

Eastwood/Hills Fellowship of Australian Writers

Boree Log Award for Bush Verse 2025



First Prize: \$100 plus a trophy and certificate

Highly Commended and Commended certificates awarded at judge's discretion

Father Patrick Hartigan (1872-1952) was ordained in 1903 and served in various positions, including twenty-seven years as parish priest at Narrandera. Writing under the pseudonym John O'Brien he published two volumes of poetry: *Around the Boree Log* in 1921, and, posthumously, *The Church at St Mel's*. He is fondly remembered for poems such as 'Said Hanrahan' and 'The Old Bush School'. He is buried in North Rocks near Parramatta.

Closing Date: **Thursday 15th May, 2025** (entries must be post marked on or before this date)

Entry Fee: **\$8 per entry or \$30 for 4 entries**

Cheques or money orders payable to: **Fellowship of Australian Writers**

or direct deposit to our Westpac account: BSB 032180, Account: 360308

Please include your **Surname Initial LC** in remitter/description line.

Do not send cash in the mail. No receipts will be sent.

Entries to: **Competition Secretary, Eastwood/Hills FAW**

PO Box 4663

North Rocks, NSW 2151

OR email to: hillsfawcomp@gmail.com Email submissions must be sent as a Microsoft Word file (.doc or docx). A separate scanned entry form must be included with email submissions

Enquiries: Carolyn Alfonzetti, email: carolyn.alfonzetti@me.com

Conditions of Entry

Please note: **Entries not meeting ALL conditions will not be judged**, nor will entry fee be refunded.

1. Entries to be in **English**, the **original** and **unpublished** work of the entrant and **not to have won a monetary prize** in another competition
2. Ballad to be in **perfect rhyme and metre**, with **max 80 lines** and an **Australian bush theme**
3. Each entry must be accompanied by a **separate signed entry form** e.g. 3 poems = 3 forms
4. **No more than 4 entries per person**
5. **No name to appear on manuscript** (only on entry form)
6. Entries to be typed on **one side of A4 paper**
7. **Pages number** and **entry's title** to be on top or bottom of **each** page
8. **For entry fee paid by EFT, please attach receipt to entry form**
9. **For posted entries, two copies** of each entry are required
10. Where a posted entry is **more than one page**, all pages must be **stapled** together

The decision of the judge is final. The winner will be notified by email and announced in the fellowship's bulletin *Writers Voice* and our Prize Presentation will be at a ZOOM event on **Saturday 2nd August, 2025**

Entries will be destroyed after prize presentation.

Results and the judge's comments will be published on our website as soon as possible after Presentation – <http://hillsfaw.wordpress.com/>

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ENTRY FORM

One entry form for each entry

(Category, title and word count/line number must be clearly indicated)

Entrant: _____

Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Phone (if no email): _____

Category

Title

Exact No. Lines

Boree Log

Payment Method: (please tick)

Cheque

Money Order

Electronic Funds Transfer (please attach receipt)

(multiple entries may be covered by one cheque, MO or EFT)

Total Amount Paid:

Declaration:

- *I have read the conditions of entry into this competition and agree to abide by them.*
- ***This entry is my own original work and has NOT been composed with the help of AI.***
- *My entry has **NOT won a monetary prize in any previous competition and has NOT been published in print, online or on social media.***
- *My entry will **NOT be entered into another competition until after the close of this competition.***
- *I understand that copyright of my entry will remain with me at all times.*

Please cross box if you'd prefer **not** to be reminded about this competition via email next year.

Signed _____ **Date** _____