

**BUNDABERG POETS' SOCIETY INC.  
BUNDY BUSH POETRY MUSTER 2012**

On the week-end of July 13th, 14th & 15th the Bundaberg Poets' Society Inc. hosted another successful week-end of performance poetry competitions as well as the much anticipated Friday and Saturday night concerts in the Sails Function Room at Across the Waves Sports Club. Poets and visitors came from as far as Townsville in the north to Swan Hill and Corryong.

Thirty-two poets performed on stage in the poetry competitions including 6 in the junior categories. In conjunction with the performance competitions the club also ran an Australia wide written poetry competition, namely the Bush Lantern Award for Bush Verse, for three categories – opens, primary school students and secondary school students. Also prior to the Muster week-end in conjunction with The Guardian and Dymocks Booksellers the much anticipated Limerick competition was run.

The winner in the open category of the Bush Lantern Award was Tom McIlveen from Port Macquarie NSW. The winner in the Primary School category was Kirsten Buckholz from Bundaberg and the winner in the Secondary School category was Hannah Nugent from Toowoomba.

The overall poetry performance winner on the week-end after three days of competition was Maurie Foun from Corryong in Victoria. Performers who competed in all three categories (traditional, modern and original) in the Open Section were the only ones eligible to win the overall trophy. At the completion of all three categories (including both men and women) these scores were tallied to determine who had gained the most points to be named Overall Champion for the week-end.

The Friday and Saturday night concerts once again proved very popular and entertainment with stand out performances by Noel Stallard, Ray Essery and Jack Drake. Over 240 attended the concert on the Saturday night with nearly all the tickets sold prior to the commencement of the week-end as patrons were concerned they might miss out. When folk were leaving on Saturday evening comments such as “how long do we have to wait until the next event”, “my friends will wish they had come now”, “twelve months is too long to wait”.

To finish off a fabulous week-end of poetry and friendship nearly 40 poets, family members and friends made their way to John & Sandy Lees' place for a sausage sizzle, chat.

A big thank-you to the competitors for their co-operation over the week-end which enabled the Bundy Bush Poetry Muster to run smoothly.

At the conclusion of the presentation of trophies Club President, Edna Harvey, thanked all who attended to make the 2012 Bundy Bush Poetry Muster a wonderful success and hoped all enjoyed themselves and that we will catch up at some other festival down the track.

For the 2013 Bundy Bush Poetry Muster mark your calendars for July 5th, 6th & 7th.

Until we meet again happy poetry days.

Sandy Lees  
Secretary/Muster Co-ordinator

Results follow ....

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## **BUNDABERG POETS' SOCIETY INC. 2012 BUNDY BUSH POETRY MUSTER**

### **8 years to U/16 years**

1st .. Alex Buckholz - "Meals on Wheels"

2nd .. Mitchell Riggs - "Monkey Plan"

3rd .. Kirsten Buckholz - "A Pocket Full of Kisses"

**Col Shiels Memorial Encouragement Award: Reece Buckholz**

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### **Novice Traditional**

1st Jayson Russell .. The Drover's Cook

2nd Reg Outen .. The Bushman Abroad

3rd Shirley Shepherd .. The Man From Ironbark

### **Novice Modern**

1st Reg Outen .. Perhaps The Wrong Place The Wrong Time

2nd Jayson Russell .. Mr. Whippy Rip Off

3rd Bill Power .. And The Band Played Waltzing Matilda

### **Novice Original**

1st Tom McIlveen .. The Old Man and The Dairy

2nd Lorraine McCrimmon .. That There Darn Machine

3rd Judy O'Donoghue .. Boney

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### **Intermediate Traditional**

1st Eddie Budgen .. Where The Brumbies Come to Water

2nd Malcolm Hannah .. The Bushman's Friend

### **Intermediate Modern**

1st Lorraine McCrimmon .. The Bathers

2nd Trevor Stewart .. The Battle of the Sexes

3rd Eddie Budgen .. Clear Waters

### **Intermediate Original**

1st Shirley Shepherd .. Khaki Footprints

2nd Trevor Stewart .. The Mother-in-Law

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### **Open Traditional – Men**

1st Tom O'Connor .. The Death of Ben Hall

2nd Maurie Foun .. In the Droving Days

3rd John Best .. Old Australian Ways

### **Open Traditional – Women**

1st Jacqui Warnock .. Only A Jockey

2nd Jan Facey.. Conroy's Gap

3rd Janeen Mapson.. The Worn Out Little Pony

### **Open Modern – Men**

1st Paddy O'Brien .. Fencing In The Dark

2nd Tom O'Connor .. Remember Chubby  
3rd Lynden Baxter .. Magpie Creek Air Disaster

### **Open Modern – Women**

1st Jan Facey .. From The Lanterns  
2nd Jacqui Warnock .. Played On The Banjo  
3rd Janeen Mapson .. Mulligan's Mob

### **Open Original – Men**

1st Paddy O'Brien .. Back In Me Youth  
2nd Lynden Baxter .. The Stars of Bethlehem  
3rd Maurie Foun .. Man's Gotta Do What A Man's Gotta Do

### **Open Original – Women**

1st Tracey Smith .. Dust And All  
2nd Dot Schwenke .. Looking Back On Clancy  
3rd Cay Ellem .. The Policeman and the Snake

### **Duo Performance**

Jacqui Warnock & Max Pringle .. Waltz in the Courtroom

### **Yarn Spinning**

Robert Stanmore .. The Three Fish

### **One Minute Cup**

John Best .. Just Because It Is !!

### **Overall Champion Poet : Maurie Foun**

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## **BUSH LANTERN AWARD FOR WRITTEN BUSH VERSE 2012**

### **BUSH LANTERN AWARD FOR BUSH VERSE 2012 - OPEN**

1st .. Tom McIlveen – A Snowy Mountain Holiday  
2nd .. Allan Goode – Your Shout  
3rd .. Yvonne Harper – Advance Australia FAir  
HC .. Tom McIlveen – Eureka Mine Still Smoulders  
HC .. David Campbell – Floodtide  
HC .. Tom McIlveen – Dungeon on the Hill

### **BUSH LANTERN AWARD FOR BUSH VERSE 2012 - SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

1st .. Hannah Nugent – A Miscellany of Blue  
2nd . Hannah Nugent – Into the Night  
3rd . Hannah Nugent – Dam Jumping

### **BUSH LANTERN AWARD FOR BUSH VERSE 2012 - PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

1st .. Kirsten Buckholz – The Monster in the Marsh  
2nd . Alex Buckholz – Magpie Attack  
3rd .. Rose-Ann Breedt – Life on the Goldfields  
HC .. Emerson Guyatt – The Olden Days  
HC .. Rebeka Johnston – Campfire  
HC .. Reece Buckholz – Outback Dunny