NORTH PINE BUSH POETS' CAMP OVEN FESTIVAL – 2011 Report & Results

North Pine Bush Poets held their 16th Camp Oven Festival on the weekend of 19th,20th and 21st August at the North Pine Country Music Hall. Many of us enjoyed returning to the Country Music Hall as it has many happy memories for most of the oldies. The atmosphere was great and about twenty five poets competed in the three day event. It was great to see some new faces and a few old faces that we had not seen for quite a while.

The standard in the Novice Section bodes well for the future of Bush Poetry and I was rather pleased that I was no longer a novice. After a couple of years of trying, Jim Kennedy won the novice and now he has to play with the big boys. Congratulations to Jim for his win in the Novice Written.

The high standard of performance kept the judges, Jack Drake, Melanie Hall and Susie Carcary on their toes and there were some very close results. Congratulations to Paddy O'Brien and Jan Facey on winning the overall championships.

The Saturday night concert starring the illustrious judges was wonderful with the three judges excelling themselves.

I would like to make special mention of the huge debt that Bush Poetry owes to John and Sandy Lees. John and Sandy have been to every North Pine Festival except one and they attend many festivals around the place. They always have a job to do and they are a great help when a novice organiser needs help in the planning stages.

Unfortunately, we had no Junior entries this year and we will make it a project to encourage the youngsters in the future.

Cay Ellem – Honorary Scribe for North Pine Bush Poets.

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PERFORMANCE COMPETITION WINNERS NOVICE

1st: Jim Kennedy 2nd: Robert Stanmore 3rd: Betty Melton

Open Classical/Modern Serious - Male

1st: John Best 2nd: Ron Liekefett 3rd: Paddy O'Brien

Open Classical/Modern Serious – Female

1st: Jan Facey 2nd: Anita Reed 3rd: Cay Ellem

Open Classical/Modern Humorous - Male

1st: Paddy O'Brien 2nd: John Best 3rd: Barry Ellem

Open Classical/Modern Humorous – Female

1st:Cay Ellem 2nd:Jan Facey 3rd: Betty Melton

Open Original Serious – Female

1st: Anita Reed 2nd: Jan Facey 3rd: Lin Kennedy

Open Original Serious – Male

1st: John Best 2nd: Paddy O'Brien 3rd: Robert Stanmore

Open Original Humorous - Female

1st: Anita Reed 2nd: Dot Schwenke 3rd: Jan Facey

Open Original Humorous - Male

1st: Paddy O'Brien 2nd: Robert Stanmore 3rd: Bob Sanders

Duos

Anita Reed and Ron Liekefett

Yarnspinning

Paddy O'Brien

One Minute Mug

1st: Bob Sanders 2nd: John Best 3rd: Noel Stallard

Encouragement Award: Lois Sanders

Overall Champions

Male Champion: Paddy O'Brien Female Champion: Jan Facey

NORTH PINE BUSH POETS INUAGURAL GRAHAM FREDRIKSEN POETRY **COMPETITION**

AWARD WINNERS

1st Grandad's Purple Donkey by Kym Eitel

2nd Floodtide by David Campbell

3rd: Reflections Rebel Rose by Kym Eitel

H.C. Missing by Ellis Campbell

H.C. The Old Blacksmith's Shop by John Pampling

H.C. Trapped by Veronica Weal

C. Maiden Sea Change by Brenda Joy

C. What is a Mate by Bob Sanders

C. Mowing the Brain by Ian Mc Faul

C. Roycroft's Ride by Veronica Weal

NOVICE WRITTEN ENTRIES

1st A Khaki Handkerchief by Jim Kennedy
H.C. Come and Catch'em Here by Terry Regan
H.C. Ballad of the Bra by Jim Kennedy
H.C. The Dungeon on the Hill by Tom Mc Ilveen