



## BUNDABERG POETS' SOCIETY INC.

### *Qld. Bush Poetry Performance Championships* *at the* *20th Bundy Bush Poetry Muster*

2015

On the week-end of July 3rd , 4th & 5th the Bundaberg Poets' Society Inc. hosted another successful week-end of performance poetry competitions as well as the much anticipated Friday and Saturday night concerts in the Sails Function Room at Across the Waves Sports Club. Poets and visitors came from as far as Townsville in the north to several towns and cities in New South Wales and Victoria.

Forty-six (46) poets had registered to take part in the Novice, Intermediate and Open categories plus the Duo competition, Yarn Spinning and One Minute Cup but there were some late entries taken on the week-end. Twenty-six (26) children had registered to recite their favourite poems in the three (3) junior categories. The children's performances were something to marvel at and most comments were - "how awesome were the children".

In conjunction with the performance competitions the club also ran the 2015 Qld. Written Competition - Bush Lantern Award for Bush Verse with categories for Opens, Primary School students and Secondary School students. Also prior to the Muster week-end in conjunction with The Guardian and Dymocks Booksellers the club ran a poem competition with the theme being "Wide Bay Burnett Region". This created some interest amongst the locals.

The winner in the Open category of the Bush Lantern Award was Shelley Hansen from Maryborough, Qld. The winner in the Primary School category was Lillian Lawrence from Capella, Qld. and the winner in the Secondary School category was Alice O'Grady from Eumundi, Qld.

The 2015 Qld. Male poetry performance winner on the week-end after three days of competition was Lynden Baxter from Monto and the 2015 Qld. Female poetry performance winner was Kathy Vallance from St.Arnaud, Victoria. Performers who competed in all three categories (traditional, modern and original) in the Open Section were the only ones eligible to win the overall trophy. At the completion of all three categories these scores were tallied to determine who had gained the most points to be named Overall Champion for the week-end.

The Friday and Saturday night concerts once again proved very popular and entertainment with stand out performances by Marco Gliori, Gary Fogarty and Bill Kearns. The Saturday evening concert was sold out with two hundred & fifty (250) attending the concert with very few tickets available on the week-end. People were walking out after the concert saying "great night; we will be back next year; I'm glad I was able to purchase tickets; would not have wanted to miss this night".

A big thank-you to the competitors for their co-operation over the week-end which enabled the Bundy Bush Poetry Muster to run smoothly.

At the conclusion of the presentation of trophies Club President, Edna Harvey, thanked all who attended to make the 2015 Qld. Bush Poetry Performance Championships at the Bundy Bush Poetry Muster a wonderful success and hoped all enjoyed themselves and look forward to catching up somewhere down the track at other festivals.

To finish off a fabulous week-end of poetry and friendship over 50 poets, family members and friends made their way back to John & Sandy Lees' place for a sausage sizzle and chat.

For dates for the 2016 Bundy Bush Poetry Muster check [www.apba.org.au/events.html](http://www.apba.org.au/events.html) in a few months time but usually it's the first week-end in July.

Until we meet again happy poetry days.

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Secretary/Muster Co-ordinator