



Verse in the Valley Bush Festival

Gloucester, NSW 6th & 7th March 2026

2026 NSW BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

ADULT PERFORMANCE ENTRY FORM

Sponsored by Australian Bush Poets Association (ABPA)

(Entries Close Friday 27th February 2026)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____ EMAIL: _____

MOBILE: _____ HOME: _____

\$10.00 per poem & 1 entry per person per section - Males & Females judged together.

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 can be found at www.abpa.org.au/competitions.html

PRIZES for ALL PERFORMANCE SECTIONS - 1st - \$150 & Trophy 2nd - \$70 3rd - \$30

Please tick applicable section

☐ **SECTION 1: NSWBPC Open Classical Poem** (written in or before 1950) - Max 8 mins

1st title Preference:

_____ Author _____

2nd title Preference:

_____ Author _____

You will be notified by 1st March 2026 if your 2nd preference is needed.

☐ **SECTION 2: NSWBPC Open Original Serious Poem** - Max 8 mins

Title: _____

☐ **SECTION 3: NSWBPC Open Original Humorous Poem** - Max 8 mins

Title: _____

☐ **SECTION 4: NSWBPC Open Modern Poem** (written after and including 1951) - Max 8 mins

1st title Preference:

_____ Author _____

2nd title Preference:

_____ Author _____

You will be notified by 1st March 2026 if your 2nd preference is needed.

Results are determined from the rank order scores and ABPA guidelines using the *Rubrics scoring system* in the judging of all sections. Scoring sheets will be issued to all performers following completion of the competitions. Trophies will be presented for each section, and to the overall champion who will also receive an invitation for a guest performance at the Rotary Saleyards venue on Saturday night, 7th March.



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 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).
- Judge's decisions for the competition are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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 NSW State or ABPA National Championships.

Signature: _____ Print Name _____

ENTRY FEES I enclose completed entry form and payment of \$10 per section:

No of Sections: _____ \$10 each _____ Total: _____

Entry Forms: Post hard copy entry form to: 2025 NSW Performance Bush Poetry Competition
P.O. Box 296, Wauchope, NSW 2446 Email: portalarms@gmail.com

PAYMENT can be made by Direct Deposit:

Account Name: T.McIlveen BSB: 012-804 Account Number: 9544 10481

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

EXTRA INFORMATION Performance entries will be accepted in order of date received.

A strict limit of only 15 individual entries in each section will be accepted. It is possible that these entry limits will be reached before the closing date of 28th February 2025, so send your entry form in a timely fashion to avoid disappointment. All sections will be held on Friday and Saturday 6th and 7th March in Gloucester. All awards to be presented on Saturday 8th March.
Any questions? - please contact:

Poetry Events Manager Tom McIlveen 0417251287 or

email: portalarms@gmail.com