



2021 MFSR POETRY EVENT & COMPETITION INFORMATION SHEET

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. In 2020 the event was to celebrate 25 years of the festival (as well as including our regular Man from Snowy River Bush Poetry events). Unfortunately, the 2020 event did not proceed due to the Corona-Virus pandemic. We now intend to celebrate this 25th anniversary weekend at the 2021 event. To honour this milestone items from the past 25 years will be featured across the entire weekend in 2021 as presented by our visiting **Poets, Yarnspinners, Songsters & Featured Guest Artists**.

Thursday features an afternoon concert plus a **25th Anniversary Tribute Show** as well as our usual **'Meet & Greet'** evening at the Bottom Pub. Friday's program remains largely unchanged with the **'Anzac Remembrance'** concert & the **'Man from Snowy River' Recitation final**. Saturday will see **Walkups** along with the **'Jack Riley Heritage Award'** competition and a repeat of our **Tribute** concert. Sunday will host the **One Minute** poetry competition as well as further **Walkups**. There will also be a **Poet's Breakfast** held every morning. Enjoy the thrill of competition or sit back in the informal setting of Banjo's Block where Poet's Breakfasts yarns, music and singalong sessions happen. So, come and join in or show us how to do it! Informal Campfire performers are most welcome also!

Our aim: *"To foster and encourage the growth of Bush Poetry (and yarns) in Australia, and this year, honour 25 years of performance."*

Judges for our 2021 Performance sections will be; Graeme Johnson (**The Rhymer from Ryde**, NSW-Senior judge) & friends. We thank them and the rest of our team of volunteers for their dedication to making our event a success.

The 2020 pre-festival judging of entries (on sound files) has already revealed the three finalists who will meet to recite *Banjo Paterson's* epic ballad at Banjo's Block on the Friday evening in 2021. (Maurie Foun, Rhonda Tallnash & James Thomas). In the 'Man from Snowy River' Recitation competition, men and ladies will be judged together. For the 2021 Jack Riley Heritage Award, we're looking for the best original performed poem, yarn or song about Jack Riley, Corryong or *Banjo's Country* (men and women will be judged separately). In the 'Jack Riley Heritage Award' competition there is a limit of one entry, per person, per section with a \$10 entry fee.

There will be no Adult or Junior Written sections or Junior Performance sections in 2021. However, our Junior poets are welcome to perform at our Poet's Breakfasts or at any other walk-up session that may occur.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Please ensure that you read the Terms and Conditions of Entry carefully and retain a copy for your records. Entry forms can be found here:

www.bushfestival.com.au

www.abpa.org.au

Entries open: Monday 18th January 2021

Entries close: Friday 26th February 2021

Returning your entry: Post to MFSR Poetry Entries, PO Box 144, Corryong VIC 3707 or events@bushfestival.com.au Performance entries are accepted in date order. No late entries accepted.

ENTRY FEES

- Unsigned or unpaid entries will not be accepted. We prefer entrants to be a member of the **ABPA** and/or Poetry Clubs.
- One entry, per person, per section (section 2).
- Entries accepted in order of date received (limit 15 each men and women for Jack Riley Heritage Award).
- \$10.00 Entry Fee for section 2. We'll refund fees if limit is reached).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY / SECTION INFORMATION

Bush Poetry must have rhyme, rhythm and metre.

Yarn-spinning is not a connected line of jokes, nor does it rhyme.

***Note: Songs, poems and yarns which have won the Jack Riley Heritage Award and poems and yarns that have won an Open Category at any ABPA Victorian, State Championship or National Championship are ineligible to be performed in this competition.*

Parodies are ineligible for Open sections, but great for the Poets' Breakfasts and Campfire sessions.

Banjo's MFSR Recital

As preliminary judging for the 2020 event had already determined the 3 Finalists for this recitation section (before the 2020 event was cancelled) it was determined that these 3 pre-selected poets will now compete in the final of this competition in 2021. Hence we will not be accepting further entries for this section for the 2021 event. These 3 Finalists will perform at the Festival (in this section) on Friday 9th April 2021 (approx. 6.30 pm).

SECTION 2: Jack Riley Heritage Award

Awarded to the best original poem, yarn or song with the lowest Rank Total (from 3 judges) that depicts 'Banjo's Country' or reference to Jack Riley, Corryong and surrounding areas.

Offensive material will not be tolerated and could lead to your removal from the competition section, (without refund of entry fee). All material performed must be family orientated.

PERFORMANCE COMPETITION ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Three judges will be used for Performance section No. 2. The time limit of 8 mins in the 'Jack Riley Heritage Award' is the upper limit including preamble.

Judging sheets for the "Banjo's MFSR Recital"-Finals-& the 'Jack Riley Heritage Award' are available at: <http://www.abpa.org.au/events.html>

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT DETAIL CRITERIA

Poetry/Yarn/Song Performance Section (100)

PREAMBLE, IMPRESSION
CLARITY VOLUME & RANGE
PACE & VARIATIONS
PITCH PAUSE & INTONATION GESTURES,
AUDIENCE REACTION
MEMORISATION/READING, STORYLINE, ORIGINALITY
CHOICE OF POEM, YARN, SONG

Final: "Banjo's MFSR Recital" (100)

CLARITY, VOLUME & RANGES
PACE & VARIATION, INTERACTION
PITCH, EMPHASIS & INFLECTION
MEMORISATION & ACCURACY
ORIGINALITY
JUDGE'S PERSONAL OPINION

AND FINALLY...

- The Judges' assessment sheets will be available to collect at the conclusion of the competition on Sunday.
- Entrants should be prepared to provide a photo and details for publication if required.
- We reserve right to publish, record or reproduce work submitted (© retained by writer: See entry form).
- All sections held Friday night, Saturday and Sunday are at Youth Hall/Banjo's Block.
- We reserve the right to change the program (only if necessary).
- A program for the 2021 MFSRBF can be purchased at the Festival upon arrival, or visit the website for more information: www.bushfestival.com.au
- Judges and anyone paid by Festival are not eligible for prizes except for 'One Minute Poem.'

VOLUNTEERING AT THE FESTIVAL

To volunteer at the MFSR Bush Poetry event you must complete a Volunteer application form which can be done so via visiting the Festival website: www.bushfestival.com.au Please ensure that you select the 'Apply' tab, and tick the 'Poetry' box when completing the Volunteer Application.

Applications open: Mon 11th January 2021

A limited number of Poetry and Music volunteers will be approved. Volunteers pay \$45 (tbc) for a four-day Festival pass, however each hour you work during the Festival will result in a further reduction off your wristband price should you volunteer the following year. (Due to the Victorian Bush Poetry Championships being conducted bi-annually, these MFSR Volunteer hours may be applied bi-annually). **2020 Volunteers** should have received an email asking them to update their details.

ACCOMMODATION

B & Bs, Hotels, Other Camping Accommodation: Please call the Corryong Visitor Information Centre on: 02 6076 2277 ***Note: Camping is not permitted inside or around the Youth Club Hall site.*

Camping on or near Festival site:

Banjo's Camping – Limited camping is available in Banjo's Golf Course Camping. (You need a 4-day wristband to camp there). Sites are 6m x 9m and limited to 1 vehicle per site. Open Monday 5th April– Sunday 11th April 2021. **\$190 per site. Book Banjo's Camping** via the website www.bushfestival.com.au
Poets' Triangle Camping Same cost and conditions as Banjo's Camping, but earmarked for Poets and musicians (**book by phone only (02) 6076 1992 or email admin@bushfestival.com.au**).

Clancy's Overflow Camping – Located 500m from Banjo's Block/Youth Hall. sites are 10m x 9m. Limited to 2 vehicles per site. Open Monday 5th– Sunday 11th April 2021. **\$130 per site.** Please visit the website www.bushfestival.com.au to book a site.

IMPORTANT FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Weekend Pass: 4 day Full Festival Pass is **\$190** per adult. Or earlybird www.bushfestival.com.au

Enquiries: Jan Lewis 02 6077 4332 | info@vbpma.com.au

Festival Office: P O Box 144, Corryong VIC 3707 (02) 6076 1992 | admin@bushfestival.com.au

Festival Programs: Available at www.bushfestival.com.au

Corryong Visitor Information Centre: (02) 6076 2277

Poetry Program will be sent to entrants by email 1 week before the Festival and posted on: www.facebook.com/groups/vicpoets/

POETRY AND BUSH MUSIC PROGRAMME SILVER ANNIVERSARY 2021

Most held at Lions' Youth Hall or 'Banjo's Block' (Cnr. Donaldson St & Strzelecki Way). Catering will be available at Banjo's Block/Youth Hall (Programme as at 13/2/21)

TIME	ITEM	AREA
Wed 7th April 3-4.30pm (TBC)	Concert for Hostel & Nursing Home residents (Walk-ups)	Hostel: Jephcott Ave * Not public event
6.30pm	Trivia with MFSR segments. (TBC) Meals available	Corryong Hotel/Motel (Bottom Pub) Best to book
Thursday 8th April		
10.30am – 12noon	Concert for Day Activity group. Performers welcome (Walkups)	Top of Kiel Street * Not public event
12.30pm-3.00pm	‘Have a go’ Opening Concert Adults & any Juniors (Walkups)	Lions Youth Club Hall
5.00pm – 6.30pm	Bush Poetry 25th Anniversary TRIBUTE Concert. * Jan Lewis, Peter Klein, Geoffrey W Graham, Rhonda Tallnash, Trevor Best, Rhymer from Ryde, Jenny Markwell, Greg North	Entertainment Marquee – Rec Reserve (Repeated on Saturday at 6.30pm)
6.30pm	Poets and Musos Meet, Greet and Eat (then perform)	Corryong Hotel/Motel (Bottom Pub) Meals from 6.30pm
8.00pm – 10pm	‘Have a go’ Poetry, songs, yarns, (Walkups) MCs Rhymer from Ryde and Matt Hollis	
Friday 9th April		
8.00am-10.30am	Poets Breakfast ‘Have a go’ (Open Mic) (Walkups) MCs Rhymer from Ryde and Matt Hollis	Banjo’s Block -BYO chair for outside (If raining, Youth Hall)
10.30 – 11.15am	Harp Music-Christine Middleton	Banjo’s Block-(If raining, Youth Hall)
11am – 12.30pm	Re-enactment No 1 (of MFSR poem on hillside)	Thougla - catch the free bus
11.15 - 12.15pm	‘I remember’ Concert (Walkups)	Banjo’s Block-(If raining, Youth Hall)
12.30 - 2pm	ANZAC Remembrance Concert	RSL Hall – Donaldson Street
1.30 – 4.30pm	Re-enactment No 2 (of MFSR poem on hillside)	Thougla - catch the free bus
3 - 4pm	Capt Pete kids show	Crackup Homestead, Rec Reserve
3 – 4pm	‘Reminiscing’ Concert <i>The Rhymer & Matt Hollis</i>	Banjo’s Block - (If raining, Youth Hall)
4 – 5pm	Greg North ‘A Bit of Banjo’	Entertainment Marquee, Rec Reserve
4 – 4.30pm	TBA	Banjo’s Block
4.30 – 6pm	Aussie Song session led by Kevin McCarthy & Simon Dillon	Banjo’s Block
6 - 6.30pm	Dinner Break	Banjo’s Block
6.30pm	“Man from Snowy River” Recital Comp 3 Finalists: M Foun, R Tallnash, J Thomas	Lions Youth Club Hall
7.15 - 8.15 pm 8.30 – 9.30pm	25th Anniversary memories Master Yarns 25th Anniversary memories Funny Poems (Featured Poets & Walkups in both these sessions)	Lions Youth Club Hall
9.00pm - late	Campfire Session	Banjo’s Block
Saturday 10th April		
8.00am-10.00am	Poets Breakfast ‘Have a go’ (Open Mic) (Walkups) MCs Rhymer from Ryde and Matt Hollis	Banjo’s Block-(If raining, Youth Hall)
10.30am	Street Parade – Poets and musos meet at 10.15am at High Country Inn , on service road. Photo after Parade.	(Parade in Hanson Street)- Artists meet at MFSR statue for photo.
11.30am – 1pm	25th Anniversary Classical Poems written pre 1950 (Featured Poets & Walkups in this session)	Lions Youth Club Hall
12n – 1pm	Geoffrey W Graham	Entertainment Marquee, Rec Reserve
1 - 1.30pm	Lunch with music by Christine Middleton	Banjo’s Block
1.30 – 3.30pm	Jack Riley Heritage Award Competition Best Original Poem, Yarn or Song	Lions Youth Club Hall
3.30 - 4.15pm	Captain Pete’s Kids Show	Entertainment Marquee, Rec Reserve
4 – 5.30pm	25th anniversary Modern Poems written since 1950 MC Greg North (Featured Poets & Walkups in this show)	Lions Youth Club Hall
5.30 – 6.30pm	Dinner with Aussie Song session led by Kevin McCarthy & Simon Dillon	Banjo’s Block-(If raining, Youth Hall)

Saturday 10th April		
6.30pm - 8.30pm	Bush Poetry 25th Anniversary TRIBUTE Concert. * Jan Lewis, Peter Klein, Geoffrey W Graham, Rhonda Tallnash, Trevor Best, Rhymer from Ryde, Jenny Markwell, Greg North	Lions Youth Club Hall
8.30 –8.45pm	Results MFSR Recital & Jack Riley Heritage Awards	Lions Youth Club Hall
8.45 – 9.30pm	Bonza Blokes Bush Band Happy songs from the hills	Lions Youth Club Hall
Till late	Campfire session BYO instrument, poem or song	Banjo's Block
Sunday 11th April		
8.00 -11am	Poets Breakfast <i>'Have a go'</i> (Open Mic) (Walkups) MCs Rhymer from Ryde and Matt Hollis	Banjo's Block- (If raining, Youth Hall)
10 – 11am	Greg North, 'Sticky Situations'	Entertainment Marquee, Rec Reserve
11 – 12 midday	'Campbell the Swaggie' and other Characters (Featured Poets & Walkups in this show)	Banjo's Block (If raining, Youth Hall)
12midday – 1pm	Geoffrey W Graham	Entertainment Marquee
12 - 1pm	Lunch with music	Banjo's Block (If raining, Youth Hall)
1 – 2 pm	Carol Reffold Memorial One Min Poem & tributes	Lions Youth Club Hall
2 – 3pm	Judges Jump up and finale. Featuring Greg North, Christine Middleton, The Rhymer from Ryde, Geoffrey Graham, Jan Lewis, Rhonda Tallnash, Jenny Markwell	Lions Youth Club Hall
6.00pm	'Have a go' Farewell - BYO Food & Drinks MC Geoffrey W Graham	Colac Colac Caravan Park

Management reserves the right to change, amend, cancel, reschedule (time and/or venue) or alter the program in any way without notice.