

BOYUP BROOK COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL  
WRITTEN BUSH POETRY COMPETITION

OPEN CATEGORY

First Place ... Unspoken Words – David Campbell, Beaumaris. Vic  
Very Highly Commended ... A soldier Brave – Brenda Joy, Charters Towers. Qld  
Highly Commended ... Jimmy – Tom McIlveen, Port Macquarie. NSW  
Highly Commended ... Baldy – Michael Lloyd, Bayonet Head, Albany. WA  
Highly Commended ... Where Life Has Led – Brenda Joy, Charters Towers. Qld  
Commended ... Secrets Of the Desert – Brenda Joy, Charters Towers. Qld

Winner – Emerging Poet  
Baldy – Michael Lloyd, Bayonet Head. WA

Winner – WA Poet  
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Entry numbers were down a little this year but this didn't affect the quality of many of those received.

There was little to choose between the poems selected for awards, indeed another judge may well have placed them differently. There were also several poems that just missed out but would be worthy of an award in most competitions.

The winning poem tells of heartache and sadness at the loss of a loved one during the bushfires and the longing that follows seem to be never ending – a very fine piece of writing.

The poem that was the runner up told of the sadness of seeing a soldier's coffin returning home from Afghanistan and thinking of his mother, as the observer herself has a son serving there and tells of the constant anxiety she feels for his safety – a very well written and touching poem.

The other award winning poems were based on a number of different subjects including one humorous one about a hair transplant.

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Many thanks to all that entered the competition, and congratulations to the ones who received the awards. If any poets are travelling in WA mid February, the Boyup Brook Country Music Festival is a great weekend to attend – 4 opportunities to get up and present your work, along with a poets brawl on the Saturday morning. And the guest poets for the weekend – this year was Marco and Muzza – host a workshop in writing and performing bush poetry on the Saturday afternoon. And the biggest bush poets breakfast in WA is held Sunday morning at the music park – approx 1100-1200 this year, but have been known to have 1800+ attend!  
Oh, and some good country music in between!!! :D  
We would love to see you there - put it in your diary for next year!!  
Thanks again  
Irene