

CAMOOWEAL DROVER'S CAMP FESTIVAL 2012, August 2012

As usual, the little border town of Camooweal and the Drover's Camp Festival provided an authentic outback experience for the hundreds of 'locals' and travellers who attended this annual event.

Music, Bush Poetry and Yarn Spinning intermingled with street parade, mail race, outback ball, bronco branding, whip cracking, art exhibition and the many tributes to the aging drovers who attended their reunion.

The well-loved country ballads and music of Tommy Maxwell, Rod Dowsett and the talented musicians who supported them, rang through the camp at the Saturday night concert. They were joined by Kalesti Butler who launched her first CD.

There was music and verse resounding in town venues all week and at the festival during the weekend, whilst the Sunday Poet's Breakfast and The Drover's Camp Talent Award, both run and MC'd by a joyful Brenda Joy, had bush poets, yarn spinners and balladeers providing hilarious or heart-warming entertainment to an enthusiastic crowd right throughout the morning.

If you can plan to visit Camooweal on the 4th weekend of August 2013, we are sure you will have a great time.

Brenda Joy and Hal Pritchard

RESULTS

'Bronze Spur' (written competition) –

1st Allan Goode of Nerang *The Rattle of the Knob*

2nd Grahame Watt *Main Street*

3rd Carol Heuchan *Partners*

'Drover's Camp Talent Award' (performance competition) –

Bush Poetry

1st Darryl McEvoy of Dalrymple Heights, Queensland

2nd Richard Taubman of Murrunga, N.S.W.

3rd Ed Moffitt of Mt Isa and Lex Shepherd of Buderim, Queensland

Yarn Spinning

1st Richard Taubman

2nd Kevin Harris of Tamworth, N.S.W.

3rd Darryl McEvoy

Ballad/Song

1st Kevin Harris

2nd Ed Moffitt

3rd John Davis of Mt. Isa

OVERALL TALENT AWARD

1st Richard Taubman

2nd Kevin Harris

3rd Darryl McEvoy

Junior Competition

1st Kalisha Tucker (age 5) of Emerald

2nd Tyler Butler (age 3) of Emerald.