

THE DROVERS CAMP FESTIVAL 2019 Camooweal, Queensland.

The Camooweal Drovers Camp Festival was held on the weekend 23rd-25th August 2019. The festival was very well attended. The crowds were a considerable increase on 2018 with a line-up of performers led by Tom Maxwell, Laura Downing, John O'Dea, Tim Sheed, Christine Middleton, Bruce Lavender, Neville Anderson and Jack Drake.

At 7.30am on Sunday, the Poets Breakfast kicked off with Jack Drake MC, ably assisted by a number of poets including Noel Bull, Bill & Meg Gordon, Tim Sheed, Stumpy Adams and others.

The winning poem in the **Bronze Spur** written poetry competition was read to the crowd at the end of the breakfast with first place going to **Irene Dalgety Timpone** of Atherton, North Queensland for her wonderful poem *Soldier Number Five* (see full results below).

The Drovers Camp Talent Search was well patronised and judged by Tim Sheed and Christine Middleton.

The **Poetry section** attracted six competitors and was taken out by **Meg Gordon** from WA with the poem *The Survey* by Peg Vickers.

The **Ballad/Song Competition** was won by **Lynne Bennett** from Boondooma, Qld. for her original composition *Track mates*.

The **Yarnspinning section** was taken out by **Bill Gordon** from WA for his original yarn *Regulations* about the difficulty farmers (and others) have in complying with ever increasing regulation.

The overall feel of the meeting was festive and it was good to see nearly thirty of the old drovers still in attendance.

Our best wishes go to Larry Robinson from Dubbo who, after performing in the Bush Poetry Competition, was injured, in a freak accident in the Bronco Branding competition.

Tim Sheed.

Bronze Spur Award

First	Irene Dalgety Timpone	<i>Soldier Number Five</i>
Second	Chris Taylor	<i>Swampy</i>
Third	Terry Piggott	<i>Coming Home</i>

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