

**AUSTRALIAN BUSH POETS ASSOCIATION**  
**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCE ENTRY**

**Conditions of Entry**

1. An eligible person, as per the requirements below, may enter all or any category.
2. Judging will be by a panel of judges approved by the ABPA.
3. Three judges' scores will be collated and the highest score will determine the winner in each category. The Overall Winner will be determined by an aggregate score of the four categories.
4. The ABPA Committee reserves the right to accept late entries.
5. Only persons entering in all four categories Original serious, Original Humorous, Modern and Traditional will be eligible to win the title of National Champion.

**Requirements of Entrants/Poems**

1. "Original" - a poem which is the original work of the performer.
2. "Traditional" (Classic) – poem must be written before 1950.
3. "Modern" - a poem written on or after 1950 and not written by the performer.
4. Maximum time for competitors is 8 minutes; there will be a 1 minute and a 30 second warning.
5. Going overtime will result in a considerable penalty.
6. Marks will be deducted for any verbal assistance or any reference to anything written.

**Prizes**

Monetary prizes and certificates (for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) will be awarded for all categories provided there are sufficient entries as follows:

1. Five or more entries: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be awarded.
2. Four entries: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places only will be awarded.
3. Three entries: 1<sup>st</sup> place only will be awarded.
4. One or two entries: no award.