

MILTON SHOW 2020 POETRY EVENT

Saturday seventh of March 2020 saw a very successful performance poetry event at the Milton show and a total of 44 people took the stage and entertained the audience reciting a poem.

The event had three separate competitions commencing at eight o'clock with a poets' breakfast with walk-up performances which attracted 14 contestants. The competition carried prize money to third place and the successful contestants were:

- 1st Bob "Pa" Kettle
- 2nd Craig Green
- 3rd Andrew Pulsford.

The Ruth Davis Memorial Junior Poetry Speaking Competition commenced at 9:30 am and attracted 15 junior contestants who, with out exception, performed brilliantly and were very entertaining. This competition carried prize money to third place and ribbons and mugs to sixth place and every child that went onto the stage and performed a poem received a book prize. The top six performers were:

- 1st Jake Shea
- 2nd Aya Magnussen
- 3rd Lucas McDonald
- 4th Xavier Brooks
- 5th Willie Gray
- 6th Max Chard.

The Open Poetry Speaking Competition had competitors from as far away as Queensland, Victoria, central New South Wales, South Coast and a good line-up of local people. The performances were of the highest standard and ranged from poems by Australia's iconic poets, modern contemporary poets and a good number of original works composed and performed by the poets themselves.

This competition commenced at 11 am and finished at 1 pm and carried prize money plus ribbons and mugs to sixth place. The top six places were:

- 1st Ken Potter
- 2nd Allan Stone
- 3rd Andrew Pulsford
- 4th Bob "Pa" Kettle
- 5th David Stanley
- 6th Jim Lamb.

A big thank you to the very capable people who assisted running this very successful event, without their able help it just could not have happened. To the judges, Chris Woodland, Lurline Gainsford, Phillipa Holenkamp and Daniel Costello, well done.

To Peter "Smokey" Dawson, thanks for the music, Ken Tough who came all the way from Pretty Beach just to help out and Jonathon Travers who very ably ran and MC'd the junior event and finally the sponsors: Kennedy & Cook, Juggernaught Advisory, Milton Theatre, Ray White , Southern Man, Southern Bricks & Pavers, L J Hooker, Ulladulla Lotteries & Souvenirs, OPSM, Beachside Pharmacy, Capital Chemist and R M Williams Publishing, who supplied the book prizes for the juniors.

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