts written in collaboration with Peter McFarlane for a series of poetry textbooks on teaching poetry which they edited for the Australian Association for the Teaching of English (AATE).

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RELATED ARCHIVAL MATERIALS

Related Material

Further manuscript material relating to Rory Harris may be found in Special Collections, UNSW Canberra, Australian Defence Force Academy in the papers of: Friendly Street Poets [MSS 061](#).

Separated Material

This collection originally included a number of publications, listed below. These works have been catalogued separately, and added to the Library's main collection.

Harris, Rory. *Over the outrow*. Unley, South Australia: Friendly Street Poets, 1982.

Harris, Rory. *From the residence*. Salisbury [S. Aust.] : Teachers' Publishing Company, 1984.

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Harris, Rory. *Waterline*. Wollongong: Five Islands Press, 1999.

A book to write poems by, compiled by Rory Harris and Peter McFarlane. Adelaide : [Australian Association for the Teaching of English], 1983.

Harris, Rory and Peter McFarlane. *A Book to perform poems by*. Adelaide : [Australian Association for the Teaching of English], 1985.

Take a chance : an anthology of performance poetry, compiled by Rory Harris. Norwood, S. Aust. : Australian Association for the Teaching of English, 1981.

Time out, edited by Rory Harris. Elizabeth, S. Aust. : Elizabeth High School, 1978.

Hold it, forget the last bit : anthology of poems from Morialta High School [Adelaide : Morialta High School], 1979.

Just right : an anthology of poems [Adelaide] : Department of Education, 1979.

Getting down to it : an anthology of poems from Kadina High School [Kadina, S. Aust. : Kadina High School], 1980.

Tearless land : an anthology of poems from Augusta Park and Port Augusta High Schools [S. Aust. : s.n.], 1980.

One foot in the door : anthology of poems from Morialta High School [Adelaide : Morialta High School], 1980.

In a nutshell, edited by Claire Elliott and Rory Harris. [Adelaide : Morialta High School, n.d.].

Voices from the beacon : anthology from students of Brighton High edited by Rory Harris. [Adelaide, S. Aust. : Brighton High School], 1978.

Getting over it : an anthology of poems from Brighton High School [Adelaide : Brighton High School], 1980.

Resources of the earth : poems from Crafers Primary School [Adelaide : Crafers Primary School, n.d.].

Penned? : poems from Elizabeth West [Adelaide : Elizabeth West High School, 1983].

The Come out book. [St. Peters, S. Aust. : Experimental Art Foundation, [1981].

Word tent. [St. Peters, S. Aust. : Experimental Art Foundation, [1981].

Studio, 57, 69, 85, 1994-2002.

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS

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