

The Boyup Brook Country Music Festival Written Competition

Open Section Winner—**Catherine Lee** (Bangkok, Thailand) “Ghosts of Men”

Second place—**Shelley Hansen** (Maryborough, Qld) “This Land of Ours”

Third Place—**Brenda Joy Pritchard** (Charters Towers Qld) “My Sacred Place”

Highly Commended—**Tom McIlveen** (Port Macquarie NSW) “From Gallipoli With Love”

Emerging Poet Winner—**Deb Macquire** (Glen Forest WA) “A Broker’s Tale—of bush fires and floods”

Second Place—**Eliza Allan** (Denmark WA) “The Little Wooden Dancing Hall”

Highly Commended—**Eliza Allan** (Denmark WA) “You Can Have Your Hills”

Judges comments— Poets must be conscious of good rhyme. A lot of the poems were weak in this area. Set the pattern in the first verse and adhere to it throughout the poem. Punctuation is very necessary.