



Thurs 29th March – Sun 1st April 2012

ABPA* & Man from Snowy River Bush Festival NATIONAL BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR COMPETITION Prizes and Rules

Bush Poets & musicians encourage children & youth to join us in the skills of writing & reciting.

- Good Australian Bush poetry has rhyme, rhythm and metre and is about Australia and/or Australians.
- Junior must be under 18 on 29th March, 2012
- Please write student's details on entry form clearly. Names for certificates will be taken from this list.
- No individual, duo or group may repeat a poem that they have won a section with in a previous Australian Bush Poetry championship in either **Written or Performance** sections
- If in the majority opinion of the competition organising committee a performance is offensive and/or objectionable, the score sheet will be deemed null and void and a zero score given.
- **Written** entries must be the original work of the entrant/s – duos and groups accepted.
- **Written** entries need a completed entry form stapled to the back. (No name on front)
- **Written** entries should preferably be printed or desktop published and decorations are **encouraged**.
- A copy of the **Written** entry poem should be kept, as poems may not be returned.
- **Performance** Competition will be held on **Thursday 29th March** – not Sunday.
- **Performance** can be original or non-original poem, a yarn or a mix including song. Classes of Classical (traditional) Modern and Original defined by Australian Bush Poetry Association www.abpa.org.au
- Individual entrant may appear one more time as part of duo, class or group.
- Time limit 5 minutes including preamble
- Grade presentations welcome and props are definitely encouraged. (crowded conditions)
- **'Spirit of Mateship'** trophies (Primary & Secondary) will be awarded to a performance best depicting Mateship (equality, loyalty and friendship) No extra appearance needed.
- In case of a draw, judge/s will decide a winner, this decision being final with no further discussion
- We reserve right to publish, record or reproduce work submitted (© retained by writer/performer/s)
- Parent, teacher or guardian to sign for Juniors. Unsigned /unpaid entries will not be accepted
- Entry fee must accompany poems – Please don't send fee without poems or poems without money.
- Entry \$1.00 entry & one entry per duo/group/class for **Written or Performance** section.

MFSR 2012 Junior Bush Poetry PRIZES (at least \$300)



JUNIOR WRITTEN (U18) original, Individual, duo or group

Prep to Grade 6 All receive a certificate **Prizes:** \$80 + merchandise to distribute as judge/s decide

Secondary Yr 7 – 12 **Prizes:** \$50 + merchandise as judge decides. All receive a certificate



JUNIOR PERFORMANCE (U18) Individual, duo or group (*Max 5 mins*)

original, traditional, or modern poem or bush yarn (songs allowable as part of a mix):

Prep to Grade 6 All entrants receive a certificate **Prizes:** \$80 + merchandise to distribute as judge/s decide

Secondary Yr 7 – 12 **Prizes:** \$50 + merchandise as judge decides. All entrants receive a certificate



SPECIAL TROPHIES performance depicting 'Spirit of Mateship' original or not (max 5 mins):

Chosen from all performance entries – no extra appearance needed.

Primary entry 'Spirit of Mateship' Winner \$20 + trophy

Secondary entry 'Spirit of Mateship' Winner \$20 + trophy

Junior Judging criteria

Poetry WRITTEN Sections (100)

ABOUT AUSTRALIA/AUSTRALIANS	10
PRESENTATION/LAYOUT	10
STORYLINE	20
RHYME & RHYTHM	20
CREATIVE ABILITY	20
JUDGE'S PERSONAL ASSESSMENT	20

Performance Sections (100)

INTRO	10
START OF ITEM	10
BODY OF ITEM	20
CREATIVE ABILITY	10
VOCAL ABILITY	10
CHARACTERISATION	10
AUDIENCE RAPPORT	10
JUDGE'S PERS ASSESSMENT	20



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**ABPA* NATIONAL BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
JUNIOR ENTRY FORMS**

(WRITTEN & PERFORMANCE SECTIONS using Australian Bush Poetry Association* rules)


Contact Name: _____ Act Name: _____
(PLEASE PRINT – THESE NAMES WILL BE USED ON CERTIFICATES)

Address: _____ P/Code: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone (BH): Your School _____


THERE ARE TWO SECTIONS and four age groups in each (please turn over – p1 Prizes and Rules)
(ALSO trophies will be awarded to Primary & Secondary for best performance depicting ‘Spirit of Mateship’)

Prep to Grade 2 Grade 3 or 4 Gr 5 or 6 Secondary Yr 7 – 12 Please tick which group

 **JUNIOR WRITTEN BUSH POETRY (U18)** original poem, decorations/graphics encouraged.

Item Title: _____ tick here if entering
Individual, duo or group circle which

Please attach the entry form to the back of the poem – no name on the front of the poem for judging
Poems judged before the festival and winners announced at the Festival Thursday 29th April.

 **JUNIOR PERFORMANCE (U18) Max 5 mins** tick here if entering

original, traditional, or modern poem/yarn/(song ok in mix): Individual, duo or group circle which

Item Title: _____ author _____ Does your act depict ‘Spirit of Mateship’?

(We'll notify you ASAP if your poem was chosen by an earlier entrant)

NOTE: Junior Performance Comp will be held on **Thursday 29th March** – not Sunday, but Thursday's Jnr Performance **Winners** are invited to perform again on Sunday at Banjo's Block, or at Poets Breakfasts 8 – 10am Friday, Saturday & Sunday. There will also be informal walkups outside while Adult Comp is inside on Saturday.

Don't miss your opportunity to**Perform with a Legend** local schools encouraged to participate.

ENTRANTS' DECLARATION AND FEES Entries accepted in receipt order .

I have read conditions of entry to this competition and agree to help my child (or class) abide by them.
I allow/do not allow (circle which) my child's (or class) performance be recorded/used for festival promotion.
(© is always theirs)

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Teacher: _____

I enclose full payment of: **\$1.00 per entry** (separate form for each junior entrant/duo/group please)

Post to **MFSR Junior Poetry Competition** PO Box 144, Corryong 3707
or by hand to Festival Office, Jack Riley Arcade, Hanson St, Corryong

CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 18th MARCH 2012

Enquiries: **Festival Office (02) 6076 1992** or email info@bushfestival.com.au or website: www.bushfestival.com.au