

Results for Eastwood/Hills FAW Boree Log Award for Bush Verse 2015

First Place:	Roadside Pizza	Tom McIlveen
Second Place:	The Cattle Pastures	Tom McIlveen
Highly Commended:	Murray Moon	Brenda Joy
Highly Commended:	Sealed with a Kiss	Tom McIlveen
Highly Commended:	Hickory and Steel	Bob Bush
Commended:	Bobby's Return	Tom McIlveen
Commended:	Bluey	Tom McIlveen

Report from Judge: Brian Beesley

There were less entries in this year's Boree Log Award than in previous years, however the content of subject matter was no less interesting. Stories from an unfortunate meal at a roadside café, through the stark reality of a war weary soldier, to the vivid beauty of our native landscape were captivating to read. Many fine ballads were sustained with intricate rhyme schemes, while other, less formidable poems, were compromised by poor rhyme selections and inconsistent rhythm. It is imperative that attention to perfect rhyme and metre is addressed at all times. There are many fine poets writing wonderful verse today, so any lapses in rhyme and metre will render a potentially good poem out of contention for a place, or commended position. Congratulations to all placed entrants – your entries were a pleasure to read. To those who were unsuccessful, your ballads were not far off the mark. My suggestion would be to go over your work and try to improve wording and rhymes. There is a maxim in short story writing that says – 'show not tell', this also applies to writing good, sustainable verse. Ask a friend or family member, unfamiliar with poetry, to read your work aloud to you – it is then you will notice irregularities in rhythm. Thank you for the opportunity to judge this year's Boree Log Award.