

Boyup Brook Written Poetry Competition Results

Open

1st	As Shadows Fall	Brenda Joy	Charters Towers Qld
Highly Commended	Bluey	Tom McIlveen	Port Macquarie NSW
Highly Commended	A Message From Clancy	Shelley Hansen	Maryborough QLD
Highly Commended	Homeless	Shelley Hansen	Maryborough QLD
Commended	The Trench	Chris Taylor	Bunbury WA

Emerging Poet

Winner	The Flower Thief	Jim Brigginshaw	Alstonville NSW
Commended	Wot Are Them Signs For Dad?	John Dooley	Toowoomba Qld

Thank you to all who entered this competition. The numbers were down a bit this year, but I was late getting the details out also – so we will get them out earlier next year.

Congratulations to all winners/place-getters.

Irene Conner

Judges Report

I had the pleasure of judging this year's written competition. In total there were 42 entries 26 open and 16 novice entries.

Open

The Open Section of the competition was very close, with a number of poems vying for the few awards available. Many of those who missed out here shouldn't be deterred as I'm sure they will come into contention in future competitions.

As mentioned, there was very little even between the winning poems, it more or less came down to my own personal choice; another judge may well have selected different poems.

On the down side small mistakes with meter in particular, spoilt several otherwise very good poems. It is worth noting that the winning poems were very well written, and aspiring poets would do well to study the winning poem on the ABPA website when it's posted, this will give you an idea of the standard that needs to be reached these days to really compete with the top writers.

Emerging Poet

It was pleasing to see the increased number of Emerging Poets entering the written competition this year. It was also pleasing to see that many of these poems showed promise and were a pleasure to read. While problems with meter was a common occurrence in most of these poems, writers should not be deterred. You will learn to master this difficult part of writing Bush Poetry in time – if possible I would suggest seeking advice from an experienced writer.

Judge,
Terry Piggott