

Results received from Janine Keating – Co-ordinator 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

## 31ST ANNUAL BLACKENED BILLY VERSE COMPETITION 2021 AWARD WINNERS

Judged by past winners David Campbell, Brenda Joy and Catherine Lee

1st	Bittersweet Harvest	Shelley Hansen Maryborough Qld
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Billy Backytin	Glenny Palmer Jimboomba Qld
3rd	Master Craftsman	Shelley Hansen Maryborough Qld
Highly Commended		
	Convict Settlers	David Judge Bendigo Vic
	If Only	Irene Trimpone Atherton Qld
	Kadaitcha	Peter O'Shaughnessy Eaton WA
	The Last Farewell	Mal Beveridge North Lakes Qld
	Aussie Mateship	Shelley Hansen Maryborough Qld
Commended		
	Bringing the Cattle Home	Irene Trimpone Atherton Qld
	A Soldiers Fate - Trench Wall Grave	Mal Beveridge North Lakes Qld
	Elegy	Irene Trimpone Atherton Qld
	Old Man Drought	Tom McIlveen Port Macquarie NSW
	The Landing	Peter O'Shaughnessy Eaton WA

Congratulations to all who entered this hard-fought competition.

Modern Australian bush poetry is striving and thriving.

Claycraft Productions are acknowledged as supporters due to their involvement crafting this unique trophy for the last 31 years from their base in Moonbi, NSW.

Thanks to Jodi Wales and Tamworth Trophy Supplies for maintaining support and the Tamworth link. They have the expertise and inclination to fuss with the curved panel the Billy requires.

The verse entries come in from throughout Australia.

The stories and messages they contain are for everyone.

Billy is good. Thank you to all who lend support.

Congratulations and thanks to all who contributed to another exceptional harvest of quality rhymed and metred Australian poetry.

Applause to the winners.