

Results from Boyup Brook State Performance Championships

Yarnspinning:

- 1st Dave Smith (Collie) "Aboriginal Carving"
- 2nd Bill Gordon (Boyup Brook) "Condobolin Mosquitoes"
- 3rd Brian Langley (Perth) "The Kitten Incident"

Contemporary:

- 1st Barry Higgins (Perth) "Bush Justice" (Magor)
- 2nd Bill Gordon (Boyup Brook) "Turbulence" (Hartin)
- 3rd John Hayes (Perth) "From the Lanterns" (McGoffin)

Poet's Brawl:

- 1st Robert Gunn (Perth) "Eastern States Tourists"
- 2nd Shirl Frietag (Mandurah) "Bloody Kangaroos"

Original Humorous:

- 1st Peg Vickers (Albany) "Grandpa's Chooks" &
- 1st Peter Blyth (Albany) "After Ewe"
- 3rd Bill Gordon (Boyup Brook) "Boyup Brook"

Original Serious:

- 1st Brian Langley (Perth) "Old Hector"
- 2nd Peter Blyth (Albany) "Talking Ground"
- 3rd Catherine McLernan (Geraldton) "Red Poppies" &
- 3rd Roger Cracknell (Geraldton) "Old Silver"

Traditional:

- 1st Irene Conner (Jurien) "Women of the West" (Evans)
- 2nd Peter Blyth (Albany) "Fencer's Yarn" (Jenkins)
- 3rd Brian Langley (Perth) "What of the Pioneers" (Murphy)

Overall Champion (Combined Marks of those events marked #)

- 1st Peter Blyth (Albany)
- 2nd Bill Gordon (Boyup Brook)
- 3rd Irene Conner (Jurien)

It was very pleasing to see the wide range of talent. As can be seen, in the 6 categories of competition, there were 7 different people took out first place. In almost all events, only a few marks separated the top four or five competitors. The overall standard was very high, receiving many accolades from the 3 professional judges from Eastern Parts, in particular for the Original Serious category.

A special thanks to the three Eastern States poets Melanie Hall, Susan Carcery and Neil McArthur who gave up their valuable free time to drive the judging panel. Each event had two of these very talented people plus one local:

Thanks also to those WA people who volunteered for judging and MCing duties and a huge Thank You also to the principle of St Mary's Primary School who came to the rescue when the printer we had organised decided that it didn't want to print on card. The school's printer was used to print the award certificates

All in all, it was a great festival, made better by the combining of the Championships with the already very successful Annual Bush Poetry Program