



**2025 VICTORIAN BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS  
ADULT PERFORMANCE ENTRY FORM  
Entries Close Friday 28th February 2025**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**POSTCODE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOBILE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HOME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sections 3-8 - \$10.00 per poem & 1 entry per person per section | Sections 9 - \$5.00 per poem & 1 entry per person per section**

Sections 3, 8 & 9 Males & Females judged together. Sections 4-7 have separate Male & Female classes. (Prizemoney stated for Sections 4-7 is for both Male & Female classes).

Australian Bush Poetry is poetry with accurate rhyme & metre-distinctly Australian, depicting Australian history, Australians and/or the Australian way of life, past or present.

Judging Sheets for Sections 4-9 can be found at [www.abpa.org.au/competitions](http://www.abpa.org.au/competitions)

**PERFORMANCE SECTIONS - Please tick applicable section**

**SECTION 3: Banjo Paterson's MFSR Recital – 1st - \$150 & Trophy 2nd - \$100 3rd - \$50**

Record on MP3, sound file or CD. [Post to P.O. Box 655, West Ryde, NSW, 1685](mailto:Post to P.O. Box 655, West Ryde, NSW, 1685).

3 Finalists notified by 17th March 2025 to perform at Festival Friday 11th April 2025.

Judging Sheets for Section 3 can be found at [www.abpa.org.au/events](http://www.abpa.org.au/events)

**SECTION 4: VBPC Open Classical Poem (written in or before 1950) | Max 8 mins**

**1st - \$150 & Trophy 2nd - \$70 3rd - \$30**

1st title Preference:

Author \_\_\_\_\_

2nd title Preference:

Author \_\_\_\_\_

You will be notified by 17th March 2025 if your 2nd preference is needed.

**SECTION 5: VBPC Open Original Serious Poem | Max 8 mins**

**1st - \$150 & Trophy 2nd - \$70 3rd - \$30**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 6: VBPC Open Original Humorous Poem | Max 8 mins**

**1st - \$150 & Trophy 2nd - \$70 3rd - \$30**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 7: VBPC Open Modern Poem (written after and including 1951) | Max 8 mins**

**1st - \$150 & Trophy 2nd - \$70 3rd - \$30**

1st title Preference:

Author \_\_\_\_\_

2nd title Preference:

Author \_\_\_\_\_

You will be notified by 17th March 2025 if your 2nd preference is needed.

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**SECTION 8: VBPC Open Yarnspinning (original or non-original) | Max 8 mins**

1st - \$150 & Trophy 2nd - \$70 3rd - \$30

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 9: Novice Poet (Poem can be Original, Modern or Classical). | Max 5 mins.**

1st - \$100 & Trophy 2nd - \$70 3rd - \$30

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 10: "Matilda"-Female Champion**

**SECTION 11: "Clancy's Choice"-Male Champion**

There is no fee to enter these awards. Their results are determined from the aggregate scores compiled in the judging of Sections 4-7.

**Overall Performance Champion: -1st; \$1000**

There is no fee to enter this award. Its results are determined from the aggregate scores compiled in the judging of Sections 10 & 11.

**Overall Grand Champion: -1st; \$1000**

There is no fee to enter this award. Its results are determined from the aggregate scores compiled in the judging of Sections 10 & 11 (Performance) & sections 1 & 2 (Written).

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- Sections 10 and 11, (the Matilda & Clancy's Choice Awards) can only be won by someone who writes as well as recites.
- Sections 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, One-minute, Lawrie Sheridan, Senior and Jan Lewis Encouragement awards **do not** count towards the Overall Titles.
- Parodies are ineligible for Open Performance Sections.
- Entrants should be prepared to provide a photo and details for publication if required.
- We reserve the right to publish, record or reproduce work submitted, Copyright ©, is retained by the writer.
- We reserve the right to alter the program if necessary (at any time).
- Judges and anyone paid by the MFSR Bush Festival is ineligible for prizes except for the One-Minute Poem.
- Judge's decisions for both the Performance & Written sections of the competition are final and no correspondence will be entered into. **Harassment of any judge or official (by contestants) before, during or after the competition (whether said harassment be either verbal, written or electronic) will not be accepted or tolerated. Harassment of any sort will see the perpetrator banned from entering said Victorian Bush Poetry Championships for a period of 3 years!**

**DECLARATION**

- I have read and agree to abide by the *Terms and Conditions of Entry*. Entries, where indicated as "Original" are my own work. My submitted entries have not won me a 1st prize at any Victorian State or ABPA National Championships.
- I **ALLOW / DO NOT ALLOW** my work (© mine) to be used for Festival promotion (please circle).
- I declare that Poetry/Music is (please circle) **HOBBY** OR **My ABN is:**
- I declare my status is (please circle) **OPEN** **NOVICE**
- **Novice:** Gained no more than 2 x 1st places in any competition in 2 consecutive years.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEES**

I enclose completed entry form and payment of:

**Open:** (\$10 ea.) \_\_\_\_\_ **Novice:** (\$5 ea.) \_\_\_\_\_ **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Forms: Post hard copy entry form and recording (if applicable) to:**

**2024 MFSR Performance Bush Poetry Competition**

**P.O. Box 655, West Ryde, NSW, 1685**

**Email: [TheRhymerfromRyde@bigpond.com](mailto:TheRhymerfromRyde@bigpond.com)**

**Payment can be made by:**

**Direct Deposit:**

**Account Name:** MFSRBF Income Account

**BSB:** 633 000

**Account Number:** 1536 14573

**Reference:** Your surname & 'Poet' (e.g., Martin,

Poet).

## EXTRA INFORMATION

**Performance entries will be accepted in order of date received.** Due to time restrictions imposed by the festivals programme **a strict limit of only 15 individual entries in each male & female section of sections numbered 4,5,6 & 7 will be accepted. ( 15 overall contestants will be accepted for section 8 & 12 contestants will be accepted for Section 9).**

It is anticipated that these entry limits will be reached well before the closing date of 28th February 2025 so it is the responsibility of each individual prospective contestant to ensure that their entries are sent in a timely fashion to avoid disappointment.

**If you would like results mailed to you, please include A4 sized, stamped, self-addressed envelope (2 x \$1.50 stamps).**

**Judges' assessment sheets will be posted to contestants after the conclusion of the festival.**

All sections held Thurs, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Lions Youth Hall/Banjo's Block. All awards presented on Sunday afternoon.

Programs, when available, can be purchased at the festival, or accessed at: [www.bushfestival.com.au](http://www.bushfestival.com.au)

If you have any questions, please contact the Assistant Poetry Events Manager Graeme Johnson on 0419415137 or e-mail, [TheRhymefromRyde@bigpond.com](mailto:TheRhymefromRyde@bigpond.com)

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