

## **BUNDABERG — Bundy Bush Poet's Muster – July 2011**

On the week-end of July 8th, 9th & 10th this year, 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 Charters Towers and Townsville in the north to Ballarat and Dubbo from our southern states. When the performing poets saw the Sails Function Room for the first time on Friday morning they were in awe of it and were hoping that their performances would do it justice. It is a magnificent venue to perform in.

Forty poets performed on stage in the poetry competitions including 8 in the junior categories. In conjunction with the performance competitions the club also ran an Australia wide written poetry competition, namely the Bush Lantern Award for Bush Verse, for three categories – opens, primary school students and secondary school students.

Also prior to the Muster week-end in conjunction with The Guardian and Dymocks Booksellers the much anticipated Limerick competition was run.

The winner in the open category of the Bush Lantern Award was David Campbell from Beaumaris in Victoria. The winner in the Primary School category was Alex Buckholz from Bundaberg and the winner in the Secondary School category was Hannah Nugent from Toowoomba.

The overall poetry performance winner on the week-end after three days of competition was Ellis Campbell from Dubbo in New South Wales. Ellis has been coming to Bundaberg to compete in the Bundy Muster for over a decade and this is the first time he has won the coveted overall trophy – a 2 litre cask donated by Bundy Kegs. He has now won the double – the Bush Lantern Award Written Competition for Bush Verse and now the Overall Champion poet.

The Friday and Saturday night concerts once again proved very popular and entertaining with stand out performances by Neil McArthur, Gregory North and Bill Kearns. Over 200 attended the concert on the Saturday night with most of the tickets sold prior to the commencement of the week-end as patrons were concerned they might miss out. When folk were leaving on Saturday evening comments such as “can't wait for next year”, “best night of fun and laughter”, “we wait twelve months for this to come around”.

Prior to the Muster week-end Gregory North kept children entertained with a story-telling session in the Bundaberg Library. Also on the Thursday morning in the Library Greg conducted a free poetry workshop on both performing and writing which was very informative and well received.

People have already been asking what date will the Muster week-end be held next year so to those who like to mark their calendars, the 2012 Bundy Bush Poetry Muster will be happening on the week-end of July 13th, 14th & 15th. To finish off a fabulous week-end of poetry and friendship nearly 40 poets, family members and friends made their way to John & Sandy Lees' place for a sausage sizzle, chat and sing-a-long.

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.

Thanks to all who attended to make the 2011 Bundy Bush Poetry Muster a wonderful success. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and we'll catch up at some other festival down the track. Until we meet again happy poetry days.

Sandy Lees

## **RESULTS ...**

### **BUNDY BUSH POETRY MUSTER 2011**

#### **Under 8 years**

1st .. Reece Buckholz – My Lost Puppy

#### **8 years to U/16 years**

1st .. David Riggs – A Party

2nd .. Mitchell Riggs – The Bunyips

3rd .. Catherine Riggs – 1770

**Col Shiels Memorial Award:** Reece Buckholz

#### **Novice Traditional**

1st .. Malcolm Hannah – Man From Iron Bark

2nd .. Frances Smallwood – Jubal Caine

3rd .. Shirley Shepherd – High Explosives

#### **Novice Modern**

1st .. Malcolm Hannah – Conversations

2nd .. Frances Smallwood – Sea Fever

3rd .. Edna Harvey – One-Eyed Nell

#### **Novice Original**

1st .. Shirley Shepherd – Footprints

2nd .. Frances Smallwood – The Visitor

3rd .. Trevor Stewart – Mother-in-Law

#### **Intermediate Traditional**

1st .. Brian Weier – The Shearer

2nd .. Mike Donworth – Tambaroora Jim

#### **Intermediate Modern**

1st .. Mike Donworth – The Anzac On The Wall

2nd .. Trevor Stewart – The Battle of the Sexes

#### **Open Traditional – Men**

1st .. Wally Finch – Conroy's Gap

2nd .. Ellis Campbell – The Long Road

3rd .. Paddy O'Brien – We'll Give Him A Chance

#### **Open Traditional – Women**

1st .. Jacqui Warnock – The Brucedale Scandal

2nd .. Jan Facey – From The Wind That Buries The Dead

3rd .. Janine Mapson – The Worn Out Little Pony

#### **Open Modern – Men**

1st .. John Best – You're Doing OK

2nd .. Wally Finch – Gold Star

3rd .. Ellis Campbell – Lost Youth

#### **Open Modern – Women**

1st .. Cay Ellem – The Blow Fly

2nd .. Anita Reed – Sunday Too Far Away  
3rd .. Janeen Mapson – The Incontinence Pad

**Open Original – Men**

1st .. John Best – The Bush Trucker Man  
2nd .. Ellis Campbell – Luck Can Vary  
3rd .. Lynden Baxter – A Soldier's Song

**Open Original – Women**

1st .. Janeen Mapson – What Rotten Luck  
2nd .. Jan Facey – "Sam"  
3rd .. Jacqui Warnock – The Garage Door

**Duo Performance**

Paddy & Glori O'Brien

**Yarn Spinning**

Ellis Campbell

**One Minute Cup**

Dale Leard

**Overall Champion Poet: Ellis Campbell**

**BUSH LANTERN AWARD FOR BUSH VERSE 2011**

1st .. David Campbell – The Wisdom Of A Child  
2nd .. Rita Diplock – From A to B  
3rd .. David Campbell – Shadows  
HC .. Ellis Campbell – Lunatic The Courier  
HC .. Ellis Campbell – Eulogy of Crows  
HC .. Heather Knight – Last Post

**BUSH LANTERN AWARD FOR BUSH VERSE 2011 – SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

1st .. Hannah Nugent – Beneath The Stars  
2nd .. Sarah Webster – Words In The Window  
3rd .. Hannah Nugent – Australia In Colour

**BUSH LANTERN AWARD FOR BUSH VERSE 2011 – PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

1st .. Alex Buckholz – Bonfire  
2nd .. Kayla Rasmussen – A Spider Called Tim  
3rd .. Rhys Crook – Why

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