

Victorian Bush Poetry Championships (7th-10th April 2022)
WRITTEN BUSH POETRY COMPETITION ASSESSMENT SHEET

Developed and recommended by The Australian Bush Poets Association Inc.

CATEGORY: Entry No:-

TITLE OF POEM: JUDGE:

Does the entry meet the competition requirements such as specified theme, line limit etc. where applicable?		<i>If applicable, please circle one:</i> If "Yes" , continue. If "No" , entry is disqualified.
<u>Assessment Guide</u>	Dot points may be used to assist rating of various aspects if desired, allowing up to 5 points each or any method producing a score not exceeding the maximum allotted in the Score column. (Judge may choose to circle areas of concern.)	<u>Score</u>
<u>Metre</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is the metre consistent throughout? • do stanzas conform to an established pattern throughout? • Is the metre maintained without resorting to inversions or forced syntax? · Is the metric scheme unusual or inventive? 	/20
<u>Rhyme</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are rhymes unforced and suited to context? • are the rhymes used unusual or distinctive? • Is the rhyming pattern unusual or distinctive? · Is the rhyming pattern maintained throughout? 	/20
<u>Construction Techniques</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is the amount of punctuation adequate and appropriate? • is the grammar of an acceptable standard? · Is spelling of an acceptable standard? 	/15
<u>Language</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is the language consistent with the chosen theme? • is the poet's diction/phrasing/word-choice distinctive & appealing? • is there good use of imagery? • is language likely to cause offence avoided? · are clichés avoided? 	/25
<u>Overall Impact</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does the poem flow logically and draw the reader toward a forceful / satisfying conclusion? • does the poem exhibit an original concept or novel approach to a well-worn subject? • does the poem engage the reader's interest? · does it have a certain "wow" factor? 	/20
TOTAL _____		
<u>DISCRETIONARY POINTS</u>	<i>In the event of a tied score</i> , the judge may award one additional 1/2 point to indicate their preference.	+ _____
Tie-breaker Score (if necessary) _____		

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

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JUDGE'S SIGNATURE:

* Competitor's Name to be added by the organisers' scrutineer next to the entry number once the competition has been judged.