



2026 VICTORIAN BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 16th-19th April JUNIOR INFORMATION & ENTRY FORM

Entries Open 3rd November 2025 Close 27th Feb 2026

The MFSR Bush Festival Poetry & Music Competition started in 1995 & is now regarded as one of the most prestigious events in the country, and this year we include the Victorian Bush Poetry Championships.

Championships aim: "To foster & encourage children & youth to join us in learning the skills of writing and performing Australian Bush Verse". Entries should be about Australia, Australians and/or the Australian way of life and have good rhyme & meter.

Unfortunately, due to the clash with Victorian School Holidays, the Junior Performance Section will not be held in 2026. However, the Victorian Bush Poetry Junior Written Championships will still go ahead!

Junior Written entries in the 4 sections below will be judged prior to the festival and the winners announced on Sun 19th April 2026 at 2.00 pm in the Lions Youth Hall in conjunction with the Adult Competition Awards Ceremony.

Stamp the Entry Form with the School Stamp, sign and keep a photocopy. Attach entry form to poem. No names on poems please.

There are **\$200** in prizes to distribute as per the judge's decisions in the Written Championship section.

JUNIOR SECTION INFORMATION

Competition Assessment Sheets & Entry Forms used in this competition may be found at & www.abpa.org.au/events.html & www.bushfestival.com.au

JUNIOR WRITTEN

There are 4 age groups in this section., with trophies and certificates.

- (1) Prep to Grade 2
- (2) Grade 3-4
- (3) Grade 5-6
- (4) Secondary Years 7-12.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Junior Written Competition entrants must be under the age of **18** years as of **31st March 2026**.
- No individual, duo, family, group, or grade entry may repeat a poem with which they have won 1st place in a previous National or State Championship in the Written section.
- We reserve the right to publish, record or reproduce work submitted (© retained by writer/performer/s).
- A Parent, Teacher or Guardian must sign on behalf of Junior Competition entrants in the appropriate spot on the **"Entrants Declaration"** on the entry form.
- Student details must be legible, as the names from the Entry form will be used for the certificates.
- Unsigned entries will not be accepted.
- The **Junior Written** section encourages participation and entries can be the original work of an individual or a collaborative effort between a duo, group, or grade).
- We prefer entries be printed on 1 side of A4 paper, but legible hand-written entries are acceptable.
- We encourage decoration. Decorated class bundles in a uniform size look great when displayed.
- There are no line limits or restrictions on number of entries.
- **No entry fee.** Only one copy of each poem entry required.
- No names on the poems. Please attach entry form to the back of the poem

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Closing date is 27th Feb 2026 to the Festival Office. No late entries accepted.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Post hard copy poems to: P.O. Box 144, Corryong, VIC, 3707.

OR

E-mail to events@bushfestival.com.au

OR

Hand deliver to the Festival Office,
Cnr. Hanson & Jardine St, Corryong

For further enquiries:

Festival Office on (02) 6076 1992.

E: events@bushfestival.com.au or visit their website: www.bushfestival.com.au

2026 VICTORIAN BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR WRITTEN ENTRY FORM (attach to back of poem)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____ **POST CODE** _____

EMAIL: _____ **YOUR SCHOOL** _____

PHONE (H) _____ **(M)** _____

Poem Title _____

Prep to Grade 2 ☐ **Grade 3 or 4** ☐ **Grade 5 or 6** ☐ **Secondary Yr. 7-12** ☐

There are four entry categories in this section. *(Please tick which group)*
Please tick applicable boxes

Individual ☐ **Duo** ☐ **Group** ☐ **Grade** ☐

DECLARATION

- I have read and agree to abide by the *Terms & Conditions of Entry*.
- I agree to assist my children/students to abide by the *Terms & Conditions of Entry*.
- I **ALLOW** / **DO NOT ALLOW** (please circle) my child/students' performance to be recorded and/or used for Festival promotions. © remains with the author.
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Signature of Parent/Guardian/Teacher: _____ **Date:** _____

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