



VICTORIAN BUSH POETRY AND MUSIC Assoc. Inc.
NOVICE POET COMPETITION **Information sheet**

Open to individuals, duos and groups

Conducted at the Bush Entertainment Muster

11 - 13 October 2019 Benalla Bowls Club, 25 Arundel St, Benalla

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

1. **Aim:** To value and encourage traditional Australian Bush culture through Poetry and Song.
2. **Entrants:** individuals only please, not duos or groups.
3. **ONE entry** per person and must be family entertainment – no offensive material.
4. Any Australian rhyming metred poem, original or not. **Max 5 mins** (Incl. preamble).
5. **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 1st place by the entrant in VBPMMA Championships are ineligible.
6. **Deducted Points:** Points will be deducted for: being over time
7. 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.
8. **Eligibility:** must be a member of a Victorian bush verse club or VBPMMA. A **NOVICE** has not won a first prize for Bush Poetry Performance before. The winner will then move to **OPEN** class for future competitions.
9. Three judges will use current (**ABPA**) **Aust Bush Poetry Association's** rules scoresheets
10. The **Judges' decision** will be final **Judges:** Lorraine McCrimmon plus two

BENALLA MUSTER PROGRAMME AS AT August: (Hopefully there'll be no changes)

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

FRIDAY 7pm AUSSIE CONCERT Benalla Bowls Club – **incl Euroa Uke Group, Col Milligan**, VBPMMA members bush poetry & song **Cost \$10 if no Muster wristband** **Bookings** Jan 0422 848 707

SATURDAY

8am eat Breakfast at the club (to be confirmed).

8.30 – 10.30 am WALK UP POETS and MUSOS + NOVICE COMP (Novice entry forms from Jan)

10.30 am smoko \$2 cup donation

11am Sat Concert Bendigo Goldfields Bush Poets & Singers

12.n – 12.45pm Lunch welcome old friends/ new friends!

1 pm - 1.40pm Anzac tribute at 'Weary Dunlop' statue in Rose Garden incl **Group photo**.

2 – 3pm Short Poems & Yarns (Bowls Club) Walk up. MC Mick Coventry and 'the bell'

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: *Jill Meehan, Geoffrey W Graham and Jeff Mifsud.* ? on Sound.

6pm – 7.30pm Dinner buy from Bistro

7.30 pm Saturday AUSSIE CONCERT Guests: **Song 2018 winner/s, Judges and Col Milligan.**

RIVER THEME SUNDAY

8am eat Breakfast Breakfast at the club (to be confirmed).

8.30am – 10.30 am WALK UP POETS and MUSOS

10.30 am smoko by donation

11.am – 12.30pm Participation River theme songs, poems and stories led by ?

12.30pm Lunch – buy from Bistro *lunchtime music?*

1.30 – 2.30pm CAROL REFFOLD HOUR incl **ONE MINUTE POEM COMP** hosted by ?

2.30 – 3.30pm MUSIC SESSION Jill Meehan 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.



VBPMA NOVICE POET COMPETITION

ENTRY FORM

At Benalla Bush Entertainment Muster 11 - 13 Oct 2019

Name:

Address:

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

Email.....

Poetry club

(entrants should be members of a Victorian bush poetry club)

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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 1st and 2nd choice

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

Title: Second Choice.....

Novice Poet Competition approx 9.45am Saturday morning as part of Poets' Breakfast

If attending the whole weekend you need a wristband

Entries preferred by Friday 27th 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 633000 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 1st 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

Post to:

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