

The Bronze Swagman Award for Bush Verse

Established 1972

PO Box 44,

Winton

Outback Queensland 4735

2017 Results

This note is to say THANKS for entering in the 2017 Bronze Swagman Award for bush verse. We had 175 entries. A panel of judges has deliberated and the following are the awards:

Winner: C for Charlie by **Heather Searles** of Branxton, NSW

Runner Up: The Prairie Pub by **Tim Borthwick** of Toowoomba, Qld

Highly Commendeds:

- * Searching for Heroes by **Helen Harvey** of Coonamble, NSW
- * Just a Little, Further On by **Tony Jewell** of Wentworth, NSW
- * Trooper Arthur Blain by **Tim Borthwick** of Toowoomba, Qld
- * From The West by **Bruce Simpson** of Upper Caboolture, Qld
- * Me Shearin' Days are Over by **Len Hutton** of Attunga, NSW

Congratulations.

I am now in the process of getting the poems ready for the printer. We have the Winton Outback Festival in September and hope to have the book out by then. All entrants, of course, will receive a copy or copies. Further copies can be purchased. I will include a 2018 Entry Form and a book order form in the mailout of the books.

Many poems will appear in the 2017 book; more will appear (if permission has been granted) on the website www.bronzeswagman.info

Thanks for your continued support and if you would like to contact me for any reason please do.

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Hon Bronze Swagman Award for Bush Verse Co-ordinator. 6th July 2017