

**The Royal Queensland Show – The Ekka – celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> year.**

**The Bush Poetry Performance Competition.**

Passionate poets from the aspiring to the experienced will recite their favourite poem that showcases the Australian way of life in our Bush Poetry Competition.

Poets can choose to belt out anything from established bush ballads to their original work.

There are open classes and student classes for established and original poems.

There are two classes for students – 12 years and under, and 13 years to under 18 years old.

There are three Open Classes, Established, Original, and the special Open Class -

*150 Years of Ekka Celebration.*

Poems in this class must be about the theme of the Ekka. Examples could be about Strawberry Sundaes, competitions between exhibitors, a place to catch up with mates or thrills of the sideshow. Let your imagination run away! Poems in this class may be original or established.

The Overall Open Champion will be the best poet performer in open classes 1, 2 and 3.

In the event of a close result preference will be given to original poems.

**Virtual Classes 6 (open) and 7 (18years and under)** will once again provide an opportunity for poets to engage in competition and showcase their work in the video format. This format may be especially useful for those who are unable to attend in person. All are welcome.

**Key Dates.**

Entries open 27<sup>th</sup> March. Entries close 13<sup>th</sup> July. Open and Student Judging and Results 9<sup>th</sup> August. Virtual Performance judging 15<sup>th</sup> July.

For full details please access the competition schedule by simply typing Ekka Bush Poetry Competition into your search engine and access the Competition Schedule. Entry forms will be available after the opening date.

**The Trisha Anderson Encouragement Award.**

Trisha Anderson will choose a poet to receive the Encouragement Award trophy on the competition day.

<https://www.ekka.com.au/competitions-and-displays/agriculture/bush-poetry/>