



BUNDABERG POETS' SOCIETY INC.

2016

21st Bundy Bush Poetry Muster

On the week-end of July 1st, 2nd & 3rd the Bundaberg Poets' Society Inc. hosted another successful week-end of performance poetry competitions as well as the much anticipated Friday and Saturday night concerts in the Sails Function Room at Across the Waves Sports Club. Poets and visitors came from as far as Townsville in the north to several towns and cities in New South Wales and Victoria as well as from Boyup Brook and Albany in Western Australia.

Fifty-one (51) poets had registered to take part in the Junior, Novice, Intermediate and Open categories plus the Duo competition, Yarn Spinning and One Minute Cup. The children's performances were something to marvel at and most comments were - "the children are great; such a delight; very talented and oh so confident".

On the Thursday prior to the week-end Jack Drake conducted a FREE poetry workshop in the Sails Function Room at Across the Waves Sports Club for twenty-four (24) very interested poets.

In conjunction with the performance competitions the club also ran the 2016 Bush Lantern Award for Bush Verse with categories for Opens, Primary School students and Secondary School students.

The winner in the Open category of the Bush Lantern Award was Terry Piggott from Perth, WA. The winner in the Primary School category was Isabella Wallace from Kilmore, Vic. and the winner in the Secondary School category was Marina Bishop from Kureelipa, Qld.

The 2016 Male poetry performance winner on the week-end after three days of competition was Dean Trevaskis from Ocean Shores, NSW and the 2016 Female poetry performance winner was Rhonda Tallnash from Violet Town, Victoria. Performers who competed in all three categories (traditional, modern and original) in the Open Section were the only ones eligible to win the overall trophy. At the completion of all three categories these scores were tallied to determine who had gained the most points to be named Overall Champions for the week-end.

The Friday and Saturday night concerts once again proved very popular with featured poets Jack Drake, Noel Stallard and Glenny Palmer. The Saturday evening concert was attended by two hundred (200) with very few tickets available on the week-end. People were walking out after the concert saying "great night; haven't been before but I'm hooked now; wait all year for this night".

A big thank-you to the competitors for their co-operation over the week-end which enabled the Bundy Bush Poetry Muster to run smoothly. A slight hiccup on Saturday with our sound equipment letting us down but thanks to Mick Martin of the North Pine Poets who saved the day temporarily until Rod Bryant, a member of the Bundaberg Country Music Club, brought in some of his equipment for us to use for the remainder of the week-end. One of the advantages of not living in big cities.

At the conclusion of the presentation of trophies Club President, Edna Harvey, thanked all who attended to make the 2016 Bundy Bush Poetry Muster a wonderful success and hoped all enjoyed themselves and look forward to catching up somewhere down the track at other festivals.

To finish off a fabulous week-end of poetry and friendship over 40 poets, family members and friends made their way back to John & Sandy Lees' place for a sausage sizzle and chat.

Until we meet again – happy poetry days.

Sandy Lees
Secretary/Muster Co-ordinator

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2016 BUSH POETRY PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

AT THE BUNDY BUSH POETRY MUSTER

Under 7 years

- 1st Toby Walker.....*Mary's Frog*
2nd Matilda Olsen.....*Teacher Took My Tennis Ball*
3rd Bridget Taylor.....*Daddy's Diet*

7 years to 12 years

- 1st Molly Trevaskis.....*My Ute*
2nd Shelby Walker.....*My Dad Is A Rock 'n Roller*
3rd Reece Buckholz.....*Winton Water*

13 years to 17 years

- 1st Freya Cathcart.....*A Bush Christening*
2nd Alex Buckholz.....*Gordon The Goat*
3rd n/a

Col Shiels Memorial Encouragement Award:

Emma Godber

Novice Traditional

- 1st Colin List*The Show*
2nd Frances Smallwood. *The Flying Doctor*
3rd Ross Vallance.....*The Shearer's Dream*

Novice Modern

- 1st Frances Smallwood. *Aussie Airline*
2nd Jayson Russell.....*Mr. Whippy Rip-off*
3rd Ross Vallance.....*The Chinese Cook*

Novice Original

- 1st Colin List.....*Bart's Hair*
2nd Ross Vallance.....*Home Brew*
3rd Steve Minett.....*Absalom's Outback*

Intermediate Traditional

- 1st Ian McDonald.....*The Glass In The Bar*
2nd Janine Keating.....*The Silent Member*
3rd Shirley Shepherd.....*Lost*

Intermediate Modern

- 1st Janine Keating.....*Aunt Martha*
2nd Ian McDonald.....*Redundant*
3rd Maureen Luke.....*The Flea*

Intermediate Original

- 1st Janine Keating.....*Blue Big M*
2nd Maureen Luke.....*The Great Departure*
3rd n/a

Open Traditional – Men

- 1st Jim Lamb.....*The Bush Fire*
2nd Paddy O'Brien.....*Me and Bill*
3rd Dean Trevaskis.....*In The Stable*

Open Traditional – Women

- 1st Sue Pearce.....*Ownerless*
2nd Rhonda Tallnash.....*The Old Whim Horse*
3rd Jan Facey.....*A Letter To The Front*

Open Modern – Men

- 1st Barry Tiffen.....*The Man Who Wasn't There*
2nd Paddy O'Brien.....*Fencing In The Dark*

- 3rd Lynden Baxter.....*The Magpie Creek Air Disaster*

Open Modern – Women

- 1st Sue Pearce.....*Remember*
2nd Kathie Priestley.....*Whip On The Wall*
3rd Rhonda Tallnash.....*Frackin' Fricker*

Open Original – Men

- 1st Mal Beveridge.....*Taxi*
2nd Dean Trevaskis.....*The Power of Kokoda*
3rd Barry Tiffen.....*The Call*

Open Original - Women

- 1st Rhonda Tallnash.....*The Shirt*
2nd Kathie Priestley.....*Love Will Bring Him Home*
3rd Shelley Hansen.....*According To Rose*

Duo Performance

Lyn Tarring & Kathie Priestly

Yarn Spinning

Dean Trevaskis

One Minute Cup

Margy McArdle

2016 Champion Male Poet:

Dean Trevaskis

2016 Champion Female Poet:

Rhonda Tallnash

2016 BUSH LANTERN AWARD FOR BUSH VERSE

- 1st Terry Piggott.....*"One Man's Prison"*
2nd Shelley Hansen.....*"Sun Goddess"*
3rd Will Moody.....*"The Old Farm Ute"*
HC Shelley Hansen.....*"Weapon of Words"*
HC Kay Gorrington.....*"The Harder Road"*
HC Brenda Joy.....*"Thy Will Be Done..."*

2016 BUSH LANTERN AWARD FOR BUSH VERSE - SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

- 1st Marina Bishop.....*"The Storm"*
2nd Alex Buckholz.....*"The Vandal"*
3rd Kirsten Buckholz.....*"The Learner Driver"*

2016 BUSH LANTERN AWARD FOR BUSH VERSE - PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

- 1st Isabella Wallace.....*"Sounds of Australia"*
2nd Carmen Oxenford.....*"Emus"*
3rd Isabella Wallace.....*"My Gran Is A Drover"*
HC Elizabeth Lawrence. *"I Want A Pony"*
HC Cassidy Lawrence...*"I Want A Pet Frog"*
HC Murelle Botha.....*"Australian Spiders"*