

INFORMATION RELEASE

WALTZING MATILDA JUNIOR BUSH POETRY FESTIVAL

The 25th annual Junior Bush Poetry festival held in Winton each year took on a COVID response in 2020, and the response was a good one. 19 students sent in written entries and a neat 100 submitted a digital performance entry – a great credit to the schools, teachers, parents and students involved. Banjo Paterson, who wrote Waltzing Matilda in the Winton District in 1895, would have approved the great response from Australian youth.

In the **performance section**, results are as follows:

GROUP:

Prep/Year1/Year2

- 1st Year 1 from Our Lady's, Longreach
- 2nd Prep from Our Lady's, Longreach
- 3rd Year 2 from Our Lady's, Longreach

Year 3/Year 4

- 1st Year 3 from Our Lady's, Longreach
- 2nd Year 4 from Our Lady's, Longreach
- 3rd Years 2 & 3 from St Joseph's, Barcaldine
- 4th Years 2 & 3 from Winton State School

Year 5/Year 6

- 1st Year 5 from Our Lady's, Longreach
- 2nd Year 6 from Our Lady's, Longreach

INDIVIDUAL:

Prep

- 1st Jasmine Carstairs, Winton State School
- 2nd Ruby Black, Winton State School
- 3rd Amity Gerahty, Winton State School
- HC Alby Studt, Winton State School

Year 1

- 1st Bronte Nicholson, Our Lady's, Longreach
- 2nd Jock McAuley, Winton State School
- 3rd Neveah Lapham, Winton State School
- HC Zoe Hancock, Our Lady's, Longreach

Year 2

- 1st Rivers Curtis, Our Lady's, Longreach
- 2nd Grace Murphy, Longreach School of Distance Education
- 3rd Harry Entriken, Longreach School of Distance Education
- HC Alexie Holland, Our Lady's, Longreach

Year 3

- 1st Emilie Lambley, Our Lady's, Longreach

2nd Taya Miller, Our Lady's, Longreach
3rd Guy Gibson, Longreach School of Distance Education
HC Lara Palmer, Our Lady's, Longreach
HC Oliver O'Shea, Our Lady's, Longreach

Year 4

1st Ben Seeney, Our Lady's, Longreach
2nd Maria Richards, Our Lady's, Longreach
3rd Ben King, Our Lady's, Longreach
HC Lanie McCalman, Winton State School
HC Sarah Lambley, Our Lady's, Longreach

Year 5

1st Heidi Karger, Our Lady's, Longreach
2nd Lincoln East, Longreach School of Distance Education
3rd Ella Pitman, Our Lady's, Longreach
HC Georgina Nunn, Our Lady's, Longreach

Year 6

1st Livia Robertson, Longreach School of Distance Education
2nd Jai Jack, Winton State School
3rd Max Dickson, Winton State School
HC Lauren Nicholson, Our Lady's, Longreach

The Clover Nolan Award, open to place-getters from years 3 to 6, was won by Ben Seeney, with Heidi Karger Runner-Up. Both students are from Our Lady's in Longreach. Clover Nolan was an early Bronze Swagman Secretary, and outback poet in her own right.

The Banjo Award went to Livia Robertson from the Longreach School of Distance Education.

With the **written competition**, results are:

Year 2

1st Haley East, Longreach School of Distance Education *Dogs*

Year 5

1st Sanne Zheng, Citipointe Christian School, Carindale. *Gentleness to a Dolphin*
2nd Lincoln East, LSDE. *Motorbikes*
3rd Cate Bourne, St Joseph's, Barcaldine *The Drover and the Ride*
HC Natalia Eyles, St Joseph's, Barcaldine *Lara Wetlands*

Year 6

1st Talitha Boldeman, Citipointe Christian School, Carindale. *My Home*
2nd David Moala, Citipointe Christian School, Carindale. *Food*
3rd Leo Hostiadi, Citipointe Christian School, Carindale. *My Fear of Dogs*.
HC Iliala Hemetsberger, Citipointe Christian School, Carindale. *Friends*

Judge of the written entries, Jack Drake of Stanthorpe, said: “There was a high standard at the top end. I encourage all entrants to keep writing. It was a pleasure to be involved.”

Certificates, medals and trophies – all sponsored by the not-for-profit Winton Corfield and Fitzmaurice Craft shop – will be posted out in due course.

2021 is already being planned with Thursday 16th September 2021 set for the 26th Junior Bush Poetry Performance Competition in Winton.

The competition is open to students from Prep to year 6, and full details are available at the website www.bronzeswagman.info

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Winton’s Junior Bush Poetry Performance Festival

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