

BOYUP BROOK COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

12th-15th February 2009

BUSH POETRY PROGRAM

This year we are introducing a Bush Poetry Writers Competition into the festival program. There will be two sections: Open, and Emerging Poets (who have not won a writers competition.) There will be \$5.00 entry fee, and \$100 prize money for each section.

Irene Conner has offered to co-ordinate this competition. Please send entries to her at P O Box 584, Jurien Bay WA 6156 or iconner21@wn.com.au by 31st January.

- Thursday 12th 11.00 –1.00 **BUSH VERSE WRITERS WORKSHOP**
Jim Haynes will conduct a two-hour workshop on writing and publishing your poems. Jim has a huge amount of experience in conducting workshops and will tailor the program to suit our requirements.
- Thursday 12th 2.00-4.00 **POETRY PERFORMERS WORKSHOP**
Jim Haynes is a professional artist who's Big Bush Brekky is a regular feature at Tamworth Country Music Festival. Jim has tips on learning, selecting and performing poetry. Both these workshops will be held at the bowling club.
- Friday 13th 11.00-1.00 **POETS IN THE PARK**
Bush poetry at rear of the Tourist Centre.
This popular event has been well supported over the past two festivals, and any poets who are in Boyup Brook early are welcome to participate. A chance to try our new skills after the workshops!
- Saturday 14th 8-11am **BUSH POETS AT THE CLUB**
The Bowling Club will be selling breakfast while poets recite in the bar. Format will be same as previous years as an "Open Mike" program with all welcome to participate
- Sunday 15th. 7-10am **BUSH POETS BREAKFAST**
This is the biggest Bush Poetry event in WA
With the line-up of top Country Music Artists, including Adam Brand at this year's festival, we can be assured the Bush Poet's Brekky will again be much bigger than ever.

With three programs featuring bush poetry, there will be ample opportunity for all poets, whether beginners or seasoned campaigners, to have a go. Sunday morning will see Keith Lethbridge make a welcome return to Boyup. Also Jim Haynes, who will be accompanied by Greg North. Greg hails from the Blue Mountains in N S W, and is the 2008 Australian Bush Poetry Champion (see www.gregorynorth.com.au).

New and regular poets will be included as and when I know who is coming. Friday and Saturday sessions will be for all who can make it to Boyup Brook for all or part of the weekend. It would help if any poets coming were to contact me so I know who will be here and when. I can then ensure that everyone can participate in the program.

Camping is available on my farm, which is only 5 minutes from Boyup Brook (on the Kojonup road). I can be contacted on 0428651098 (daytime) or 97651098 (evenings). E-mail: northlands@wn.com.au

Looking forward to a great weekend.

Regards Bill Gordon