

# THE VICTORIAN OPEN BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 16th to 18th 2009

Benalla Bowls Club

Arundel St. Benalla Vic

Poets Breakfasts (At the Bowls Club) Sat. and Sun. 8am - 10am

## Men's Open Performance

Open Champion:	\$300 & Trophy
Runner Up:	\$150 & Medallion
Original Poem:	\$100 & Trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$50
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	\$25
Traditional Poem:	\$100 & Trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$50
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	\$25
Contemporary Poem:	\$100 & Trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$50
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	\$25

## Women's Open Performance

Open Champion:	\$300 & Trophy
Runner Up:	\$150 & Medallion
Original Poem:	\$100 & Trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$50
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	\$25
Traditional Poem:	\$100 & Trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$50
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	\$25
Contemporary Poem:	\$100 & Trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$50
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	\$25

Highest placed Victorian in Men's and Women's Open Trophy  
(If the Open Champion is not a Victorian)

Intermediate	\$50 & Medallion
Novice Contemporary	\$50 & Medallion
Novice Traditional	\$50 & Medallion
Novice Original	\$50 & Medallion

Ross Noble Encouragement Award \$100 and Trophy

### Junior Performance Section 1 (School Student, up to & incl year 6)

### Junior Performance Section 2 (School Student, years 7-12 or entrant U/19)

Junior Champion:	\$50 & Trophy (in each section)
Runner Up:	\$20 & Medallion (in each section)
3rd:	\$10 (in each section)

### Junior Written Section 1 (School Student, up to & incl year 4)

### Junior Written Section 2 (School Student, years 5-6)

### Junior Written Section 3 (School Student, years 7-12 or entrant U/19)

Junior Champion:	\$50 & Trophy (in each section)
Runner Up:	\$20 & Medallion (in each section)
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	\$10 (in each section)

### Open Written

Open Champion:	\$300 & Trophy
Runner Up:	\$150 & Medallion

## MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

### Victorian Bush Poetry And Music Assoc. Inc.

Secretary, John Peel 0428 312 287

email peel\_j@hotmail.com

or send stamped self addressed envelope to:

John Peel, Secretary VBPMA, PO Box 37, Batlow NSW 2730

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## **Performance Competition Rules**

1. The Judges' decision will be final.
2. Open category will be contestants 19 years or over.
3. Open category will have Original, Traditional and Contemporary Sections.
4. Women and Men will compete in separate sections in the Open Competition.
5. Original — Australian bush poetry written by the performer.
6. Traditional — Australian bush poetry written or published 50 years or more ago, not written by the performer.
7. Contemporary — Australian bush poetry written or published less than 50 years ago, not written by the performer (where, if possible, permission from the author has been sought).
8. Combined rankings from Original, Traditional and Contemporary sections will decide the overall Champion/s.
9. There will be 2 junior categories. Category 1 – School Student, up to and including Year 6; and Category 2 – School Student, years 7 to 12 or entrant under 19 years.
10. In each of the junior categories, the poem performed can be the poet's choice of Original, Traditional or Contemporary, read or recited.
11. Maximum time limit per person, 8 minutes including preamble (adult classes) / 5 minutes including preamble (junior classes).
12. No competitor may repeat a poem that they have won a section with in a previous Victorian bush poetry championship
13. If in the majority opinion of the Organisers Executive Committee a performance is offensive and/or objectionable, the score sheet will be deemed null and void and a zero score given.
14. Deducted Points: Points will be deducted for: being over time limit (2 points per judge per 15 seconds over), read material (4 points per judge).
15. Intermediate – A poet who has won a novice award but no other award. Male and female competitors will be competing against each other for this prize.
16. Novice – A poet who has not won an award in an open competition. Male and female competitors will be competing against each other for these prizes.
17. Novice and Intermediate poets may enter all relevant performance sections. The prize will be awarded to the competitor with the highest combined rank in that section (for novice competitors). The prize will be awarded to the competitor with the highest single score from all sections entered (for intermediate competitors)

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## PERFORMANCE ENTRY FORM

Name: .....

Address:.....

.....Postcode.....

Phone..... Email.....

Date of Birth (For entrants under 19 years) ...../...../.....School Year.....

### Adult Competitors: (Please tick level of competence)

- Novice (Have not won a section in any competition)
- Intermediate (Have won a novice section but not an open section of a competition)
- Open
  

<input type="checkbox"/> Category 1. Contemporary Women	<input type="checkbox"/> Category 6. Original Men
<input type="checkbox"/> Category 2. Traditional Women	<input type="checkbox"/> Category 7. Junior (School Student, up to & including year 6) (free entry)
<input type="checkbox"/> Category 3. Original Women	<input type="checkbox"/> Category 8. Junior (School Student, years 7 to 12 or entrant u/19) (free entry)
<input type="checkbox"/> Category 4. Contemporary Men	
<input type="checkbox"/> Category 5. Traditional Men	

Both men and women may compete in any relevant category but must compete in all three open sections to be eligible to win the overall Victorian Bush Poetry Championships.

### TITLES OF ENTRIES

#### Contemporary

1st Choice ..... Author.....

2nd Choice ..... Author.....

3rd Choice ..... Author.....

#### Traditional

1st Choice ..... Author.....

2nd Choice ..... Author.....

3rd Choice ..... Author.....

#### Original

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#### Junior

1st Choice ..... Author.....

**Cost:** \$10 per category entered. (Except Cat. 7 & 8) A cheque/money order for \$..... Enclosed.

Cheques/money orders payable to Victorian Bush Poetry & Music Association Inc.

**Entries close Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009**

I have read the guidelines of this competition and agree to abide by them. I confirm that the Original Poem entered by me, in this competition was written by myself.

**Signed:**.....

**Date:**...../...../.....

Send entries to:

**John Peel**

**Secretary VBPMIA Inc**

**PO Box 37, Batlow NSW 2730**

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**WRITTEN ENTRY FORM**

Name: .....

Address:.....

.....Postcode.....

Phone..... Email.....

Date of Birth (For entrants under 19 years) ...../...../..... School Year.....

No. Of Entries.....

Category 9. Open Written (\$10 per poem, \$10 additional per poem for full critique)

Category 10. Junior Written (School Student up to & including year 4) (free entry)

Category 11. Junior Written (School Student, year 5-6) (free entry)

Category 12. Junior Written (School Student, year 7-12 or Entrant Under 19) (free entry)

**TITLE OF ENTRIES**

1. ....Full Critique Y/N

2. ....Full Critique Y/N

3. ....Full Critique Y/N

4. ....Full Critique Y/N

**Please Note:**

1. The competition is for bush verse and each poem must have good rhyme and rhythm and an Australian theme.
2. Each of the above poems must be on a separate sheet of paper, A4 size and typed if possible. Please make sure each page is titled and numbered. Please provide two copies of each entry.
3. Entrant's name **must not** appear on the above poems, only on the entry form.
4. Entrants are advised to keep copies of their poems as entries will not be returned.
5. If results are required please enclose a stamped self addressed envelope.
6. Entry fee **\$10 per poem (max. no of entries 4)** in open category.
7. If you would like a full critique on any of the poems entered, please include an additional **\$10 per poem (not available to junior competitors)**
8. **Free entry** in junior sections (**competitors limited to a single entry**)
9. Cheque/money order payable to, Victorian Bush Poetry & Music Association Inc.
10. **Open Section:** Please submit entry form and appropriate fee to:  
John Peel, Secretary VBPMA Inc, PO Box 37, Batlow NSW 2730
11. **Junior Section:** Please submit entry form to:  
Col Carrington, The President VBPMA Inc, PO Box 1152, Bendigo VIC 3552
12. **Entries Close 16th September 2009**

I declare that the enclosed poem(s) is/are entirely my own work and has/have not been placed first in a written competition prior to closing date 16/9/2009. I agree to the conditions of entry to this competition.

Amount Enclosed ..... Signature.....

Date...../...../.....