

HUNTER BUSH POETRY FESTIVAL – Morisset NSW

Overall Men's Champion: Ellis Campbell (Dubbo NSW)

Overall Women's Champion: Jacqui Warnock

Hunter Champion: Claire Reynolds

Club Champion: Claire Reynolds.

Written Humorous Section.

1st Will Moody

2nd Kym Eitel.

Written Serious Section.

1st Donald Crane (Qld),

2nd Brenda Joy,

3rd Kym Eitel,

4th David Campbell,

5th Ellis Campbell

Intermediate Section

1st Jacqui Warnock

2nd Robert Markwell

3rd Tomas Hamilton

4th Bob Sanders

5th Bert Pullen

Women's Classical

1st Jacqui Warnock

2nd Sally Mitchell

3rd Claire Reynolds

4th Jenny Markwell

Men's Classical

1st Ellis Campbell

2nd Tim McLoughlin

3rd Bob Sanders

4th Ron Brown

Women's Modern

1st Jacqui Warnock

2nd Claire Reynolds

3rd Sally Mitchell

4th Jenny Markwell

Men's Modern

1st Ellis Campbell

2nd Tim McLoughlin

3rd Bob Sanders

4th Frank Daniel

5th Ron Brown

Women's Original Serious

1st Jenny Markwell
2nd Claire Reynolds
3rd Jacqui Warnock
4th Wendy Seddon

Men's Original Serious

1st Ellis Campbell
2nd Frank Daniel
3rd Bob Sanders
4th Tim Mcloughlin
5th Bert Pullen

Women's Original Humorous

1st Claire Reynolds
2nd Jacqui Warnock
3rd Jenny Markwell.

Men's Original Humorous

1st Ellis Campbell
2nd Frank Daniel
3rd Ron Brown
4th Bert Pullen.

The Hunter Bush Poetry Festival, according to all who took part or attended was an absolute treat! The unseasonable gale force weather didn't ruffle anyone's feathers as although held at the showground (Morisset), all was under cover.

The Yarn-spinning kicked things off around the campfires and a very moving performance from Tom Hamilton took the money. Des Kelly kept us all singing and laughing along while club stalwarts Val and Ted Wallace shared their huge 50th wedding anniversary chocolate cake with us all.

Saturday's performance comp moved comfortably inside the Arts and Crafts pavilion with stage decorations adding to the country atmosphere. The whole comp went like clockwork and Ellis Campbell was in outstanding form to take the overall Men's Champion and Jacqui Warnock, the Women's.

Winner of the Written Humorous went to Will Moody and the Serious to Don Crane. Claire Reynolds became the Club Champion for the second year running. All were pleased to see Frank Daniel perform pretty close to his old form and scored places in several sections. Welcome back, mate!

The audience was amazed when 'Her Majesty the Queen', (comedienne Harriet Littlesmith) in full royal regalia opened the Gala Concert and gave a hilarious speech. Creme-de-la-creme poets Garry Lowe, Carol Heuchan and Greg North gave great entertainment as did country singer Des Kelly.

Despite organiser Carol Heuchan having to battle a disorganised showground trust that double booked the grounds and were, to say the least, 'difficult' to deal with, Carol battled through it, and the Poet's Brekky on Sunday morning was well not only well attended but proved hugely popular.

Cards and emails have been flowing in, thanking the committee (and Carol in particular) for a weekend smorgasboard of laughter, song, camaraderie and of course, great poetry.