



# VICTORIAN BUSH POETRY AND MUSIC Assoc. Inc. SONG CHAMPIONSHIP

**Information sheet**

**\*\*1. Best Original Song** 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

**\*\*2. Best Non-Original Song** 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

**3. Victorian Best Overall Song Award** \$75 and trophy. Overall Runner-up \$50.

**\*\*1 & 2: + Man from Snowy River Bush Festival (5 – 8th April 2018) Double pass (\$300+)**

Open to individuals, duos and groups

**Conducted at the Bush Entertainment Muster**

**6 – 8th October 2017 Benalla Bowls Club, 25 Arundel St, Benalla Victoria**  
**Song Competition held Saturday afternoon from approx. 4pm**

## Competition Rules

**ONE entry each section and must be family entertainment – no offensive material.**

1. **Aim:** To value and encourage traditional Australian Bush culture through Song/Music.

2. **Entrants:** individuals, duos or groups; each person appearing on stage once per section.

3. **Songs and Instrumentals:** Traditional, modern, or original tune and lyric about Australia, Australians, or the Australian way of life. Failure to adhere to this criteria may result in your song/performance being deemed ineligible. Songs which previously received 1<sup>st</sup> place by the entrant in VBPMMA Championships are ineligible.

4. **Medleys** are acceptable but must be a continuous performance after the introduction/preamble.

5. **Time limit.** Six minutes including intro. Points will be deducted for going over this time limit.

6. **Deducted Points:** Points will be deducted for: being over time (2 points per judge per 15 seconds over)

7. **Pre recorded backing music** not permitted. Accompaniment to be performed live on the day.

8. Combined rankings from song categories 1 & 2 will be used to determine the best overall performer/s.

9. 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.

10. Entrants must be a member of a bush verse club or the Australian Bush Poets' Association

11. The **Judges' decision** will be final

**Judges:** Jeff Mifsud, Phillip Pye and Christine Middleton

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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** VBPMMA 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**

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**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 VBPMMA AGM** then Special General Meeting. All welcome. (Join VBPMMA \$10pa)

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

**Workshops & Concerts only: \$15/\$10 if no wristband**



# VBPMA SONG CHAMPIONSHIP

# ENTRY FORM

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

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Name: .....Act name.....

Address:.....

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

Email.....

### Section 1 - Original Song/Music (written by the performer, duo or group)

**Please read rules**

Title of Entry.....

(max 10 entrants in order received)

### Section 2 – Non-Original Australian Song/Music (written by anyone else)

*Individual, duo or group*

**Please read rules**

Title: First Choice.....

(max 10 entrants in order received)

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

Title: Second Choice.....

### Song/Music sections held Saturday afternoon from approx. 4pm

If attending the whole weekend you need a wristband

Entries preferred by Friday 22nd September (max 10 entrants each section) **LATE ENTRIES OK IF ROOM**

**Cost per Song entry: \$10**

**WEEKEND WRISTBAND:** This includes Saturday Night concert. Winners are invited to perform Saturday night

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

**Circle payment Method:** cheque money order Direct Debit **Song entries \$10 X 1 or 2 = \$**

(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)**

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

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

No item nominated by us/me has been performed by us/me & awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in this annual competition.

We/I hereby give permission for the VBPMA to use my/our work with the copyright retained by me/us.

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

Scan/email or

**Post to:** Jan Lewis, Secretary VBPMA Inc 275 B Cudgewa Valley Rd, Cudgewa VIC, 3705

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