

## Yass Show Poetry Competition

For 150 years, Yass Show has showcased the best of local produce. Now a literary dimension has joined the wools, bulls and show-bags-full program at the town's major community event of the year, as the inaugural Yass Show Poetry Competition came to a finale on Sunday March 17 with a St Patrick's Day Poets' Breakfast.

Ten poets vied for the performance poetry prize; awards for the Open, Bush and Junior written sections were presented and a selection of the short-listed poems were read or performed to a large and enthusiastic audience.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all those who entered. Your support is very much appreciated.

### Bush poetry written

- 1: David Campbell *Voices*
  2. Brenda Joy *The Spirit that we Share*
  3. Gregory North *That cunning old bastard*
- HC Brenda Joy *Little Friend*
- Best local (100km radius of Yass):
- John Buckmaster *Sometimes*
- Encouragement awards:
- Ted Webber *Flowers for Mary*
- Ian McFaul *Gordon, the treacherous galah*

### Open written poetry

- 1: PS Cottier *Banjo near Yass*
  - 2: Greg Piko *I Can Love Alone*
  3. Victoria McGrath *The Bead Threader*
- HC: Ted Webber *Moving On*
- C: KR Massingham *Winter Washday*
- Best local (100km radius of Yass):
- PS Cottier *Banjo near Yass*

### Performance poetry

- 1: Ted Webber *The Old Farm Ute* (original)
  2. Sue Pearce *Love you Daddy* (original)
  3. Lorraine McCrimmon *The Will* (Bobby Miller)
- Best local:
- Rob Gorman *Fishing for Cod* (Murray Hartin)
- St Patrick's Day prize:
- Roger Buckman *Let Patrick have his day* (original).

### Junior written poetry

- 1: Liam Newman
  - 2: Ashleigh Druett
  - 3: Selina Smith
- HC: Milli Duncan, Poppy Jones