

ABPA 2015 GOLDEN DAMPER AWARDS – A FEAST OF POETRY IN TAMWORTH

Continuing the tradition, the 2015 Golden Damper Performance competition was run over three heats on Tuesday 20th, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd January. An enthusiastic audience of 170 plus each day, met up in the 'Outback Bar' of the West Tamworth League Club where they enjoyed top class bush poetry. The competition culminated in the finals held in 'Blazes Auditorium' on Saturday 24th January when more than 200 early risers were treated to wonderful performances by the finalists in both the Established and Original categories.

Lyn Tarring of Townsville, North Queensland, took out both categories of the competition winning the Established Section with **Bill Kearns'** hilarious ***Senior Cits. Christmas Party*** and the Original Section with her own saga ***Swimsuit Blues***. **Jason Roweth** of Millthorpe NSW took out second place in the Established with **Gabby Colquhoun** of Gloucester NSW a close third whilst in the Original **Claire Reynolds** of Gloucester came second and **Rhonda Tallnash** of Violet Town in Victoria third.

What a wonderful feast of high standard poetry. Congratulations to all the 36 competitors.



Happy crowd in the Outback Bar



Finalists in the Established Section – Jason Roweth, Rhonda Tallnash, John Peel, Barry Ellem, Cay Ellem, Jacqui Warnock, Claire Reynolds. Lyn Tarring and Gabby Colquhoun at front.



Finalists in the Original Section – Tom McIlveen, Kathy Edwards, Rhonda Tallnash, Paddy O'Brien, Dave Elson, Claire Reynolds, Cay Ellem, Garry Lowe, Lyn Tarring (front)