



# VICTORIAN BUSH POETRY AND MUSIC Assoc. Inc.

## NOVICE POET COMPETITION Information sheet

Open to individuals, duos and groups

**Conducted at the Bush Entertainment Muster**

6 - 8th October 2017 Benalla Bowls Club, 25 Arundel St, Benalla Victoria

**Novice Poet** Competition held Saturday morning as part of Poets' Breakfast



### Competition Rules

Bush Poetry must have rhyme, rhythm and metre.

**NOVICE POET** 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

- Aim:** To value and encourage traditional Australian Bush culture through Poetry and Song.
- Entrants:** individuals only please, not duos or groups.
- ONE entry** per person and must be family entertainment – no offensive material.
- Any Australian rhyming metred poem, original or not. **Max 5 mins** (Incl. preamble).
- Poems:** Classical, Modern, or Original poem about Australia, Australians, or the Australian way of life.. Failure to adhere to this criteria may result in your /performance being deemed ineligible. Poems which previously received 1<sup>st</sup> place by the entrant in VBPA Championships are ineligible.
- Deducted Points:** Points will be deducted for: being over time
- If in the majority opinion of the Judges a performance is offensive and/or objectionable, the score sheet could be deemed null and void and a zero score given.
- Eligibility:** must be a member of a Victorian bush verse club or VBPA. A **NOVICE** has not won a first prize for Bush Poetry Performance before. The winner will then move to **INTERMEDIATE** class for future competitions.
- Three judges using current (**ABPA**) **Aust Bush Poetry Association's** rules (Dated 14/11/2014) scoresheets & the Rank Order Tally System.
- The **Judges' decision** will be final **Judges:** Carol Reffold plus two

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**BENALLA MUSTER PROGRAMME AS AT 1<sup>st</sup> Sept: (Hopefully there'll be no changes)**

6pm Friday **Meet 'n' Greet** Buy Dinner from Bistro.

**FRIDAY 7pm AUSSIE CONCERT** Benalla Bowling Club – **Euroa Uke Group, plus** VBPA members  
bush poetry & song **Cost \$10 if no Muster wristband** **Bookings** Jan 0422 848 707

### SATURDAY

**8am eat** Breakfast at your accommodation, Bakery or Maccas

*Bowls Club*

**9 – 10.45 am POETS' WALK UP + NOVICE COMP** (Novice entry forms from Jan)

**10.45 am smoko \$2 donation**

**11am Sat** Performers Up Close – Christine Middleton: Music Therapy for Healing.

**12.15 – 1pm Lunch** welcome old friends/ new friends!

**1.15pm - 1.45pm Anzac** tribute at 'Weary Dunlop' statue in Rose Garden incl **Group photo.**

**2 – 3pm Short** Poems & Yarns (Bowls Club) Walk up. MC

**3 – 3.30pm** Smoko break and prepare for Song Championships *Drinks and food from bistro.*

**3.30pm – approx 6pm VICT SONG CHAMPIONSHIPS** Original song, then non Original song (max 10 ea)  
Judges: *Christine Middleton, Jeff Mifsud and Phillip Pye.*

6pm – 7.30pm Dinner buy from Bistro

**7.30 pm Saturday AUSSIE CONCERT** Guests: **Song 2017 winner/s, plus Judges and others**

### SUNDAY

**8am eat Breakfast** at your accommodation, Bakery or Maccas

*Bowls Club* **9 – 10.15 am POETS' WALK UP**

**10.15 am smoko** by donation

**10.30 – 11.15am Performers Up close:** **Dona McQueen Sue Pearce**

**11.15 – 12.15pm Performers up close** Jeff Mifsud songs and stories of the sea

**12.30pm Lunch** – buy from Bistro *Musicians needed to provide lunchtime music*

**1.30 – 2.30pm ONE MINUTE POEM COMP**

**2.30 – 3.30pm MUSIC SESSION** *Need leader* leading (BYO instrument/voice) All join in

Pack up **?4pm VBPA AGM** then Special General Meeting. All welcome. (Join VBPA \$10pa)

**Weekend - wristband \$35 or \$30 concession, seniors, poetry club members or pay by session.**



# VBPMA NOVICE POET COMPETITION

## ENTRY FORM

### At Benalla Bush Entertainment Muster 6 - 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017

Name: .....

Address: .....

Postcode.....Phone.....

Email.....

Poetry club .....

(entrants should be members of a club)

**NOVICE POET** 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15 **Please read rules**

**ANY POEM 5 mins ORIGINAL CLASSICAL OR MODERN** *circle which*

**Title of Entry: First Choice**.....

(max 10 entrants in order received)

*If Classical or Modern please state 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice*

*We will contact you asap if your first choice has already been entered*

**Title: Second Choice**.....

**Novice Poet Competition approx 9.30am Saturday morning as part of Poets' Breakfast**

If attending the whole weekend you need a wristband

**Entries preferred by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September (max 10 entrants each section) LATE ENTRIES OK IF ROOM**

**Cost of entry: \$5**

**WEEKEND WRISTBAND:** This includes concerts Friday & Saturday.

Entrant/Student/volunteer/poet-song club members **\$30** (U18 \$0) **WRISTBAND @ \$30** X..... = \$

**Circle payment Method:** cheque money order Direct Debit **POET entries \$5** = \$

(I will fill out a membership form at the Muster) I would like to be a member of VBPMA (\$10 annually) \$10

**TOTAL \$.....**

Cheque/money order payable to **Victorian Bush Poetry & Music Association Inc.**

**Direct Debit - Bank: Bendigo Bank Acc name: VBPMA Inc BSB 633108 Acc. No: 142764125** (ref your name)

I have read the rules of this competition and agree to abide by them.

I confirm that my Original Poem in this competition was written by myself/duo/group

I have never been awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in a Bush Poetry competition.

I hereby give permission for the VBPMA to use my work with the copyright retained by me

Signed:..... Date:...../...../.....

**Scan/email or**

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