

PRESIDENTS REPORT March/April

ABPA PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

Welcome to the new year. We are all looking forward to better times with festivals and meeting up with old mates.

The Orange Banjo Paterson Poetry Festival is taking place as I write this and hopefully it will be the success we all want it to be.

We know of the cancellations and disappointments of the last couple of years, but they are now definitely behind us.

Over the last two years our membership numbers have increased substantially, which is very pleasing and bodes well for the future of the medium we all love.

I am particularly pleased to note that junior participation is strong in Orange schools and their festival has a separate competition for that purpose. I encourage other competitions to provide opportunities for the younger people to take a meaningful part.

Our organization is on a sound financial footing and the minutes of our AGM and Financial Report are available on our website.

Keep well, keep writing and keep reciting.

Tim Sheed

President ABPA

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