

The 54th Bronze Swagman Award 2025

Worldwide Competition for Written BUSH VERSE, since 1972

BREAKING NEWS!

In association with Winton's 150th Anniversary celebrations in 2025,
Winton Business & Tourism Association announces:



The Bronze Swagman Award for 2025 will be
a one-off, unique, special, limited,
SILVER SWAGMAN



to link 54 years of history back to the original concept.....

*".... In 1970, Winton Tourism Promotion Association decided to run an annual national competition for written Australian Bush Verse, with the prize to be a **Silver Swaggie**. Miss Daphne Mayo, a famous Australian sculptress who had completed the famous fibre-cast swagman for the Winton Shire in 1959, was approached to create a swagman statuette to be used as a trophy. In 1971, Miss Mayo was given permission to proceed with the statuette, but because of the high cost of silver, the swagman was cast in bronze instead, and a tradition was born....."*

Winner:

Silver Statuette of the Swagman

Designed and Sculptured by Daphne Mayo

Plus \$1500 prizemoney

Runner Up:

Trophy, plus \$700 prizemoney

Third prize:

Jean O'Connell Memorial Award: Trophy, plus \$350 prizemoney

Highly Commended:

Certificate, plus \$100 prizemoney

Tim Borthwick Memorial Award:

Trophy, plus \$100 prizemoney

The Borthwick Family have kindly donated this prize in memory of Tim Borthwick for "Best New Talent", with the hope of encouraging new contributors to enter the Bronze Swagman Award and keep the spirit of bush poetry alive!

Conducted by Winton Business & Tourism Assoc. Inc., in association with other Sponsors

Special 2025

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY and COMPETITION RULES

The aim of the Bronze Swagman Award competition is to encourage the writing of new works..... to encourage the writing of traditional Australian verse that was made so popular by A.B. 'Banjo' Paterson, Henry Lawson etc. which is so much a part of our Australian heritage.....

1. Entries are to be in traditional Australian Bush Verse form (mandatory Rhyme and Rhythm) relating to an Australian theme.
2. Entries must be the Entrants own work, not AI generated.
3. Entries must be written exclusively for the special Silver Swagman 2025 competition – not previously entered into any competition or published prior elsewhere.
4. Entrants may photocopy or download additional Entry Forms as required.
5. Closing date – 30 APRIL 2025
6. Entry criteria:
 - Typed on a separate sheet(s) of paper;
 - No artwork, borders or embellishments;
 - Name of Entrant must NOT be shown on any page of the submitted entry;
 - Entries may be forwarded:
 - Electronically:
 - Word document or PDF only – no other format will be accepted;
 - Received by Midnight on 30 April 2025;
 - Proof of Direct Deposit payment, using Surname as reference, to:
 - Winton Business & Tourism Assoc
 - BSB: 034-228
 - Acc: 10-6325
 - Email all correspondence to bronzeswagmancompetition@gmail.com;
 - A confirmation email will be forwarded upon receipt.
 - Post:
 - Post marked no later than 30 April 2025;
 - Send to Bronze Swagman Award, PO Box 44, Winton. Qld. 4735;
 - Enclose Cheque made payable to WBTA, or cash.
7. Entries will not be returned on completion of the competition.
8. The Winner, Runner-up, Third Prize, Highly Commended and Tim Borthwick Memorial Prize winners will be notified, and trophies and certificates posted, after the judges' decision is available.
9. Announcement:
Scheduled for mid-July 2025.
The Winner of the Silver Swagman will be notified personally, with all results and notifications emailed and shared on Social Media sites.
10. Entry Fee: \$30 (AUD) per Entry Form (maximum of 3 poems per form).
11. Entry Fee includes a Complimentary 2025 Book of Bush Verse to be posted when printed;
 - The entrant grants the Committee permission to publish verse entered in the competition;
 - The Committee reserves the right to select suitable verse for publication;
 - Contributors to the book will be notified;
 - Additional copies will be available for purchase at \$20.00 each (plus postage \$3.50).
12. Judges' decision will be final and binding
13. No correspondence will be entered into.

The 54th Bronze Swagman Award 2025 Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Title of Entries:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Direct Deposit of \$30 (AUD) made on/...../..... paid to Winton Business & Tourism Assoc.
BSB: 034-228 Account: 10-6325

or Cheque for \$30 (AUD) attached

or Cash for \$30 (AUD) enclosed

Tim Borthwick Memorial Award

Yes, I am eligible to be considered for the Tim Borthwick Award, and confirm that I am a
NEW contributor to the Bronze Swagman Award.

I confirm:

- The submitted verse:
 - Is entirely my own work;
 - Written exclusively for the 2025 Bronze Swagman Award;
 - And Complies with the Conditions of Entry and Competition Rules.
- The Judge's decision is final.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Email all correspondence to bronzeswagmancompetition@gmail.com

Postal address: Bronze Swagman Award, PO Box 44, WINTON QLD 4735

