



## 2022 VICTORIAN BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 7th- 10th April

### JUNIOR COMPETITION OVERVIEW

#### Overview of the opportunities for Juniors 5 – 17years in the Bush Poetry segment of the Festival.

Events-Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Description	Process	Prizes announced
<b>VBPMA Junior Written Championships</b> (4 sections) Lions Youth Hall	Written by the student Decorations are encouraged (We prefer rhymed verse)	Entry Form Tip – Stamp with school stamp and sign, then photocopy. Paste Written entry form on the back. No name on the poem please. Submit to Jan Lewis or MFSR office by <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>	Judged prior to the festival and winners announced <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> at Concert in Lions Youth Hall
<b>VBPMA Junior Performance Championships</b> (4 sections) Lions Hall	Performed by an individual or duo		All <b>performance</b> entrants will be judged on <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> at Concert starting <b>12.30 pm</b> in the Youth Hall
<b>‘Spirit of Mateship’ Award</b> Trophy for Primary & Secondary students Lions	For a poem that best depicts a spirit of mateship. Original or Non-Original	Chosen from Performances on <b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> (No fee)	Winners announced at the conclusion of the performances. <b>Aiming for 2.30 pm</b>
<b>Bush Costume Competition</b> (Chosen from performers and audience) Lions Youth Hall	Individuals Judged at Thurs concert	Attend <b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> for judging. (No entry form or fee)	Winners encouraged to perform again at <b>2pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> before the Adults Award Ceremony begins. Talk to Jan Lewis so that stage time is assured.
<b>FOR ENTERTAINMENT ONLY      NON-COMPETITIVE</b>			
<b>School Group Performances Non-Competitive</b> Lions Youth Hall	Aust. Rhyming poem or picture book story. Props & music allowed but poetry should be the main content.	Please use entry form so we can allocate time slots for all performances.	<b>JUST FOR FUN!!</b>
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April Awards Ceremony</b> Lions Youth Hall	All sections Photos will be taken here	Photos can be emailed to: <a href="mailto:info@vbpma.com.au">info@vbpma.com.au</a>	<b>Aiming for 2.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 10th April Adult Awards Ceremony</b> 2.00 pm-Lions Youth Hall	Junior Winners can perform & others too if time allows.	For planning purposes please inform Jan Lewis if you want to perform on <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April.</b>	Junior Winners <b>2pm Sun</b>
<b>Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th Poets’ Breakfasts</b> Banjo’s Block	All welcome. Solo, Duo or group performances	Could school groups please notify Jan Lewis if you want to perform on Friday morning the <b>8th April</b>	Outdoor stage, <b>Banjo’s Block Friday, Sat &amp; Sun</b> 8 am – 10am

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## JUNIOR INFORMATION & ENTRY FORMS

Entries Open 4<sup>th</sup> February      Close 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

The MFSR Bush Festival Poetry & Music Competition started in 1995 & is now regarded as one of the most prestigious events in the country, and this year we include the Victorian Bush Poetry Championships

**Championships aim:** “To foster & encourage children & youth to join us in learning the skills of writing and performing Australian Bush Verse”. Entries for all sections should be about Australia, Australians and/or the Australian way of life and have good rhyme & meter.

The **Junior Performance** section will be held from approx. **12.30 pm** on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** in the **Lions Youth Hall**. We encourage participation by individuals, duos, families, groups or grades of children/young adults.

Thursday’s Junior Winners are invited to perform again **2.00 pm** **Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> April** at **Lions Youth Hall**. Junior Winners are also invited to perform at the Poet’s Breakfasts held at **Banjo’s Block** on **Fri 8<sup>th</sup>, Sat 9<sup>th</sup> & Sun 10<sup>th</sup> (mornings approx. 8.00 -10.00 am)**. Please let Jan Lewis know so we make sure Juniors get stage time

The **Junior Bush Poetry** sections are where the *‘stars of the future’* are born. Many of our Junior contestants are now prizewinners in the Adult Poetry sections of our competition! Don’t miss the opportunity to **Perform with a Legend** by joining in with our competitions or Poet’s Breakfasts.

### JUNIOR SECTION INFORMATION

**Competition Assessment Sheets & Entry Forms** used in this competition may be found at [www.abpa.org.au/events.html](http://www.abpa.org.au/events.html) & [www.bushfestival.com.au](http://www.bushfestival.com.au)

**Junior Written:** There are 4 age groups in this section., with trophies and certificates.

- (1) Prep to Grade 2
- (2) Grade 3-4
- (3) Grade 5-6
- (4) Secondary Years 7-12.

**Junior Written** section will be judged before the Festival and the entries displayed on the wall. Winners will be announced at the Festival (**by 2.30 pm**).  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** in the **Lions Youth Hall**

#### Junior Performance

There are 4 age groups in this section, with trophies and certificates.

- (1) Prep to Grade 2
- (2) Grade 3 or 4,
- (3) Grade 5 or 6,
- (4) Secondary Years 7-12.

#### Max 5 mins (Incl. a preamble)

Contestants may perform original or non-original poems (Traditional or Modern) or present text from Australian picture books.

Family & friends are welcome to assist junior performers on stage and props are encouraged, but judging will focus on the child/children named on the entry form and on the entertainment value that **they** provide.

Individual **Junior Performance** entrants may appear *more than one time* in this competition as part of a duo, family group or grade presentation.

**Spirit of Mateship Performance:** two chosen from above sections : A Primary & Secondary trophy will be awarded to two students whose performances best depict mateship, equality, loyalty & friendship theme (chosen from original & non-original performance entries).

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### **School/Group/Family Performance** - Just for Fun and Non-Competitive.

Australian Rhyming poem or picture book story recited/Australian poem put to music/medley of poem & song/presented by a group or class. Props encouraged and music ok but poetry should be at least present

**Bush Costume Lineup** - Prizes (entrants and audience). competition with prizes awarded to performers and audience members.

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- Junior Competition entrants must be under the age of 18 years as of 31st March 2022.
- No individual, duo, family, group, or grade entry may repeat a poem with which they have won 1st place in a previous National or State Championship in either Written or Performance sections.
- We reserve the right to publish, record or reproduce work submitted (© retained by writer/performer/s).
- A Parent, Teacher or Guardian must sign on behalf of Junior Competition entrants in the appropriate spot on the **“Entrants Declaration”** on the entry form.
- Student details must be legible, as the names from the Entry form will be used for the certificates.
- Unsigned entries will not be accepted.
- **Offensive material/language** is not appropriate in the Junior Competition and could lead to removal from that section. (Just because you obtain the material performed from a published book or CD does not make it acceptable on our stage).
- The **Junior Written** section encourages participation and entries can be the original work of an individual or a collaborative effort between a duo, group, or grade).
- We prefer entries be printed on 1 side of A4 paper, but legible hand-written entries are acceptable.
- We encourage decoration. Decorated class bundles in a uniform size look great when displayed.
- There are no line limits or restrictions on number of entries.
- No entry fee. Only one copy of each poem entry required.
- No names on the poems. Please paste/staple entry form to the back.
- All poems will be returned.

**Closing date is 18<sup>th</sup> March to Festival Office. No late entries accepted.**

### **ENTRY INFORMATION**

Mail to: P.O. Box 144,  
Corryong, VIC, 3707.

OR

Hand delivered to the Festival Office,  
Cnr Hanson & Jardine St  
Corryong.

For further enquiries:

**Festival Office on (02) 6076 1992.**

E: [events@bushfestival.com.au](mailto:events@bushfestival.com.au) or visit their Website: [www.bushfestival.com.au](http://www.bushfestival.com.au)

**2022 VICTORIAN BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS  
JUNIOR WRITTEN ENTRY FORM (Paste on back of poem/entry)**

**ENTRIES CLOSE: Fri 18th March 2022**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **POST CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YOUR SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE (BH):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(AH)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Poem Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prep to Grade 2**  **Grade 3 or 4**  **Grade 5 or 6**  **Secondary Yr. 7-12**

**There are four entry categories in this section. (Please tick which group)**

**Individual**  **Duo**  **Group**  **Grade**

**JUNIOR PERFORMANCE ENTRY FORM**

**ENTRIES CLOSE: Fri 18th March 2022**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ACT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **POST CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YOUR SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE (BH):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(AH)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Poem Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **AUTHOR** \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick applicable box

**Prep to Grade 2**  **Grade 3 or 4**  **Grade 5 or 6**  **Secondary Yr. 7-12**

Please tick applicable box

**Individual**  **Duo**  **Does it depict a Spirit of Mateship?**

(There is a Total Prize Pool of \$380 in cash prizes plus merchandise to distribute as per the judge's decisions in the Written & Performance sections).

**GROUP/GRADE PERFORMANCE – Non-Competitive**

Write name, title age etc. in the Performance Entry section above.

**A separate Entry Form should be used for each Junior entrant whether individual, duo, group or grade.**

**DECLARATION**

- I have read and agree to abide by the *Terms & Conditions of Entry*.
- I agree to assist my children/students to abide by the *Terms & Conditions of Entry*.
- I **ALLOW** / **DO NOT ALLOW** (please circle) my child/students' performance to be recorded and/or used for Festival promotions. © remains with the author.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian/Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

NO ENTRY FEE BUT DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE JUNIOR POETRY AWARDS ALWAYS WELCOME.

**Enquiries to Jan Lewis – 02 6077 4332**

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