

NANDEWAR POETRY COMPETITION 2016
PRESENTS
AWARD WINNERS

First	Tom McIlveen	<i>Demons and Lambs</i>
Second	Ron Stevens	<i>Bush Poet</i>
Third	Tom McIlveen	<i>A Terrible Dream</i>
Highly Commended	Tom McIlveen	<i>Coo-ee Don't you Come</i>

JUDGE'S REPORT, NANDEWAR POETRY COMPETITION

There were very few humorous poems entered this year. A large number of poems were written on well worn themes. Many poems were written to a high standard. After the initial reading 23 of these were still in contention for the prizes on offer. Some of the poems culled at this early stage may well have been in contention if some careful thought and revision was applied, proving that it is well worth the effort to sit down and polish your written work until it can really truly shine. Most poems culled at this time needed improvement on their rhyme and metre.

After re-reading the contenders, my second cull reduced the field to six entries. On this run through a number of entries were removed for inverted phrases or for that matter some lines were badly phrased in other ways. There were some errors made with the use of the correct tense (present tense used where past tense was the correct tense for example) and these were then discounted.

Resulting from the careful scrutiny John adjudged the above poems to take out the prizes.

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