



2026 VBPC POETRY AND BUSH MUSIC PROGRAMME-

Most events held at Lions' Youth Hall or 'Banjo's Block' (Cnr. Donaldson St & Strzelecki Way).

16-19th April

TIME	ITEM	AREA
Wednesday 15th April		
3.00-4.30 pm	"Concert" for Hostel/Nursing Home residents-Poets & Singers welcome	Hostel: Jephcott Ave- Not Public
Thursday 16th April		
10.30-12 Mid	"Concert" for Day Activity Group Seniors- Poets & Singers welcome	Top of Kiel Street- Not Public
11am-12.30pm	"Jack Riley Remembrance Ceremony" -Geoffrey.W.Graham	Museum-Hanson Street
2.00-3.30 pm	"Featured Artists VarietyConcert" – The Rhymer from Ryde, Geoffrey.W.Graham, Tim Sheed & Peter Mace	MFSR 'Live' Stage-Rec Reserve
6.30-8.00 pm	"Poets Dinner" (Public welcome)	Lions Youth Club Hall
8-10.00 pm	"Walkup" Poetry & Music - (Open mike)	Lions Youth Club Hall
Friday 17th April (Fri-Sun programme includes ABPA Victorian Bush Poetry Championships)		
8.00am-11am	"Poets Breakfast" -(Open mike)- Food available (Includes music) Mc's Rhymer from Ryde & Matthew Hollis	Banjo's Block-(If raining, Lions Youth Club Hall)
9am-1.00pm	"Man from Snowy River Re-enactment & Entertainment" Shuttle Bus (Yes)	Thougla-Follow the signs
11am-12Midd	Lunch- Music by Christine Middleton	Banjo's Block
11.15 am	Judges Meeting	Lions Youth Club Hall
12.30 pm	Poets Group Photo -including banners/flags(Before Anzac Show)	Banjo Mural in RSL Carpark
12.45-.2.45pm	"Anzacs Remembrance" Concert	RSL Hall – Donaldson Street
4pm – 5pm	Sect 9 "Novice Poetry Competition"	Lions Youth Club Hall
5pm – 6pm	Dinner-Music with Simon Dillon & Colin O'Keeffe	Banjo's Block
6.00 pm	Section 3: "Man from Snowy River" recital 3 finalists	Lions Youth Club Hall
6.30-7.30 pm	Dinner Break	
7.30-10.00 pm	Section 5: "Original Serious Poetry Competition" (M & F)	Lions Youth Club Hall
10.00 pm-late	"Campfire Session" led by Simon Dillon & Colin O'Keeffe	Banjo's Block
Saturday 18th April		
8.00 am-10.00 am	"Poets Breakfast" - (Open Mike) Food available (Includes music) Mc's Rhymer from Ryde & Matthew Hollis	Banjo's Block-(If raining, Hall)
10.30-11.30am	"Street Parade" Poets meet 10.20 am Riley's Restaurant to walk	Hanson Street (Main Street)
11.30am-2.00pm	Sect 4: "Classical Poetry Competition" (M & F)	Lions Youth Club Hall
12Midd-1pm	"Featured Poets Show" with Geoffrey.W.Graham-Pop up Stage	Food Court-Rec Reserve
2.00-2.30pm	Lunch. Music by Christine Middleton	Banjo's Block
2.30 – 5.30pm	Section 7: "Modern Poetry Competition" (M& F)	Lions Youth Club Hall
5.30-7.00 pm	Dinner Break	
6pm-7pm	Music Concert with Simon Dillon & Colin O'Keeffe	Banjo's Block
7.00 -9.30pm	Section 6: "Original Humorous Poetry Competition" (M & F)	Lions Youth Club Hall
9.30 - 10.30pm	"Featured Artists VarietyConcert" – The Rhymer from Ryde, Geoffrey.W.Graham, Tim Sheed & Peter Mace	Lions Youth Club Hall
10.30pm-late	"Campfire Session" led by Simon Dillon & Colin O'Keeffe	Banjo's Block
Sunday 19th April		
8.00am-9.30am	"Poets Breakfast" - (Open mike). Food available (Includes music) Mc's Rhymer from Ryde & Matthew Hollis	Banjo's Block-(If raining, Lions Youth Club Hall)
10-11.30 am	Sect 8: "Yarnspinning Competition"	Lions Youth Club Hall
11.30am-12Midd	"Featured Poets Show" with Peter Mace	Lions Youth Club Hall
12-12.30 pm	Lunch-Music by Christine Middleton	Banjo's Block
12.30-1pm	Carol Reffold "One Minute Poem" Competition	
1.00 pm	"Judges Concert" - The Rhymer from Ryde, Tim Sheed, Christine Middleton, Peter Mace & Geoffrey.W.Graham	Lions Youth Club Hall
2.00 pm	"Awards Ceremony"	Lions Youth Club Hall
3.15 pm	Vic Bush Poetry & Music Ass. Meeting	Lions Youth Club Hall
5.00-9.00pm	Volunteer 'Thank You' Event	Recreation Reserve

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