

2021 BANJO PATERSON AUSTRALIAN POETRY FESTIVAL

AND

NATIONAL BUSH POETRY PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

The ABPA's National Bush Poetry Performance Championship that was being planned to be held in Orange, NSW in February 2021 in conjunction with the Annual Banjo Paterson Festival has been postponed to 2022.

This decision was taken by the Festival organising committee in conjunction with the President of the ABPA because of the current COVID-19 interstate travel restrictions. While there may be an easing of travel restrictions over the next few months, the uncertainty of this virus could also mean that travel becomes more difficult. Organisers are keen to ensure that poets from right across Australia can participate personally in the competition and return home safely without facing quarantine on their return.

The 2021 Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival will still go ahead, but with local events. There will be events in wineries, pubs and parks as well as a youth poetry performance competition and in-school workshops. The Festival will run from Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 February 2021 and welcomes visitors who do not face COVID-19 restrictions.

For further information about the National Championship, contact the ABPA and for information about the Festival in Orange email contact@rotarycluboforange.org.au. A web site with a Festival program will be publicised soon.