

Victorian Bush Poetry Championships (11th-14th April 2024)

Written Bush Poetry Competition Assessment Sheet

Conducted under the auspices of the Australian Bush Poets Association Inc.

SECTION: ENTRY NO.- *

TITLE OF POEM: JUDGE:

Does the entry meet the competition requirements such as specified theme, line limit etc. where applicable?		If applicable, please circle one: If "Yes", continue. If "No", entry is disqualified.	
<u>Assessment Guide</u>	Dot points may be used to assist rating of various aspects if desired, allowing up to 5 points each or any method producing a score not exceeding the maximum allotted in the Score column. (Judge may choose to circle areas of concern.)	<u>Score</u>	
<u>Metre</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• is the metre consistent throughout?• do stanzas conform to an established pattern throughout?• Is the metre maintained without resorting to inversions or forced syntax?• Is the metric scheme unusual or inventive?	/20	
<u>Rhyme</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• are rhymes unforced and suited to context?• are the rhymes used unusual or distinctive?• Is the rhyming pattern unusual or distinctive?• Is the rhyming pattern maintained throughout?	/20	
<u>Construction Techniques</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• is the amount of punctuation adequate and appropriate?• is the grammar of an acceptable standard?• Is spelling of an acceptable standard?	/15	
<u>Language</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• is the language consistent with the chosen theme?• is the poet's diction/phrasing/word-choice distinctive & appealing?• is there good use of imagery?• is language likely to cause offence avoided?• are clichés avoided?	/25	
<u>Overall Impact</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• does the poem flow logically and draw the reader toward a forceful / satisfying conclusion?• does the poem exhibit an original concept or novel approach to a well-worn subject?• does the poem engage the reader's interest?• does it have a certain "wow" factor?	/20	
TOTAL _____			
<u>DISCRETIONARY POINTS</u>		In the event of a tied score, the judge may award one additional 1/2 point to indicate their preference. + _____	
Tie-breaker Score (if necessary) _____			

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:
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JUDGE'S SIGNATURE:

* Competitor's Name to be added by the organisers' scrutineer next to the entry number once the competition has been judged.