

2019 VICTORIAN BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS (THURS 4TH - SUN 7TH APRIL) JUNIOR COMPETITION OVERVIEW SHEET

Overview of the opportunities for Juniors 5 – 17years in the Bush Poetry segment of the Festival.

Opportunities	Description	Process	Prizes announced
VBPMA Junior Written Championships (4 sections)	Written by the student Decorations are encouraged (We prefer rhymed verse)	Use entry form - submit to Jan Lewis or MFSR office by Friday 15th March	Judged prior to the festival and winners announced Thursday 4th April at Concert in Youth Hall
VBPMA Junior Performance Championships (4 sections)	Performed by an individual or duo (Group Performance is non competitive in 2019)		All performance entrants will be judged on Thursday 4th April at Concert starting 12.30 pm in the Youth Hall
'Spirit of Mateship' Award Trophy for Primary & Secondary students	For a poem that best depicts a spirit of mateship. Original or Non-	Chosen from Performances No extra fee	Winners announced at the conclusion of the performances. Aiming for 2.30pm
Bush Costume Competition (Chosen from performers and audience)	Individuals Judged at Thurs concert	No entry form or fee Attend Thursday 4th April for judging.	Winners encouraged to perform again at 2pm Sunday before the Adults Award Ceremony begins.
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School Group Performances Non-Competitive	Aust Rhyming poem or picture book story. Props & music allowed but poetry should be the main content.	Please use entry form so we can allocate time slots for all performances.	JUST FOR FUN!!
Awards Ceremony	All sections with photos	Photos can be emailed to info@vbpma.com.au	Aiming for 2.30pm
Awards Ceremony 2pm on Sunday	Junior Winners can perform & others too if time allows.	For planning purposes please inform Jan Lewis if you want to perform Sunday.	Junior Winners 2pm Sun
Poets' Breakfasts Friday, Saturday and Sunday	All welcome. Solo, Duo or group performances	Could school groups please notify Jan Lewis if you want to perform on Friday morning.	Outdoor stage, Banjo's Block on Friday, Sat & Sun 8 am – 10am

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JUNIOR INFORMATION & ENTRY FORMS

ENTRIES OPEN: 1ST FEBRUARY 2019 | ENTRIES CLOSE: 15TH MARCH 2019

The Australian Bush Poetry Championships encourage children & youth to join us in the skills of writing & reciting. We hope teachers & families will enter Juniors on their behalf. The rules of the competition will be followed, but we do want everyone to have *fun* as well.

Junior Entry Forms and Festival information are available at www.abpa.org.au/events.html and <https://www.bushfestival.com.au/program/entertainment/poetry-and-bush-music/>.

The MFSR Bush Festival Poetry and Music Competition started in 1995 and is now regarded as one of the most prestigious events in the country. We are delighted to announce that in 2019 the Victorian Bush Poetry Championships will again be included within the *MFSR* program of events (with \$300 in cash and prizes available for our Junior contestants).

Championships aim: “To foster and encourage children and youth to join us in learning the skills of writing and performing Australian Bush Verse.” Entries for all sections should be about Australia, Australians and/or the Australian way of life and have good rhyme and metre.

In the **Junior Performance** section we encourage participation by individuals, duos, families, groups or grades of children/young adults with a **\$2.00 entry fee per individual entry** (be that entry an individual, duo, family, group or grade entry). Individual children/young adults may appear one more time in this competition as part of a duo, family group or grade presentation.

Family and friends are welcome to assist junior performers on stage and props are definitely encouraged, but judging will focus on the child/children on the entry form and on the entertainment value that **they** provide.

In the **Junior Performance** section contestants may perform original or non-original poems (either traditional or Modern) or present works from Australian picture books.

Group/Grade Performance section is non-competitive.

“**Spirit of Mateship**” trophies will be awarded to Primary & Secondary students whose performances best depict mateship, equality, loyalty and friendship (both original and non-original entries).

The **Junior Performance** section will be held from approx. **12.30 pm** on **Thursday 4th April** in the **Lions Youth Hall**. Thursdays Junior Winners are invited to perform again **2.00 pm Sunday the 7th April** at **Lions Youth Hall**. Junior Winners are also invited to perform at the Poet’s Breakfasts held at **Banjo’s Block** on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings (approx. 8.00am-10.00 am)**.

In the **Junior Written** section we also encourage participation by individuals, duos, groups or grades of children/young adults with a **\$2.00 entry fee per individual entry**. (Meaning that entries in the **Junior Written** section can be the original work of an individual or a collaborative effort between a duo, group or grade). In the **Junior Written** section we prefer that the entries be printed and we encourage decoration.

Poems in the **Junior Written** section will be judged before the Festival and the winners announced at the Festival **Thursday 4th April** in the **Lions Youth Hall (approx. 2.00 pm)**. There will also be a “**Bush Costume**” competition with prizes awarded to performers and audience members.

The **Junior Bush Poetry** sections are where the ‘*stars of the future*’ are born. Many of our Junior contestants are now prizewinners in the Adult Poetry sections of our competition! Don’t miss your opportunity to **Perform with a Legend** by joining in with our competitions or Poet’s Breakfasts.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY/SECTION INFORMATION

We will use the **ABPA Competition Assessment Sheets** in the running of this competition.

www.abpa.org.au/competitions.html

- ❑ **Sect Junior Written:** There are 4 age groups in this section. (1) Prep to Grade 2, (2) Grade 3-4, (3) Grade 5-6, (4) Secondary Years 7-12. **There are no line limits or restrictions on number of entries.** \$2.00 per entry per age group. We prefer entries to be typed on 1 side of A4 paper, however hand-written entries are acceptable provided they are legible. Original work **ONLY** and 1 copy of each entry required. Decorations encouraged. **Class bundles** with entry form/names pasted to the back are great.
- ❑ **Sect Junior Performance** There are 4 age groups in this section. (1) Prep to Grade 2, (2) Grade 3 or 4, (3) Grade 5 or 6, (4) Secondary Years 7-12. \$2.00 per entry per age group. Original, Non-Original (Modern or Traditional) or text from Australian picture book. **Max 5 mins** (Incl. preamble).
- ❑ **Spirit of Mateship Performance:** Chosen from Performances – Primary and Secondary trophies and prizes to best performed poems with a Mateship theme. No extra fee.
- ❑ **School/Group Performance (Non-Competitive)** Aust Rhyming poem or picture book story recited/presented by a group or class. Props encouraged and music allowed but poetry should be the main content.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ❑ To be eligible for the Junior Competition entrants must be under the age of 18 years as of 31st March, 2019.
- ❑ No individual, duo, family, group or grade entry may repeat a poem with which they have won (i.e. 1st place) a section in a previous National or State Championship in either Written or Performance sections.
- ❑ We reserve the right to publish, record or reproduce work submitted (© retained by writer/performer/s).
- ❑ A Parent, Teacher or Guardian must sign on behalf of Junior Competition entrants in the appropriate spot on the **“Entrants Declaration & Fees”** section on page 4 of this document.
- ❑ Students may fill out other details on “Entry Forms” but the writing must be legible. The names for certificates will be taken from these handwritten portions of the “Entry Forms” on page 4
- ❑ Unsigned/unpaid entries will not be accepted. (i.e. please send fee with entry form & poem).
- ❑ As per the Adult sections **Offensive material/language** is not appropriate in the Junior Competition and could lead to your removal from the competition section (without refund of entry fee). All material to be family orientated. Just because you obtain the material performed from a published book or CD does not make it acceptable.
- ❑ **Written entries:** No names on actual written poems Please paste/staple entry form to the back.
- ❑ Poems will be returned.
- ❑ All Junior entries close Fri 15th March 2019. Post to P.O. Box 144, Corryong, VIC, 3707. (No late entries).
- ❑ **All Junior entries** may also be delivered (in person) to the Festival Office, Cnr Hanson & Jardine St Corryong
- ❑ For further enquiries contact the **Festival Office on (02) 6076 1992.**
- ❑ You can also e-mail the Festival Office at events@bushfestival.com.au or visit their Website www.bushfestival.com.au

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JUNIOR WRITTEN ENTRY FORM (PASTE ON BACK OF POEM/ENTRY)

(Please sign entrant's declaration & send with fees & poem to Festival address by Fri 15th March 2019)

NAME: _____ ACT NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____ POST CODE _____

EMAIL: _____ YOUR SCHOOL _____

PHONE (BH): _____ (AH) _____

Poem

Title _____

There are four age groups in this section. *(Please tick which group)*

Prep to Grade 2 Grade 3 or 4 Grade 5 or 6 Secondary Yr. 7-12

There are four entry categories in this section. *(Please tick which group)*

Individual Duo Group Grade

There is a Total Prize Pool of \$300 in cash prizes plus merchandise to distribute as per the judges' decision.

All contestants receive a certificate.

JUNIOR PERFORMANCE ENTRY FORM

(Please sign entrant's declaration & send with fees & poem to Festival address by Friday 15th March 2019)

NAME: _____ ACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ POST CODE: _____

EMAIL: _____ YOUR SCHOOL: _____

PHONE (BH): _____ (AH): _____

POEM TITLE: _____ AUTHOR: _____

There are four age groups in this section. *(Please tick which group)*

Prep to Grade 2 Grade 3 or 4 Grade 5 or 6 Secondary Yr. 7-12

There are two entry categories in this section. *(Please tick which group)*

Individual Duo Does it depict a Spirit of Mateship?

There is a Total Prize Pool of \$300 in cash prizes plus merchandise to distribute as per the judge's decision.
(This cash prize pool includes 2 x \$20 awards to the Primary/Secondary students who win the "Spirit of Mateship" section. These two winners also receive a trophy).

NON-COMPETITIVE

GROUP/GRADE PERFORMANCE

Write name, title age etc. in the Performance Entry section above.

ENTRANTS DECLARATION AND FEES (ENQUIRIES TO Jan 02 6077 4332)

I have read the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them/agree to help my children/students abide by them. I allow/do not allow (circle which) my child/students' performance to be recorded/used for Festival promotions. © remains with the author. A separate Entry Form should be used for each Junior entrant whether individual, duo, group or grade.

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Teacher _____

I enclose full payment of \$2.00 per entry

Written entries \$2.00 x ____ = ____ Performance Entries \$2.00 x ____ = ____ Total Fees \$ _____