



In my wild erratic fancy  
visions come to me of Clancy  
Gone a-droving "down the Cooper"  
where the western drovers go;  
As the stock are slowly stringing,  
Clancy rides behind them singing,  
For the drover's life has pleasures  
that the townsfolk never know.

And the bush hath friends to meet him,  
and their kindly voices greet him  
In the murmur of the breezes  
and the river on its bars,  
And he sees the vision splendid  
of the sunlit plains extended,  
And at night the wondrous glory  
of the everlasting stars.

EXTRACT FROM  
'CLANCY OF THE OVERFLOW'  
**BANJO PATERSON**

## WELCOME TO THE 2023 BANJO PATERSON AUSTRALIAN POETRY FESTIVAL

Join the community of Orange, NSW and its surrounding villages in a week of bush poetry events for their annual Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival in February 2023. This will be a special festival as the Rotary Club of Orange is partnering with the Australian Bush Poets Association (ABPA) to host the National Bush Poetry Performance Championship competition in association with the Festival.

Banjo Paterson was born in Orange on 17 February 1864 and what more fitting way to celebrate than to gather the best bush poets from across Australia in competition, entertainment and storytelling.

Put the dates in your diary and book accommodation early, as Orange has become a sought-after getaway destination. It offers great scenery, food and wine experiences, historic villages and lovely parks and gardens.

For more information about the Festival and for up-to-date booking information go to [www.orange360.com.au](http://www.orange360.com.au)

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For more information on the Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival accommodation and packages

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## SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2023

### BANJO PATERSON CUP AT EPIROC LADIES DAY

Race meeting hosted by Racing Orange the week before the Festival, with a feature race to celebrate Banjo Paterson.

Towac Park Racecourse, Canobolas Road, Orange  
Gates open 12pm • No booking needed

## FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2023

### BANJO'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Entertainment and opportunity for walk-up performances. BBQ food on sale or BYO picnic and drinks. BYO chairs.

Banjo Paterson Park, Ophir Road, Orange  
6pm – 8pm • Free entry • No booking needed  
Elizabeth Griffin 0437 868 595

## SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2023

### POETRY BRAWL

Contestants must perform a 1-minute original poem to include the secret phrase 'been there before'. Good prizes. Purchase dinner at the pub. Judge is Robyn Sykes, award winning bush poet.

Family Courtyard, Freemasons Hotel, Bank Street, Molong  
Under 18 (Free): 7pm – 8 pm; Open (\$5): 9 pm – 10 pm  
Bookings essential • Jude Taylor 0405 021 265

## SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2023

### POETS' BRUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT AT YEOVAL

Relax in the shade of the trees for real country hospitality. Free entertainment and open mic for walk-up poetry and music. Visit the Banjo Paterson – More than a Poet Museum  
43 Forbes Street, Yeoval • All day from 9am  
Donation appreciated • No booking needed  
Alf Cantrell 0427 208 913

### AFTERNOON TEA AT BOREE NYRANG

The property where Banjo's grandparents used to live. Billy tea & damper for afternoon tea. Tour the 'new' house (1903), visit historic site. Entertainment by Australian performance bush poetry champion, Greg North. Dress up in your favourite Banjo character. Hosted by the Molong Historical Society.  
154 Peabody Road (off The Escort Way), Borenore  
From 4pm • \$25 • Elizabeth Griffin 0437 868 595

## MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2023

### IN-SCHOOL BUSH POETRY PERFORMANCES

Presented by Bush Poets Melanie Hall and Susie Carcary (Mel and Susie). Free to schools.

Book in with Debbie Smith 0488 107123

### THE LIFE AND RHYMES OF BANJO PATERSON SHOW AND BOOK LAUNCH

Three-times Australian champion bush poet, Gregory North, presents the history and selected verse of Banjo Paterson. Accompanied by visuals, Greg's companion book will be launched on the night

Orange Senior Citizens and Pensioners Centre,  
77 Kite Street, Orange (via Woolworths car park)  
7.30pm – 9pm • \$5 • Greg North 0425 210 083

## TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2023

### IN-SCHOOL BUSH POETRY PERFORMANCES

Presented by Bush Poets Melanie Hall and Susie Carcary (Mel and Susie). Free to schools.

Book in with Debbie Smith 0488 107123

### LUNCH AT THE IRONBARK HOTEL, STUART TOWN

Stuart Town was originally named Ironbark – of 'The Man from Ironbark' fame. Enjoy lunch and poetry at the historic Ironbark Hotel. Catch the XPT train from Orange at 12 noon and return to Orange at 4 pm.

42 Molong Street, Stuart Town  
12.30pm – 3pm • Purchase lunch from the pub menu  
Book with Renee Wykes 0458 157 650

## WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023

### BREAKFAST AND POETRY

Performances by school students and walk-up poets. Drop in on your way to work or after your morning walk.

Civic Centre, Southcourt, 147 Byng Street, Orange  
8am – 10am • No bookings needed  
Len Banks 0428 459 117 • Schools: Debbie Smith 0488 107123

## WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023

### MEMORY WORKSHOP

Improve your memory for bush poetry, prose, song lyrics and plays. Mel & Susie will provide tips and tricks using a range of mnemonics and techniques to help improve your memorisation. Come along for a fun session, bring pen and paper if you wish.

Dunry League Guesthouse, Woodward Street, Orange  
11am – 1pm • \$10 • Len Banks 0428 459 117

### BLACKENED BILLY VERSE COMPETITION PRESENTATION

Announcement and presentation of the winners of the 33rd Annual verse writing competition. Combination in-room and Zoom attendance to accommodate entrants and enthusiasts from across Australia.

Dunry League Guesthouse, Woodward Street, Orange  
3pm – 5pm • blackenedbillyversecompetition.com

### WRATH OF GRAPES

A fun night of walk-up poetry competition, entertainment and a meal, along with local wines in the barrel shed.

Heifer Station Wines, 1034 The Escort Way, Orange  
5.30pm – 9.30pm • \$35.74 pp  
Bookings required heiferstation.com or 02 6365 2275

## THURSDAY 23 & FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023

### NATIONAL BUSH POETRY PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Enjoy the best bush poets from across Australia perform in 4 categories of original and borrowed poems. This highly entertaining national competition is brought to Orange by the Australian Bush Poets Association and the Rotary Club of Orange. To enter, go to [www.abpa.org.au/events.html](http://www.abpa.org.au/events.html)

Orange Ex Services Club, 231-243 Anson Street, Orange  
10am – 5pm • Audience entry by donation • Tim Sheed (ABPA) 0438 861 271 or Len Banks (Rotary) 0428 459 117

## FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023

### YARN SPINNING COMPETITION

The culmination of weekly yarn telling evenings during January and February. Relive the days of telling yarns around a campfire or at the bar. Pub meals available to purchase.

Metropolitan Hotel, Cnr Anson & Byng Streets, Orange  
7pm • Joanne Murphy 02 6369 1444

## SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2023

### YOUTH & OPEN POETRY COMPETITION

Individual performances of original poetry by students & adults not entering National Championships.

Orange Regional Conservatorium, Hill Street, Orange  
Youth: 9am – 12.30pm, Open: 1pm – 5pm  
Audience entry by donation • Len Banks 0428 459 117  
Entry details at [rotarycluboforange.org.au](http://rotarycluboforange.org.au)

### CARGO INN POETRY COMPETITION & PRESENTATION OF DEIDRE PENHALL PRIZE

Inaugural Cargo Cup. Bring your own poetry or a classic (4min max). Mel & Susie as guest judges. Cash prizes for Best Poem and Best Character. The bistro and bar opens at 5:00pm. Contact [accounts@cargoinn.com.au](mailto:accounts@cargoinn.com.au) if you are bringing a poem. Sponsored by See Saw Wines & MSM Milling.

Cargo Inn, 34-38 Belmore Street, Cargo • 5pm • Free Entry

## SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2023

### ROTARY COMMUNITY MARKET DAY

Craft and produce market, with entertainment and open mic for poets.

Orange Civic Centre Northcourt, Peisley Street, Orange  
9am – 2pm • Donation • Sue Patterson 0427 588 805

### STRAWHOUSE SUNSET BANJO 2023

Join Meg, Justin & guest musicians The Hip Replacements for chilled classics, some Banjo and a twang of banjo in and around the Strawhouse Tasting Room and Deck. Ticket includes a welcome glass of wine. Delectable treats from the Kiss Kitchen team available for purchase.

Strawhouse Wines, Boree Lane, Orange  
5pm – 8pm • \$25 • Book with Justin Byrne 0402 498 419



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