

Oracles of the Bush 2018 Report

We had superb Autumn weather and full houses. Our poets, Col Driscoll, Col Milligan, Bill Kearns and Ray Essery supported by musician, Darren Colston captured the audiences with their brilliant performances. They performed individually during the weekend at various outside and indoor venues collimating with the major concert on Saturday night. Many patrons left the concert commenting - best ever or one of the best!

We had poetry under Bald Rock in the National Park with tea and damper on the campfire and Kill Kearns rocked his performance. This year we introduced a fun night of a Twilight Race Meeting to kick off the weekend. It was a hoot!

The weekend was up close and personal with the poets performing at intimate historic venues and outdoors among the autumn leaves in parklands. Mother nature was kind and the weekend was bursting with positive vibes. We were delighted at the number of first time visitors and always excited to greet return patrons.

The Looming Legend poetry competition was extremely well supported. The written section, in particular saw entries from every state in Australia. Written and Performance sections were very high standard and gave the judges a few grey hairs deciding the winners. The junior sections were equally well supported as was the Junior Art competition. Lots of proud Mums and Dads, Grandparents, family and friends packed the hall for the children's concert.

Our Oracles Legend, Mr. George Mulherin, was our ambassador the weekend and absolutely nailed his role.

Dates for next year are April 5th to 7th, 2019.

Carmel Rose

President

Oracles of the Bush 2018 Adult Poetry Results

Written

Section 1: Humorous (\$400)

Winner	Brenda Joy (Charters Towers)	- "Let it all Hang Out"
H.C	Daryl Lloyd (Boonah)	- "The Wedding"
H.C	Tom Mcilveen (Port Macquarie)	- "Busted Flat"
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Section 2: Quiet Achievers (\$400)

Winner	David Campbell (Airey's Inlet)	- "Little Granny"
H.C	Shelly Hansen (Maryborough)	- "The Jumbuck Drama Club"
H.C	Terry Piggott (Gumtree Way)	- "The Canoligan"
H.C	Catherine Lee (Mona Vale)	- "Possum"

Performance

Section 3: Novice

Winner	Caleb Moylan
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Section 4: Original

Winner	Carmel Wooding
Runner Up:	Claire Reynolds

Section 5: Previously Published

Winner	Carmel Wooding
Runner Up:	Claire Reynolds