

FAW Eastwood/Hills

Results for Boree Log Award for Bush Verse 2014

Judge: Brian Beesley

First: <i>The Stringybark Butcher</i>	Tom McIlveen
Second: <i>Eugene</i>	Tom McIlveen
Highly Commended: <i>A photograph of Alice Faye</i>	Brian Tolagson
<i>On the wings of Eagles</i>	Tom McIlveen
Commended: <i>Jimmy</i>	Tom McIlveen
<i>Links</i>	Brenda Joy

Judge's Report – Boree log Award 2014

Unfortunately, the number of entries was less this year than on previous years. However, the quality was high and the subject matter delivered a wonderful, vivid account of human encounters with the vagaries of life and whims of nature.

Many fine ballads were sustained with intricate rhyme schemes, while other, less formidable poems, were compromised by poor rhyme selections and inconsistent rhythm.

Authors should be aware there are more competent poets writing today than ever before, so it is imperative that attention to perfect rhyme and metre be addressed at all times.

Congratulations to all placed entrants – your entries were a pleasure to read. To those who were unsuccessful, your entries were not far off the mark. My suggestion would be to go over your work and try to improve wording and rhymes. Ask a friend or family member, unfamiliar with poetry, to read your work aloud to you – it is then you will notice irregularities in rhythm.

Thank you for the opportunity to judge this year's Boree Log Award.

Brian Beesley