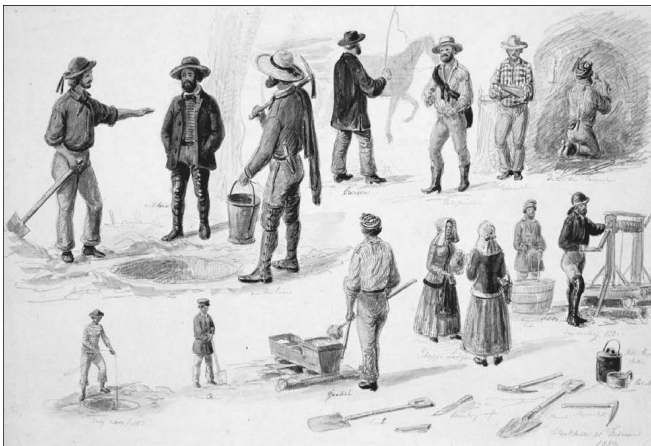


Next Muster Friday September 1st ,7pm - Bentley Park Auditorium, Bentley Park

MC : Grace Williamson 9361 4265 grace.wil@bigpond.com



Please endeavour to wear Colonial Dress to the traditional night this month. Always fun to see what people come up with. Prizes for the best dressed.

**The Dog in the Moon: H. Lawson 1909**

*In the days of your childhood, when Granny was there,  
and all things were truthful, and all things were fair;  
you believed that your sin would be punished right soon,*

*you believed in the tale of the Man in the Moon.  
And for picking up sticks on a Sunday, we knew,  
he was sent to the Moon. But his dog followed too.  
The master's been dead for full many a June,  
but his old dog still mourns him — the Dog in the Moon.*

*If you do not believe me, — and people are dull —  
just seek the right place, when the moon is at full.*

*And you'll hear the dogs howling a dolorous tune, — 'Tis the Earth dogs that answer the Dog in the Moon.*

*Reprinted from Henry Lives, ED. Tony Lambides*



**ACCOMMODATION FOR NATIONALS**

**TOODYAY**

We have secured Bed & Breakfast accommodation at the Priory (part of the former catholic boarding school) in Toodyay for the festival in November. This is within walking distance of the Memorial Hall, and consists of twin and single rooms with shared bathrooms. Very reasonable price.

For more information please contact Meg on 0404075108

**IMPORTANT  
MEMBERSHIP  
NOTICE**

**Jem's gems**

**Changes to membership**

At the AGM it was agreed to revert back to a financial year reporting and membership period. As a result, annual Membership Fees are now due (as at 1-7-17), and there has been a small lift in fees (our first for eleven 10 years). Members fee now \$20. Partners of members now \$10. Posted Bully Tin annual charge now \$5.

We are still the cheapest Club or Association on Earth! Please note, a single annual fee to ABPA = \$60!

My email address shorland@inet.net.au  
phone 6143 0127  
address 51 Lilburne Road, DUNCRAIG,  
WA, 6023

Please also advise them they can pay direct by bank transfer to the Bendigo Bank – BSB 633-108, A/c # 1587-64837

Jem (Treasurer WABPYS)

ED:Jem will be available to collect fees at the September muster. If any new members have any queries or feel this is unfair Jem will do his best to come to a viable solution.

This Bully Tin has been printed with the generous assistance of the office of  
**KATE DOUST MLC**  
and posted with the generous assistance of Ben Wyatt, MLA - Member for Victoria Park.



Our AGM was well attended last month. Alan and Maxine resigned from the committee, Maxine after many years of sterling service to WA Bush Poets. Welcome Sue Hill and Bev Shorland to fill the places. Both have been very willing assistants whenever asked, and Bev has been a member of the Toodyay sub-committee for some time. All resolutions Peter Nettleton put forward for constitution changes were passed. We are now able to recognise our groups in Bunbury, Albany, Geraldton and Derby as part of WABP&YS, and provide them with insurance cover under our policy.

At the AGM in 2015 our subscription year was changed so that subs were due 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. This has not worked as well as was hoped, and this has been reverted to the previous arrangement where subs are again due 1<sup>st</sup> July, in line with our financial year. Please do not worry about the confusion that might arise from this, your treasurer will let you know when your subs are due!

Maybe it was a good thing that Meg and I were not able to do a big trip this year. There has been no shortage of bush poetry events and activities to keep us busy at home. Apart from preparations for the Toodyay Bush Poetry Festival and the constant run of activities with our grandchildren, I managed to combine them all this week. We had the weekend in Toodyay with Jem and Bev at the Farmers Market handing out flyers and talking to people about our November festival. Toodyay is well aware that the poets are heading their way and interest is running high.

Then on Monday I did two presentations at the Toodyay District High School, followed this with Tuesday and Wednesday at grandy's schools in Perth, and finished the week at St Mary's in Boyup Brook. My kid's poems have had a good workout, but it is a lot of fun interacting with young minds and introducing them to Bush Poetry.

Don't forget that September muster is our Traditional night. Hope to see many members whether poets or supporters dress up for the evening. See you there!

Bill Gordon President

### COMPETITIONS

23-27 January - Golden Damper Awards for Performance Bush Poetry, Tamworth NSW.

NOVEMBER 2017

3-5 November - ABPA National Bush Poetry Championships, Toodyay WA

OCTOBER 201

7-29 October - Mary Gilmore Festival Weekend, Crookwell NSW.

13 October - Closing Date - South West Slopes Credit Union Writing Competition. Short story and poetry sections, Young NSW.

6 October - Closing Date - ABPA National Bush Poetry Written Championships, Toodyay WA.

6 October - Closing Date - Cervantes Festival of Arts, Cervantes WA.

SEPTEMBER 2017

15-17 September - Turning Wave Festival, Yass NSW.

15-17 September - Bony Mountain Music Festival, Bony Mountain Qld. MC Gary Fogarty. Walk up opportunities.

1 September - Closing Date - Toolangi C J Dennis Poetry Competition, Toolangi Victoria.

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"The Bear" Finch. P. O. Box 68, Morayfield, 4506, Qld. Phone: (07) 54 955 110. E-Mail:

*wmbear1@bigpond.com*

Hi Christine,  
The following monologue was so well received at Port Bouvard I thought you might like to put it in the next Bullytin, it's up to if you think it suitable, I suggest it comes under our "Yarnspinnners category. It is a continuation of the life of "Albert" of "The Lion and Albert" fame.  
Ian Farrell, Bunbury Club.

### **ALBERT AND THE VINDALOO**

by  
**Roger Merry**



There's a famous curry centre in Blackpool,  
That's noted for hot vindaloo,  
Where they've buckets of water on t' tables,  
And steel straining bars in the loos.

Now young Albert had been constipated,  
For three weeks his tum had been funny,  
'Till someone told him a curry,  
Would give him a good run for his money.

So Albert determined to try one,  
And not knowing which one to choose,  
Shut his eyes, stabbed his fork in the menu,  
It came down in the hot vindaloo.

It was number eight Albert had chosen,  
To relieve him of all constipation,  
With extra hot sauce to disguise the fact,  
It was off the bone Alsatian.

They had a good laugh in the kitchen,  
When somebody picked number eight,  
And they brought it in quick 'cos it soon dissolves,  
The enamel from off of t' plate.

Albert said a prayer and picked up his fork,  
Then thought he had better make certain,  
He'd have the time to cross the floor,  
To the gents past the plastic curtain.

From table to toilet took twelve seconds flat,  
Provided he didn't slip,  
And the coin operated lock on the door,  
Said tuppence per person per trip.

So Albert went back and ate his vindaloo,  
'Till his eyes filled up with tears,  
And the hairs on his legs turned round and round,  
And steam came out of his ears.

But that infamous number eight curry,  
Had no more effect on his guts,  
Than a pint of Watneys red barrel,  
And a packet of planter's nuts.

He waited for twenty minutes,  
With no results, and then,  
The customers gave a round of applause,  
As he asked for the same again.

He re-timed his run to the toilet,  
Ten seconds a nip,  
To the door marked gents and the sign that said,  
Tuppence per person per trip.

But after another plateful,  
He didn't feel too grand,  
As he clenched his teeth and sat there,  
On his arse with his fork in his hand.

The waiters waited and waited,  
For the curry to do its worst,  
But that second Alsatian vindaloo,  
Had no more effect than the first.

Another twenty minutes passed,  
He couldn't speak a word,  
He just had to point to the menu,  
In order to order his third.

A hush fell over the restaurant,  
They were all too impressed to laugh,  
And one of the waiters, two sikhs and the chef,  
Asked him for his autograph.

The manager tried to dissuade him,  
But Albert just shook his head,  
As he re-timed his run to the toilet,  
And make it in eight seconds dead.

And as he began the third one,  
His stomach felt just like Stonehenge,  
And he'd only forced down four forkfuls,  
When the curry began its revenge.

The customers cleared a gangway,  
As, feeling the end was certain,  
Albert leapt to his feet and in three seconds flat,  
Had vanished through the plastic curtain.

As the customers waited and wondered,  
About the fate of the boy,  
They heard a muffled explosion,  
And a cry, half anguish, half joy.

The minutes passed, then Albert emerged,  
His face full of venom and hate,  
They could tell by the way he walked all bow legged,  
That he'd got to the toilet too late.

He looked round the crowded restaurant,  
And a moan passed through his lips,  
It was lucky for the carpet,  
He was wearing his bicycle clips.

At last he spoke to the waiting crowd,  
In a voice so plaintive and strange,  
With a five pound note in his hand, he gasped,  
" Has anyone got any change?"

Friday 25th August 2017

Hello everyone! It's me again...the chook on the cover of the latest ABPA Magazine!



LIMITED ISSUE 'CHOOK' RAFFLE Number 2 - 2017

One in 400 Chance to Win \$400

Only 400 Tickets at \$5.00 each.

CLOSING 3rd November 2017 OR SOON AFTER

This ticket is different-looking to the first one and has great poems on it.

Prize money \$400 is donated entirely by our very well known member 'Anonymous'.

The first of our Chook raffles which was drawn on 5th July was a sell-out and earned the ABPA \$2,000.00 - thanks to all of you who invested in tickets and who took a big part in selling them.

Not bad going! to you dear members and friends who have answered the call so far - well done and thanks from all of us for your generosity. It is much needed funding - almost unobtainable from elsewhere these days.

The Second Chook raffle is under-way with 10 members purchasing 58 tickets already this month.

This time the proceeds of \$2,000.00 will be designated mostly for the ABPA Anthology currently being compiled, ready for Tamworth 2018, and the remainder towards coffee and mudcake for the Treasurer. (only joking!) Pardon that slip - the remainder: to avoid increasing membership fees, it will be towards running costs of the ABPA especially postage, all properly accounted for!

Please purchase your Limited Issue Chook Raffle Tickets number 2-2017 from now until 3rd November - sooner rather than later please - so that Doug and I don't have to do three stints instead of one in our shopping centre again. We did have three fun days so must not complain.

The best way to do this very much needed fund raiser is...

Books of tickets are now available on request for you to volunteer yourself as the official ticket-seller - all really fun and easy - to family, friends, neighbours, shopping centre, club, sports meets etc. All details and documentation for shopping centres will be given and you do the rest!

It can be done without a doubt. My husband Doug (a member) and I have sold 104 tickets between us since 25th April. We have even set-up in the local shopping mall for the day selling tickets and had a ball. We do not expect anyone to do that as it is a little daunting if you haven't done that sort of thing before, but worth a good think - with help from me for signage.

Here's how....

Cheque made out to A.B.P.A. for \$5.00 or multiples of...

plus a SSAE, if no email address, for returning your tickets

OR your email address to have the ticket emailed to you, saving your stamp, with a note advising your name and address and phone number. Thank you.

Send to: The Treasurer, ABPA, 48 Avoca Street, Kingaroy, Qld. 4610

OR direct deposit \$5.00 or multiples of... using 'pay anyone' on your online banking...

ABPA Inc. BSB 633 000 A/c no: 154842108 Reference: 'Tickets - your surname' plus an email letting me know it is happening with the deposit receipt number included.

[treasurer@abpa.org.au](mailto:treasurer@abpa.org.au)

The ticket will be emailed to you with thanks.

NO Securepay FOR CHOOK RAFFLE TICKETS. (ABPA does not do Paypal any more)

If you feel you can, I'll trust you to accept money, bank it or send your covering cheque, and email me with the names, amount each, SSAE and/or email addresses, so I can complete the process if any of you want to do it that way. The receipt is the ticket that I issue when I receive the money. That way it will need to be on trust with people you know and they trust you.

So, here's how to spread the word - only if you want to. We are all in this together.

We enthusiastically ask others 'to help the ABPA by purchasing a 1 in 400 chance of winning \$400.00 ('would you like to buy a ticket' may be answered with a 'no') Never assume. Thank them

We cheekily and politely say 'how would you like to win \$400.00 with 1 in 400 odds, better odds than Lotto. ' (that gets the interest going) Graciously accept the reply whatever it is. Never push further.

Carole Heuchan

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# WAPB&YS ASSET REGISTER

Asset	Purchase price
<b>Electronic Equipment:</b>	
PA System Fender Passport 250 (inc 2 mics)	2200
Cover & trolley for PA System	180
Loudspeakers pr - Yamaha	740
Stands for Loudspeakers (4)	200
Stands for Mic / Spkr Kit 2 Spkr/2 Mic	135
Mic Stands (2)	140
Cables	299
Cables Mic (3)	90
Cable Data (2)	119
Microphones Wireless Lapel/H-set Ashton in case	690
Microphone Wireless handheld Ashton	140
Microphones (Shure 58 ) (2)	198
Microphone - Lecturn	90
CD Player	499
Equipment Cases	254
Control Desk - Behringer Xenyx 1832FX450	450
Speakers - Powered Seer PA12 1 pair	1100
Radio - Portable	55
<b>Outdoor &amp; Misc Equipment :</b>	
Backdrops	400
Ladder Step/Extend	89
Luggage Trolley	55
Gazebo Free Standing (2) plus wall kit	628
Shade Sail	149
<b>Catering Equipment:</b>	
Tables (3)	165
Urn	120
Esky "Pullalong"	119
<b>Trailer / Signage etc</b>	
Trailer 6x4 Tradesman - J Papas	2210
Signage on Trailer	429
A Frames with Signage	297
Banner Vinyl	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,328.00</b>
Undefined Assets	
Library Books	
ABPA Banner	
Minor Assets include Power Cabling/RCD/Multiway Blocks, mic stand accessories, audio adaptors	
Chairs, Electronic Cordage, Storage Boxes, Lights, Catering Equipment, Weights,	
Banners, Flags, small step ladder etc	approx \$360
also storage boxes, cases, minor treasurer and secretarial books	

G'day Christine

Attached is the asset list requested at the AGM.

This lists purchase price but does not represent current value.

I do have a much more detailed list but this should suffice for the purpose.

Catchya



## **A Message From Maxine**

Dear Members,

It's been a pleasure working with you all. I have enjoyed posting out the Bully Tin and my many other duties over the last twenty years. I have great admiration for all of our writers and performers. You have been why I have been here for the last twenty years.

I have made so many wonderful friends. I am not giving up attending our meetings but I am having a break from being on the committee. I am now 87 and am feeling the weight of my years.

I welcome the opportunity to train some new members to fill my many roles.

Best wishes to you all

Maxine

0429 339 002

## **POSITION VACANT**

With Maxine vacating her position there are several jobs that will need to be done.

This would suit a resident of Bentley Park as they would be on hand. However, any willing person would be welcome.

Newsletter mail out: This involves collecting the newsletters from Kate Doust's and folding them. Printing out the envelopes, filling them with Bully Tins, then taking them to Ben Wyatt's for posting.

Auditorium: liaising with the village to organise chairs

Kitchen: checking cups and purchasing more if necessary

Checking that the dates are free and do not clash with other events.

Turning the air conditioning and lights on and off.

Putting advertising around the village

Checking the PO Box at Bentley

Paying for the hall hire

Suggestion/Option: could people bring their own cups. We would still have

Styrofoam ones on standby if people forget.



# WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinners Assoc Inc NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

Conducted under the auspices of the ABPA Assoc Inc  
FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER—SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2017  
Entries Close 20th October 2017

W.A. Bush Poets



## PERFORMANCE COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Original Friday PM	Novice Other Poet Friday PM	Traditional (Other Poet) Saturday AM
Junior Other Poet Friday PM	Yarn Spinning Friday PM	Original Serious Sunday AM
Novice Original Friday PM	Modern (Other Poet) Saturday PM	Original Humorous Sunday PM

For "Traditional" and "Modern" classifications, to avoid repetition of poems, entrants are requested to indicate their First and Second choice of poems below. These will be decided by the WABP&YS Committee on a "first in" basis.

Traditional ( 1st choice) \_\_\_\_\_ (2nd choice) \_\_\_\_\_

Modern (1st choice) \_\_\_\_\_ (2nd choice) \_\_\_\_\_

Own Serious

Own Humorous

**Entry Fees:** Adults \$10 per event; Juniors Free. Payment by:  
**Cheque or Money Order:** made out to "WA Bush Poets and Yarnspinners Assoc" and posted to:

**WABP&YS National Championship Entry**

Rodger Kohn  
16 Stoddart Way  
Bateman 6150

[rodgershirley@bigpond.com](mailto:rodgershirley@bigpond.com)

Or **Direct Bank Transfer:** BSB 633-000/ Account 156989659; Name **WA Bush Poets**; Ref (your name), then 2017 NCP; and then email [treasurer@wabushpoets.asn.au](mailto:treasurer@wabushpoets.asn.au) informing of Direct Bank Transfer.

### Declaration

1. The poem/s entered in "Original" category is/are my own work/s: Signature
2. I have obtained copyright permission to perform the above poem/s and declare that the onus for any breach of copyright is not the responsibility of the competition organiser:

Signature

## Conditions of Entry

A person may enter all or any eligible category

Judging will be by a judge or panel of judges approved by the ABPA

The Rank Order Tally System as detailed in the ABPA Performance Competition Guidelines will determine the winner

The WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinners Committee reserves the right to accept late entries

## Requirements of Entrants/Poems

"Junior" - a person 17 years or younger

"Novice" - a person who has never won a Bush Poetry Performance competition

"Original" - a poem which is the original work of the performer

"Traditional" (Classic) – A poem written on or before 1950

"Modern" - a poem written after 1950

Copyright approval must be obtained for any poem whose author died after 1955

"Anon" – poems by "Anon" can only be performed in the Traditional Section and MUST have been first published on or before 1950

Maximum time for Juniors is 5 minutes; for all others 8 minutes; there will be a 1 minute and a 30 second warning. Going overtime will result in a considerable penalty.

Marks will be deducted for any verbal assistance or any reference to anything written

For ABPA Guides go to <http://abpa.org.au/competitions.html>

## Prizes

Monetary prizes and certificates (for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) will be awarded for all categories provided there are sufficient entries as follows:

Five or more entries: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be awarded

Four entries: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places only will be awarded

3. Three entries: 1<sup>st</sup> place only will be awarded

4. One or two entries: no award

Please note that you may choose to print this entry form directly from the WA Bush Poets and Yarnspinners Assn. Website. ( Thanks Brian)

**WA BUSH POETS & YARNSPINNERS ASSOC.**  
ANNUAL/NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL 2017/18

**FEES ARE DUE July 1ST**

First Name/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Suburb \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ P/Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile \_\_\_\_\_  
E Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Interest**

- Bush Poetry
- Performing
- Administration
- Yarnspinning
- Writing
- Audience

Please tick appropriate boxes below and fill in total owing  
Return this form with your subscription fee

Family \$30.00   
Single \$20.00   
Postage for Bully Tin \$ 5.00   
(Snail Mail optional)  
TOTAL Owing \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To a committee member at the muster or post to

The Treasurer  
WA BUSH POETS & YARNSPINNERS ASSOC.  
P.O. Box 364  
BENTLEY, 6082

Or by Direct Bank Transfer (see Column 3)

Please send the left strip to the Treasurer

**WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinnners  
Assoc. Inc.**



**Aims of the Association:**

- To Conserve Traditional Australian Bush Poetry
- To keep Australian People in touch with their heritage
- To maintain the Australian Idiom
- To Promote Bush Poetry and Yarnspinning writing and performance in the wider community

**Public meetings / Performances (Musters)**

Are held Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday  
7.00 – 9.30pm at\*

Auditorium  
Bentley Park Retirement Village  
26 Plantation Dve.  
Bentley 6102

Enquiries  
Bill 0428 651 098 or  
Brian 9361 3770

Come along and be a part of a great night  
of Performance and entertainment.

**New members Welcome**

Internet [wabushpoets.com](http://wabushpoets.com)  
or [wabushpoets.asn.au](http://wabushpoets.asn.au)

Interim Receipt

**WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinnners  
Assoc. Inc.**

You should receive your personal copy of the Monthly  
Newsletter "The Bully Tin" a few days prior to the first  
Friday. Receipt and membership card should follow  
shortly after

Muster entry prices:  
Members \$6, Public \$8  
Supper \$1



Dated / / 201

I applied for Membership, and paid my  
dues to the above Assoc.

I paid \$ by \_\_\_\_\_

- NOTE -

Membership fees can be paid by direct  
Bank Transfer to **Bendigo Bank Toodyay**

BSB 633 000 A/C # 158764837  
Name - WA Bush Poets

**Please**

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**AUSTRALIAN BUSH POETS ASSOCIATION  
2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Hosted by WA BUSH POETS AND  
YARNSPINNERS ASSOCIATION  
Friday 3rd November - Sunday 5th November 2017  
in Toodyay WA

**Written Competition Entry Form**  
Entries close 6th October 2017

**W.A. Bush Poets  
& Yarnspinnners Assn.**



Name: .....  
Address: .....  
Phone: .....  
Email: .....

**Categories:**

1. Open Serious
2. Open Humorous (The National Champion will be judged across categories 1 & 2)
3. Novice - only for poets who have never won a Bush Poetry Written Competition
4. Junior (5-12 years old)
5. Junior (13-17 years old)
6. Local - the best poem by a resident of the Avon Valley WA

**Title(s) of Poem(s)**

1. ....	Category Entered	Critique required	Entry fee
2. ....	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$.....
3. ....	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$.....
4. ....	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$.....
5. ....	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$.....
Total:			\$.....

**Entry fees:** Adults \$10 per poem; Juniors free; \$5 per poem for judge's critique if required.  
Payment can be made by cheque or money order made out to "WA Bush Poets and Yarnspinnners Assoc." and posted to:

ABPA National Championship Entry  
Rodger Kohn  
16 Stoddart Way  
BATEMAN WA 6150

OR Direct Bank Transfer:  
BSB: 633000  
A/c: 156989659  
WA Bush Poets  
Reference: (your name) 2017 NCP

then email [treasurer@wabushpoets.asn.au](mailto:treasurer@wabushpoets.asn.au) informing of direct bank transfer.

**Declaration:** I agree to the conditions accompanying this application form (see following page):

Signature: ..... Date: .....

(guardian if Junior entrant)

**AUSTRALIAN BUSH POETS ASSOCIATION 2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Hosted by WA BUSH POETS AND YARNSPINNERS ASSN in Toodyay WA  
**Conditions of Entry - Written Competition**

1. Entry fee per poem: Adults: \$10.00; Juniors: Free; No refunds if disqualified. If a detailed commentary from the judges is required, please add an extra \$5 per poem and include an A4 ssae with \$2 postage.
2. No limit to number of entries.
3. No line limit.
4. Entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been previously published for the profit of the author.
5. Previous first-prize winning poems in any open written competition category are not permitted. If a poem should win one competition prior to the closing date of another competition in which the same poem is entered, the onus is on the author to notify the second competition that his/her poem has become ineligible due to the contravention of entry conditions.
6. Entries must have very good rhyme and meter and have an Australian theme.
7. A poem which has previously won any written competition cannot be entered.
8. Poems, which in the opinion of the judge contain offensive material, will be disqualified.
9. Poems must be typed (or electronically printed) on white A4 size paper, with black printing in a plain font, size 10-12.
10. Four copies of each adult poem must be provided.
11. The entrant's name or any identifying information **MUST NOT** appear on the poem(s) - **ONLY** on this entry form.
12. The poem's name must appear on the top of the page. If more than one page, the poem's name must appear at the top of each page, and pages must be numbered and stapled.
13. The competition is conducted in accordance with ABPA guideline recommendations (refer to [www.abpa.org.au/competitions](http://www.abpa.org.au/competitions)).
14. Judging will be by judges approved by the ABPA.
15. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. Entries may be displayed at the National Championships at Toodyay (Friday 3rd November - Sunday 5th November 2017) and may be published in the WA Bush Poets monthly newsletter "The Bully Tin" and ABPA Magazine I hereby give my permission for such display and/or publication.

Note: to assist in facilitating such publication, entrants are requested to email their poem/s to Rodger Kohn at the following address: [rodgershirley@bigpond.com.au](mailto:rodgershirley@bigpond.com.au)

**Prizes**

Monetary prizes will be awarded for the best poem in each of the 6 categories. Each winner as well as those judged 'Highly Commended' or 'Commended' will receive a Certificate.

## **MUSTER WRITE-UP 4TH AUGUST 2017 - MEG GORDON**

MC **Frank Heffernan** got the evening under way at 7.20pm after the AGM. His poem "The Retreat" was about an idyllic house gone to ruin.

**Rob Gunn** gave us a summary of his trip up north for the Derby Bush Poet's Breakfast. Poets were well received.

**Brian Langley** - "Speakin Strine" Why Australians speak with their mouths shut.

**Bill Gordon** - "Reincarnation" (Wally McCrae, an American cowboy). A humorous reflection on the cycle of life. Our body breaks down to become fertiliser for grass, which then gets eaten by a horse and eventually ends up as horse manure.

**Christine Boulton** - "Arthur's up and down Obsession" This poem tells about all the trimmings for camping - everything that blows up.

**Terry Piggott** - "Having a Beer with a Mate" Life was good in 'the old days'. Terry's second poem "Old Mates" is about lifelong mates and what they mean to each other.

**Jem Shorland** - Entertaining yarn.

**John Hayes** - His own poem "The Whole Hog" was set on Uncle Arthur and Aunt Mary's farm around a week of work and pork every night until the whole beast had been consumed.

**Frank Heffernan** - "Kissing Babies"

**Grace Williamson** - "Horses are Smart" (Betsy Cape). The old bushman tells of all the wonderful and intelligent things his horse has done except for when the bushman had taken a fall, he asked his horse to go for the doctor but the silly galoot came back with the vet!

**Barry Higgins** - "The GST" (Syd Hopkinson). The Busker had a problem with his trick.

**Lesley McAlpine** - "The Mammogram" (Kerry Lee) Nothing to be afraid of ladies!!!

**Rob Gunn** - "Stuck in a Fence"

After **Supper** Mary Heffernan gave a Reading from The Classics. William Thomas Goodge was born in London in 1862. He arrived in Sydney after working his passage aboard the ship 'The Cathay' as a steward. He worked and roamed around outback NSW for twelve years before settling into life as a journalist. He contributed to the Dubbo Express, Lithgow Mercury and Orange Leader before the famous Bulletin. For the nine years prior to his death he wrote a weekly piece for The Sydney Truth concerning the actions of an imaginary drinking group, The Gimcrack Club. During his lifetime he published only one collection of poems:

Hits! Skits! and Jingles! in 1899. Norman Lindsay considered him one of Australia's best writers of light verse. A prolific and highly respected writer, W.T. Goodge died suddenly in Sydney in 1909 aged forty seven. His poem "The Great Australian Slangage" gives us an insight to some of our unique slang expressions.

**Lorraine Broun** - "Hill Street Blues" One of her own poems about a runaway chevy. "olympic Games" was about an aspect of life in the nurses quarters.

**Frank Heffernan** gave us some Odden Nash quotes before introducing

**David Ellis** - His own poem "An Aussie Mate". What to do when the TV breaks down. Chess was a game that the two mates had not played before.

**Cobber Lethbridge** - "Digger's Mule". When one buys a ticket in a raffle for a mule, make sure it is still alive.

**Frank Heffernan** - "The Good Old Days of Elders". The legends around the wool belt.

**Lesley McAlpine** - "Get Your Bearings" (Liz Ward). A country girl can get lost in Myers.

**Rob Gunn** - "A Love Poem" (Herbert Hoover). Before Hoover became President of USA he had some time in Kalgoorlie and fell in love with a bar maid. This was his tribute to her.

**Christine Boulton** - "Mary Called Him Mister" (Henry Lawson). When lovers cannot get past the formalities.

**John Hayes** - "From The Lanterns" (Richard Maggoffin). If only the hurricane lamps could tell their stories.

**Bill Gordon** - "The Night Doherty Died" (Thomas E. Spencer). Dinny Doherty died in mysterious circumstances which no one could fathom until the writer found himself pinned down by the grieving widow, Kitty. The cause of Doherty's demise became apparent when he found it impossible to breathe as Kitty weighed a mere 20 stone.

Bill then thanked Frank for leading us this month. Next Muster is the Traditional Night and Grace Williamson will be the MC. With Colin heading north for warmer days, Lorraine Broun volunteered to do supper.



### Shirt Logos

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