

The

August 2023

W.A. Bush Poets

BULLY TIN



Next Muster- 7th August 2023 at 7.00 pm, at the Auditorium,
SwanCare, Plantation Drive, Bentley
MC: Christine Boulton Christineboulton7@bigpond.com 0438 995 609



Keith 'Cobber' Lethbridge
with Colin Pigram
and band

Photos courtesy of
Bill Gordon Derby 2023

Bob Magor



Cait
Westlake



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President's Preamble August 2023



Greetings from Derby, our favorite place at this time of the year. Derby races was a great day out. I even managed a small return on my investments on the tote. Meg scoured the fashion houses of Derby and came up with an outfit fit for a race day at Royal Ascot. Unfortunately the attendance at the Bush Poet's Breakfast was very disappointing in spite of our efforts promoting on social media and posters throughout Derby and all places on the way up.

Nevertheless all poets performed very well and the show was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Bob Magor came out of retirement for the day and was as entertaining as ever. Bob was the star attraction at the first two Bush Poetry Breakfasts in Derby in 1998 and 1999. Cobber came up especially for the day and was excellent as always. 4500 Km round trip is true dedication from a well known and much loved Kimberley icon. Dave Morrell is a regular performer and, having lived and worked most of his life in the Kimberley, has poems he has written about some incredible stories about characters he has encountered up here.

Cait Westlake spent 25 years managing Mount House Station for her father, Frank McAlary. Cait wrote a very poignant poem about her father who, when he was a barrister in Sydney, was filmed dancing in the street at the end of WW2. He became known as "The Dancing Man" and was featured on the \$1 coin in 2005 to mark 60 years since the end of the war.

Meg did an excellent job as MC for the day and recited two poems. Meg, Alan Aitken and I made up the southern contingent of poets, Cobber of course being considered a Kimberley poet as he is back in the country where he feels most at home. Colin Pigram and the "Mango Mob" provided music to start the morning and then gave a Command Performance with Cobber to close the day. Special thanks to Ailsa Archer for her continued support assisting us run this event, and to Kerry Leamey from the Derby Sportsman's Club for coordinating the venue and the excellent breakfast. Without these two tireless Derby volunteers it would not be possible for us to manage to keep the show going.

Meg and I will be in Derby for another week performing in the caravan parks and I will enjoy a couple of rounds on the unique Derby Boabs golf course. Unique not only for the iconic boab trees throughout the course (including the middle of the fairways) but also for the race course that crosses several fairways as well. Naturally there is no golf played on race day.

After Derby we will head back to Broome where we will stay with Cait for a couple of weeks before turning south to (very) slowly make our way home where we plan to arrive mid-September for the southern run of poetry events.

Unfortunately that will mean that we will not be in Perth in time for the AGM. That will be held before the muster on Friday 1st September. An error has been discovered in the Rules of our Association that necessitates a special resolution at the meeting. Notice of the meeting and the special resolution is to be found elsewhere in this Bullytin.

Bill Gordon. President

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WA BUSH POETS AND YARNSPINNERS ASSOCIATION INC

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 1st September, at 7.00 pm, at the Auditorium, SwanCare, Plantation Drive, Bentley. The 2023 Agenda, plus the Minutes of the 2022 AGM, are published here (pg. 3-5) for information and consideration. Apart from the standard provisions of the AGM, you will see an item which is headed "Special Resolution". This comprises an amendment to our official Rules, as the titles of Bill Gordon and Peter Nettleton, which we have stated for a long time - "President" and "Vice President" - are technically at odds with the Rules. It has been pointed out to us that the Rules in fact state "Chairperson" and "Deputy-Chairperson". Both Bill and Peter, and the Committee members, have resolved to formalise the currently-used 'presidential' titles, and this amendment to the Rules requires a "Special Resolution" to be passed, through the normal voting process.

Rodger Kohn

Secretary

**WA BUSH POETS AND YARNSPINNERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FRIDAY 2nd SEPT, 2022
Bentley Park Auditorium, 26 Plantation Drive, Bentley, Western Australia 6102**

Meeting Opened: 7.00 pm

Present: [see Attachment No 1];

Apologies: [Attachment. No1]

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Friday 3rd September, 2021:

These Minutes were sent out with the Agenda, and copies were available at the meeting. There was no discussion thereon.

Moved: (Rodger Kohn / Bev Shorland) that the Minutes be adopted. **Passed**

2. President's Report: Bill Gordon confirmed that this Report was published in the latest Bully Tin.

Moved (Bev Shorland / Sue Hill) that the President's Report be adopted. **Passed**

3. Treasurer's Report: Sue read out the following:

Festival a/c: \$2849.42; Trading a/c: \$2998.57; Term Deposit: \$6826.87; Total: \$12,644.86.

Moved (Colin Tyler / Rob Gunn) that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. **Passed**

4. Election Of Office Bearers For 2022 / 23

The Chairman handed over his position to Keith Lethbridge. Keith sought volunteers for the positions; the current office-bearers (including previous advice from those not in attendance) agreed to continue in their positions, and Don Gunn also offered his services as a Committee member. Consequently the following persons were voted on and **elected**:

<u>President</u>	Bill Gordon;
<u>Vice President</u>	Peter Nettleton);
<u>Treasurer</u>	Sue Hill;
<u>Secretary</u>	Rodger Kohn;
<u>Committee</u>	Irene Conner, Bev Shorland, Jem Shorland, Deb McQuire, Meg Gordon, Anne Hayes, and Don Gunn.

ABPA Representative Irene Conner.

President welcomed all, and thanked Don Gunn for his participation.

5. General Business: Revised Competition Performance Conditions: [see Attachment No 2]

President Bill requested that the Vice President Peter read out, and comment where necessary, the revised conditions. Vice President explained that the Committee had discussed the revised conditions for several months, noting conditions 1 and 2 comprised significant changes, with the remainder comprising a 'tidying-up'. Peter then read out the 13 conditions.

Following a question regarding the term 'family entertainment' in condition 1, Bill explained the general tenor of the type of suitable or unsuitable matter, and this was accepted by those present at the meeting.

Motion: (Peter/ Bill) that the Competition Performance Conditions 2022 be adopted. **Passed**

7. Correspondence: Nil

Meeting Closed at: 7.17 pm

Attachment No 1

Attendees

Colin Tyler, Wendy Tyler, Gladys Edwards, Lorelie Tacoma, Grace Williamson, Heather Denholm, Lorraine Broun, Terry Broun, Fil Allen, Maxine Richter, Jane Cochrane, Peter Nettleton, Donald Gunn, Anne Hayes, John Hayes, Bev Shorland, Jem Shorland, Meg Gordon, Bill Gordon, Janice May, Richard Wilkinson, Daniel Avery, Jeanette Colny, Doreen Brown, Rob Asplin, Keith Lethbridge, Robert Gunn, George Thomas, Tony Hill, Rodger Kohn

Apologies

Barry Higgins, Leslie McAlpine, Peter Blyth, Bob Brackenbury, Beth Thomas

Attachment No 2 – Competition Performance Conditions 2022

The WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinners Association (Association), in the strongest terms, discourages the inclusion in any performance, of any subject matter that could be considered unsuitable for family entertainment in accordance with current community standards.

The duly authorised organisers of the performance event have the final say on content of any proposed performance. Judges shall be advised that points will be deducted at scrutineer level if any breaches of these conditions occur.

- 3. Entries on the day may be accepted if positions are available. Entries shall be restricted to one entry per contestant per section.
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- 11. State Championships shall be conducted under the ABPA “Guidelines for Australian Bush Poetry Competitions” (Guidelines). Judging sheets as described in the Guidelines shall apply. (See the ABPA website: www.abpa.org.au).
- 12. Prize money shall be awarded for winners in all categories.
- 13. The Association and the organisers accept no responsibility for any claims of infringement of copyright.

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WA BUSH POETS AND YARNSPINNERS ASSOCIATION
AGENDA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT 7.00 PM
Bentley Park SwanCare Auditorium, 26 Plantation Drive, Bentley

Meeting Opened:

Present: [Attendees to be listed at the Meeting, with the list to be included in the Minutes]

Apologies: [As advised, and the list to be included in the Minutes]

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – Friday, 23rd September, 2022

These Minutes, including Attachments 1 and 2, are enclosed, and will also be available at the Meeting for perusal by attendees.

Moved [../..] Minutes and Attachments of the AGM 2022 be adopted. **Passed**

2. President’s Report

President/Chairman advised that his Report is that included in the *August Bully Tin*.

Moved [../..] the August Bully Tin President’s Report be adopted **Passed**

3. Treasurer’s Report

To be reported at the AGM, and included in the Minutes.

Moved [../..]

4. Election of Office Bearers for 2023/2024 [Chairman handed over this position to..... for this item]

Positions:

President (/ Chairman) - currently Bill Gordon;

Vice President (/ Vice Chairman) - currently Peter Nettleton;

Treasurer - currently Sue Hill;

Secretary - currently Rodger Kohn;

Committee – currently: Irene Conner, Bev Shorland, Jem Shorland, Deb McQuire, Meg Gordon, Don Gunn, and Anne Hayes.

ABPA Representative - currently Irene Conner.

The Chairman called on any attending Member (and reported on any non-attendee member) who had requested to hold a Position in 2023/2024:

Elections: The following positions were duly voted on and filled by the following persons for 2023/2024 (including movers/seconders):

President / Chairman (.... /....):

Vice President / Vice Chairman (.... /....):

Treasurer: (.... /....):

Secretary: (.... /....):

Committee Members: (.... /....):

WA Representative on ABPA: (.... /....):

Moved [../..] the persons listed above be declared the relevant position-holders for 2023/2024

Passed

5. Special Resolution

The purpose of the following Resolution is as follows. Notwithstanding our long-term use of the terms “President” and “Vice President”, the Association’s Rule Book, in several parts, refer to the relevant position titles as “Chairperson” and “Deputy-Chairperson”. The Committee, recognising the preferences of Bill Gordon and Peter Nettleton, agreed that the titles be brought into line with our long-term practice.

Motion [../..] The WA Bush Poets and Yarnspinners Association Inc Rule Book be amended to replace the expressions "Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson" with the expressions “President” and “Vice President” respectively wheresoever occurring.

Passed

6. General Business

7. Correspondence

Meeting Closed At

Grandma's Place

Through the cloudy fog of memory, to days of long before,
Grandma's house there with its smoking chimney, welcoming once more.
While exuding warmth and friendliness to all who entered there,
as it seemed to wrap itself around us, in her loving care.

I can see it now the way it was, in all its old-world charm,
with its Kero lamps for lighting, on their tiny country farm.
And the old wood stove that warmed the kitchen where we used to sit,
eating Grandma's cakes and biscuits, soaking up the warmth of it!

You could see the old flat irons; she would warm upon the stove
and the wood box in the corner of the nearby small alcove.
While the sense of childhood magic then was always felt there too,
as the heady scent of spices from the pantry drifted through.

Then the sweet intoxicating smell of fresh baked bread each morn,
though it's hard to now imagine, but such things back then the norm.
It was spread with homemade butter and with heaps of Cockies Joy,
that was sure to bring a happy smile to every girl and boy.

In the sitting room a wireless, used, to hear the news each day
and an old-style windup gramophone with records there to play.
Also grandma's writing desk with pens plus nibs and bottled ink,
sheets of blotting paper, envelopes, in shades of blue and pink.

Every week a truck would stop here bringing groceries and mail
and an old steam train would puff on by – you'd here its mournful wail.
With the town so far away, a garden helped supply their food,
plus a cow for milk and chooks for eggs helped feed her hungry brood.

Now I wonder, are such things remembered - are they even missed,
sadly, most are long forgotten, or no longer now exist?
So at last the daydream ends, with childhood flash backs fading fast
and those memories of yesteryear, returned, back to the past.

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*Flat irons were used in the old days before people had electricity.
They would have 2 or three heating on the stove and you would clip a
handle on one and iron with it. When it cooled, you'd put it back on the
stove and get a hot one of it.

* Cockies Joy was golden syrup or treacle – I'm sure you all knew that!



Bush Poets and Yarnspinnners Muster 8th July, 2023.... by Christine Boulton

What a lovely evening. About 23 people were in attendance as many regulars were away, chasing the sun and the Derby Poet's Breakfast. However, the small number of poets was able to present five poems each. The appreciative intimate audience was captivated. A special thank you to Hugh from Swan Care for his assistance with the sound.

NB We have a new member Justin in our midst. Please make him welcome if you see him. He promised to recite at the next muster.

Stinger Nettleton was the compere and welcomed us to country. As it was NAIDOC week his poems addressed this theme.

Stinger Nettleton: Cookalingee by Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker) A vociferous activist on behalf of the Aboriginal people, Oodgeroo Noonuccal was born on North Stradbroke Island in 1920 and is noted as one of Australia's most prominent poets. Noonuccal's poems are deeply influenced by her personal experiences of colonialism. In Cookalingee she explores the dependency of the local Aboriginal people on hand outs from the cook.

Stinger Nettleton: The Tail Light by Bill Kearns. A cop pulls over a car with a faulty tail light. Sadly the owner reveals that is the least of his problems as his caravan is missing.

Christine Boulton: The Bush Girl by Henry Lawson. A man is able to leave the bush in search of greener pastures while the girl he leaves behind waits trustingly for his return.

Christine Boulton: The Water Lily by Henry Lawson. A woman mourns her young daughter who is drowned by walking on the leaves of the water lily.

John Hayes: The Old Master by C.J. Dennis A masterful rendition of this classic poem telling the story of a colourful bullock driver.

John Hayes: The Droving Days by Banjo Paterson A man remembers his past droving and saves an old horse to remind him of his past.

Heather Denholm: Settlement in the West by Heather Denholm

This poem is her version of how it happened that Western Australia is actually part of Australia and not a separate country. Even though a few porkies were told in the process. (H.D)

Heather Denholm: The Man From Snowy River by Banjo Paterson. A great rendition of this classic poem. "Story of a cross country horse race that the young bloke from snowy river won against terrible odds" (H.D.)

Robert Gunn: Turbulence by Murray Hartin. A true story about Bill Hayes experiencing his first aeroplane flight. He rides his swag to Adelaide and changes his mind about flying. Rob gave a wonderful introduction telling us the background of Bill's life.

Robert Gunn: The Fencer by Graham Jenkins. Using the two meanings of "Fencing" a fencer goes to a competition only to find that the fencing isn't what he expected.

Rob mentioned the Peel poets and the quiet muster on Tuesday 4th July. Do try and support this new bush poetry venue in Ravenswood.

Ann Hayes: Listen to Your Children by John Hayes. Make sure to give your children real answers to their questions and they will trust and value your words.

Ann Hayes: Friends by John Hayes Treasure your friends, be loyal and kind.

WA Bush Poets Muster Friday 8th July cont...

Supper: What a fantastic spread! We missed Lorraine's bran cake and wish her a speedy recovery. Thank you to Rodger, Shirley, Don, Sue, Ann and Maxine for bringing some delicious goodies.

Peter Nettleton: Jandamarra by Bob Magor. The story of this famous W.A. indigenous hero.

Christine Boulton: Mary Called Him Mister by Henry Lawson. Henry's tender story of longing and love lost.

Christine Boulton: Sticking to Bill. A woman sticks by her man and waits for his return from prison.

John Hayes: One Day in Paradise by John Hayes Take the time to enjoy the journey and spend time looking around at each town when you are travelling.

Heather Denholm: The Great Adventure by Heather Denholm .A trip on highway one around Australia where they packed way to much in their caravan to go on the trip. They only made it 100 kms and disaster struck.(H.D.)

Heather Denholm: The Flying Dogma by Keith Lethbridge Story of a bushie who took a ride in a plane and met God. (H.D.)

Robert Gunn: A topical yarn explaining the rules of cricket to foreigners.

Robert Gunn: A Grave Situation by Claude Morris. A traveller falls into an open grave in a cemetery and scares the next occupant.

Ann Hayes: Dog by John Hayes. The story of John's loyal, talented working dog who won a blue ribbon at the show.

Christine Boulton: Grandpa's Chooks by Peg Vickers. Devious Grandpa finds a way out of trouble when his chooks keep scratching up the local policeman's onion patch.

Heather Denholm: DUST the final ending by Heather Denholm. Poem included in Bully Tin

Robert Gunn: The Way to Morrow by? It isn't always easy to find your way. So sometimes you have to wait and try again.

Stinger Nettleton: The Little Irish Mother by John O'Brien. Stinger paid tribute to his late mother by reciting her favourite poem.

Rob thanked Stinger for being a great compere. He thanked us for coming and we all went home happy from a wonderful muster.

**AGM & Next Muster: 1st September at 7.00 pm, at the Auditorium,
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MC: Robert Asplin 0448 150 757 roba58@bigpond.com

Reading from the Classics: Deb McQuire

Traditional night/CJ Dennis's birthday

**21st Aug 2023 is the deadline for submissions
for possible inclusion in September's Bully Tin**

Reminder: Could everyone who performs at Musters please have a synopsis available on the night or send one via email to shorland@iinet.net.au for the Muster write up. Thanks in advance Bev

2023 'New' BULLY TIN TOODYAY CHALLENGE

SHORT POEM COMPETITION

'Cash Prize' sponsored by the Bully Tin

This year's themes are

* *Gratitude*

* *If I (you) could turn back time*

- *Choose one or present one poem for each theme.*

Conditions of Entry: 20 Lines of Verse with good Rhythm and Rhyme

Poems to be read or performed on Sunday at Toodyay Bush Poets Festival

3rd - 5th Nov 2023 (check program for details when available)



**WA Bush Poets
& Yarnspinnners**

Toodyay Bush Poetry Festival

Fri 3rd - Sun 5th Nov 2023

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A Bush Poets Ambition

Wish I could write like Banjo wrote, those stirring galloping rhymes

Or could paint a scene like Lawson did, of living through hard times

Or could bring to life a character, like Dennis in his day

But I'm stuck writing doggerel, in my own half-hearted way

Greg Joass 18/07/2023



Special Note: Please remember to book your site soon at the Toodyay Holiday Park for the Toodyay Bush Poets Festival in November (10 spaces reserved)

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WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinners Assoc Inc

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Conducted under the auspices of the ABPA Assoc Inc

FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER—SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2023

Entries Close 1st November 2023

PERFORMANCE ENTRY FORM

W.A. Bush Poets



& Yarnspinners Assn.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CATEGORIES	Poem or Yarn Title	Author	
Junior Original	_____		Sat. AM
Junior Other	_____	_____	Sat. AM
Novice Original	_____		Sat. AM
Novice Other	_____	_____	Sat. AM
Yarnspinning	_____		Sat. AM

	Poem Title (1st Choice)	Author	Poem Title (2nd Choice)	Author	
Traditional	_____	_____	_____	_____	Sat. PM
Modern	_____	_____	_____	_____	Sat. PM
Original Serious	_____				Sun AM
Original Humorous	_____				Sun. PM

For entry in **Traditional** and **Modern** classifications, to prevent duplication, please indicate first and second choices. These will be decided by the WABP&YS Committee on a "first in" basis.

Please fill in the **TITLE** and **AUTHOR** (where applicable) of each category you wish to enter.

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

Or **Direct Bank Transfer:** BSB 633-000/ Account 156989659; Name **WA Bush Poets**; Ref (your name), then 2021 NCP; and then email 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: _____

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Bronze Spur Award 2023

Winners announced at The Drover's Camp Festival in Camooweal on 25th –27th August 2023
 These awards were first competed for in 1997 and have been an annual event of the festival since.

Original Written Bush Verse 1st Bronze Spur trophy + \$350.00; 2nd - \$200.00; 3rd - \$100.00

The handcrafted bronze spurs are made by Jaye Daley from Muttaborra Qld and are mounted on polished gidyea bases made by Leeusha Finlay from Mount Isa. This unique and prestigious trophy is highly prized by bush balladeers and poets throughout Australia.

To compete in the written verse section please complete the form below and return with remittance and work by **21st July, 2023.**

For enquiries please contact Ellen Finlay at 46 Diane Street, Mount Isa. Qld. 4825 (phone 0427 127 864)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

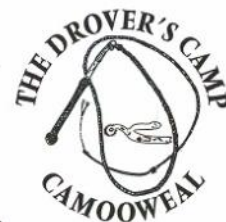
- Maximum of 4 (four) entries per competitor. Include 3 (three) copies of each entry with a cover sheet on one copy.
- All entries to be neatly printed or hand-written legibly, and a maximum of 100 lines.
- The competition is open to all writers, and to previously published material which has not won a prize but may have been commended by judges elsewhere.
- Poems to be keyed to the theme of rural Australia, its people, animals, way of life and values.
- All poems must be written in traditional rhyming bush verse with balanced meter, in the style of the 'Old Masters'.**
- All entrants shall be able to reclaim entries at the Festival. There will be no return mail-outs. Include SAE for results only DL envelope, critiques will require A4 envelope.
- Judges decision will be final and irreversible.
- The Association reserves the right to display the winning entries and use in publications put out by the Drover's Camp. The winner must be prepared to sign two printed copies of the poem (one for our sponsors and one for the Drovers Camp to use for fund raising activities).**
- Entries cost \$5.00 per poem, critique \$5.00 per poem** if you require one, payable to The Drover's Camp Assn. Inc., mailed to:-

ELLEN FINLAY - WRITTEN POETRY COORDINATOR
 46 DIANE STREET,
 MOUNT ISA. QLD 4825

Transfer Funds if you would like to:
 The Drover's Camp Assn. Inc.
 BSB: 034 203
 Acc No. 344 538

Please see entry form overleaf

Include Summary Payment Receipt with poems.



Bronze Spur Award 2023

ENTRY FORM: 2023 Bronze Spur Award for Bush Poetry

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

TITLE OF ENTRIES _____

CRITIQUE
 (Please Tick)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

I declare that the enclosed verse/s are entirely my own work and have not previously won another written competition. I agree to the conditions of entry and accept that the Judges decision is final.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

\$5.00 per poem x = \$ plus \$5.00 per critique x = \$ TOTAL

COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS AROUND AUSTRALIA

WRITTEN EVENTS are in PURPLE

For more details and entry forms please go to the ABPA website

www.abpa.org.au and **www.writingwa.org**

AUGUST 2023

13 August — EKKA Bush Poetry Competition – virtual and live, Brisbane, Queensland. See 17 July closing date.

16 August — Closing Date — Lane Cove Literary Awards. Open poetry, short story, theatre script. Lane Cove, NSW.

16 August — Word Travels Australian Poetry Slam - Guyra Heat and workshop 15th Aug (with two opportunities to get to the NSW APS final in Sydney). Australian Poetry Hall of Fame in Guyra, NSW.

25-27 August — The Drover's Camp Festival, poet's breakfast, talent award (bush poetry, song and yarn) and Bronze Spur written competition (see 21 July closing date), Camooweal, Queensland.

31 August — Closing Date — King of the Ranges written bush poetry competition, Murrurundi, NSW. AUGUST 2023

31 August — Closing Date — The Betty Olle Poetry Award, Kyabram, Victoria.

SEPTEMBER 2023

16 September — Closing Date — King of the Ranges yarnspinning competition, Murrurundi, NSW.

22-24 September — Logan's Muddy River Performance Bush Poetry Competition, Beenleigh, Queensland.

22-24 September — King of the Ranges Stockman's Challenge with poets' breakfast and yarnspinning competition (see 16 September closing date) and written competition (see 31 August closing date), Murrurundi, NSW.

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2 October — Closing Date — Silver Quill Written Competition, Toodyay, WA.

11 October — Closing Date — 2023 Australian Bush Poetry Film Festival. Best Australian Bush Poetry Film, Best Student Bush Poetry Film, Australian Poetry Hall of Fame in Guyra, NSW.

13 October — Closing Date — Lambing Flat Young FAW NSW Writing Competition, Young, NSW

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1 November — Closing Date — WA State Championships for bush poetry performance.

1 November — Closing Date — NSW State Championships written bush poetry competition, Guyra, NSW.

** See 2 October closing date for Silver Quill written and 1 November closing date for performance.

3-5 November — WA State Championships of bush poetry, performance and Silver Quill written, Toodyay, WA.

7 November — Closing Date — NSW State Championships for bush poetry performance, Guyra, NSW.

12-19 November — Poets on The Mountain Festival @Guyra including ABPA NSW Bush Poetry Championship

18-19 November: performance (see 7 November closing date) and written (see 1 November closing date) categories. Australian Bush Poetry Film Festival screenings 12-19 November (see 11 October closing date). Australian Poetry Hall of Fame in Guyra, NSW.

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