

Victorian Bush Poetry Championships at Man from Snowy River Festival.

At the Victorian Bush Poetry Championships at Corryong's Man from Snowy River festival, Roderick Williams, (now a Corryong resident) and Robyn Sykes (from Binalong, NSW) were triumphant in winning the overall Champion Male and Champion Female titles.

To qualify for Champion, they had to compete in four Poetry Performance sections – Classical, Modern, Original Serious and Original Humorous. Roderick scooped the pool by also winning the coveted MFSR Recital from Robyn and Ken Tough. In a very tight competition, Roderick won each section and Robyn also almost made a clean sweep, winning three of the four, and the Written Humorous section as well.

For the Yarnspinning Champion, a popular winner was Betty Walton (another local), who announced that this was her last competition. Twenty four poets performed on stage in the poetry competitions and 10 more in the junior categories.

The Original Written (Serious) was won by Tom McIlveen from Port Macquarie NSW, who also won 3rd and 2nd in the Humorous Section, plus the Written Champion Award for highest scoring poem.

Junior local winners were (Written) Prep – Gr 2 Georgia Gledhill; Gr 3/4 Ellie Holland; Gr 5/6 Caitie Klippel, Secondary 7 – 12. (Performance) Gr 3/4 Corryong College Gr 3/4 Group; Gr 5/6 Ash Burke (Tathra, NSW). No entrants for P – 2 or Sec 7 – 12 Performance. Mateship Award (Primary) Caitie Klippel. No Secondary Mateship Award entrants.

The Championships judges and guest performers were Graeme Johnson (head judge), Gregory North, Jill Meehan and MCs Geoffrey Graham, Colin Milligan, and Trevor Best. Tom O'Connor, Sue Pearce, Noel Bull, John Peel and Robert Markwell also assisted, judging the non-Championship sections. The spirit of 'Banjo' came with Geoffrey Graham as he 'became' the Banjo, popping up in various other places over the weekend.

As well as the competition, friendly collaborations were evident at The Meet 'n' Greet, Anzac Tribute concert, Poets' Breakfasts and campfire camaraderie on Banjo's Block and Finale Sunday night.

Thanks to our loyal Poetry sponsors and trophy makers and also to Camp Cooking Club, who come down from Albion Park to provide us all with great camp tucker

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VICTORIAN BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

AT MFSR BUSH FESTIVAL 4 – 7th April 2013

ADULT WINNERS

Sect	Section	Name	Poem
1	Written Orig Poem (Serious)	Tom McIlveen	Kathleen
2	Written Orig Poem (Humorous)	Robyn Sykes	Impromptu Shower
2a	Overall Written Poem Champion	Tom McIlveen	Kathleen
2b	Highest Score Novice Poem Sect 1 & 2	Sue-Ellen Drysdale	Moz from Snowy BBQ
3	Banjo Paterson's 'MFSR'	Roderick Williams	
4	Classical Poem Women	Jenny Markwell	The Ghost (Henry Lawson)
4	Classical Poem Men	Roderick Williams	Washing Day
5	Orig (Serious) Women	Robyn Sykes	The Colostrum of History
5	Orig (Serious) Men	Roderick Williams	Channel Country Skies
6	Orig (Humorous) Women	Robyn Sykes	Impromptu Shower
6	Orig (Humorous) Men	Roderick Williams	Torture in the Gidgee
6a	Jack Riley Heritage Performance	John Peel	King of Snubba Range
7	Modern Poem Women	Robyn Sykes	Not Gone
	Modern Poem Men	Roderick Williams	The Green Tree Snake
8	Yarnspinning Champion	Betty Walton	Retired
9	Intermediate Performance	Paul Connolly	Victa Air Tourer
10	One Minute Poem	Rhonda Tallnash	
11	Lawrie Sheridan Award	Ken Jones	
12	Seniors Award	Jill Winnett	
13	Jan Lewis Award	Narelle Morris	
14	Vict Champion Performer (Matilda) Women	Robyn Sykes	
15	Vict Open Champion Performer (Clancy) Men	Roderick Williams	
	Junior Awards	See Separate list	
16	Top Scoring Victorian Female	Rhonda Tallnash	
17	Top Scoring Victorian Male	Rod Williams	
	Top Scoring Victorian Yarnspinner	Betty Walton	
	Topscoring Written Victorian Poem	Ballad of Harry McGrew David Campbell	