

LOGAN'S Muddy River Bush Poetry weekend

From Friday Night 11th till Sunday the 13th of September.

Logan Queensland swelled somewhat with an influx of bush poets who had come along to Logan's annual bush poetry event the Muddy River (that's our Logan).

It started with **Melissa McMahon MP** attending our sausage sizzle and Huey looking after us well and truly. We were supposed to have heavy rain but thankfully it stayed away and the wind of the early afternoon dropped for the barbecue.

About 30 participants indulged some were hungry after the two hour workshop with **Jan Facey** (a past Australian champion who was to be one of the judges over the weekend the other judge was **Ron Leikefett** also a past Australian Champion. They both did a brilliant job with no anomalies or large differences in scores).

We then retired for the Meet and Greet in Heck Cottage, the beautiful colonial house that will take pride of place in the village when the renovations are all complete.

The evening was full of songs and poetry. A special guest was young **Amy Ryan** who won the "Welcome back to Tamworth" song writing award 2020 which she sang for us (she is only eleven).

We also were impressed with some didgeridoo playing from a new member **Paul Sones**.

We had fun with the One Minute won by **Andrew Ryan**.

The evening finished off with a lovely supper provided with the compliments of the Logan poets.

Saturday saw us with a day of poetry at the Beenleigh showgrounds hall. The program had a Novice a Classical, a Modern and then an Original. We finished up at about 2.45 pm.

Sunday morning we were back to the Historical Village in the cinema and well entertained by poems jokes and yarns. A great weekend despite the borders being closed.

RESULTS.

Overall Grand Champion and winner of the Logan's Legacy award: **Andrew Pulsford**. Andrew won the Modern and placed second in the Classical and the Original.

The Logan's Legend award Highest points in the Logan group went to **Janine Keating** who won the Classical and placed second in the Modern. Janine also received the Perpetual trophy given every year to the top Logan Legend.

Bob Kettle won the Original and placed third in the Modern.

Paddy O'Brien placed third in the Modern and Original

Mike Gilmore from North Pine got a third in the Novice and the Classical.

Don Macqueen won the Logan's Luck . (This award goes to the highest point scorer in the Logan group who has not won an Open (it's like an Intermediate award).

The Novice was won by **Ruth Savage** then **Andrew Ryan**, followed by **Mike Gilmore** and **Sue Smith**.

Our favourite Logan Lag was won by **Paddy O'Brien**.

Our written was won by **Brenda Joy** with *In a Mango World*.

With Highly Commendeds going to **Brenda Joy**, with *The Spirit that we Share*, **Shelley Hansen** with *Sun Goddess* and **Peter O'Shaughnessy** with *Mandildjarra Mournin*.

The Commended went to **Peter** (Peter received two for *The Weebo Sailing Club* and *The Agnew Pub*) and **Robyn Sykes** with *Eureka Yields to Bingo*.

Well done everyone.

A great weekend and it couldn't have been achieved without our supporters **Narelle**, **Anne** and **Harold** for the barbecue and the clean-up after the supper; **Laurie Pulsford**, **Julie Kettle**, **Steve Smith** and our final collator **Ian Buddle**. They all took a turn at scoring.

Well done everyone and the virus didn't beat us!

Gerry King (Coordinator of Logan Performance Bush Poets)