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WA BUSH POETS & YARNSPINNERS

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TO ALL WHO HOLD DEAR THE AUSTRALIAN WAY

As the bloke who started all of this I am proud to be writing to you under our own steam --- up until now we have been informing you of the goings on the Assoc. via the good offices of the City of Melville, to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude --- however, as from now we are very much on our own, but thankfully the foundation has been laid on which we will be able to build a vibrant and happy structure.

As the purpose of the Association is to foster and encourage the conservation of the unique Australian culture it is imperative that we establish strong links with our supporters, be they writers or performers of bush poetry, balladists, yarnspinnners, bulldusters, liars or those other nice people who enjoy the fellowship and warm friendly atmosphere of our happenings.

Once again may I urge you to formalize your membership with this young and exciting association. The surface has only been scratched here in W.A. Keith Lethbridge and I have already experienced the warmth and extent of the bush poet fellowship in the East when we visited Winton and Longreach in Qld in April/May this year. As a direct result of friendly connections made at that time we will have an outstanding bush poet and liar Bob Magor here in Perth in September. He will perform at Peter Capp's shindig at Clancy's tavern in Freo, on Wed. 17th and meet informally with financial members and friends at Keith Lethbridge's own Bi-Centennial Shed in Armadale for an evening of poems and song, questions and answers, and just plain yarning.

If you prefer not to become financial and don't want more stuff in your letterbox, that's OK --- we still want to see you at the Do's and thanks for your original interest and support. It is presence such as yours that encourages the talented extroverts to do their thing.

Membership Reminder.....

Potential Foundation Members who are a little tardy...**The newsletter will be forwarded in future to our financial membership only.** Please pass the word to friends who have shown interest but have not previously received our mailings.

Now is the time to subscribe before you lose touch.

Thanks to all those folk who have sent in their fees. If your acknowledgment has not already been received, it will be in the mail soon. Kath Gosper of Koorda understands. We received this covering note when she sent in her cheque for membership.

You do have your Foundation Status Kath. Welcome.

Dear Hon. Sec.,
Your last correspondence, received weeks ago,
Was full of good info' you thought I should know
I read it all through, and found at the back
All the rules re the fees --- there, in orange and black.
We'll do it, I thought; we'll pay straight away;
I'll write the cheque now and post it today.
We'll not give the Sec. a chance to berate us.
Our aim is Foundation Membership status.
But, gee --- I feel rotten, my head's in a spin,
I think that dreaded 'flu wogs got in
I was laid up for days, then before I could blink,
I was needed in York --- for a week, I think.
Then, back home to Koorda --- back on the job.
I must write that cheque for the Bush Poets mob.
Before I locate the orange newsletter,
I go all woozy --- I'm not really better.
Another full week of potions and drugs ---
At last I've conquered the nasty bugs.
Now where's that address where the cheque has to go,
I hope it gets there by August three O.
Today is already August two eight
I'll curse the 'flu if it gets there late.
Our ambition is to be at the Foundation
Of the best Bush Poets club in the nation.

Kath Gosper 28/8/97

KJ 'RUSTY' CHRISTENSEN CHAIRMAN

BOB MAGOR -(17TH SEPTEMBER) will be performing at Clancy's in

Fremantle. Bob is an Adelaide poet and performer who has published his work in three very attractive books. If you are a lover of bush poetry, do not miss this performance as he will be leaving WA on the 22nd September. Bob will be sure to have his books on hand so be sure to buy copies.

For financial members and friends an informal gathering to meet Bob Magor is being hosted at the Bi-centennial Shed 24 Gladston Road, Armadale by Keith Lethbridge on Friday 19th Sept from 6.30 till late. B.Y.O. absolutely everything

THE JOONDALUP FOLK FESTIVAL -(26-28TH SEPTEMBER),

PETER NETTLETON will be reciting bush poetry and playing the guitar. Anyone who's heard Peter perform will not want to miss out on spending a day at the festival.

THE GOSNELLS EARTH FESTIVAL. (28TH SEPTEMBER)

KEITH LETHBRIDGE will be delighting the crowds - as he always does. Keith was the winner of the Australia Day Bush Poets and his prize was a trip to Winton. Rusty rolled his swag and accompanied him, and it was there they met up with Bob Magor.

EARTHFEST 28TH SEPTEMBER 10.00 - 4.00 PIONEER PARK, ASTLEY STREET, GOSNELLS

POET'S BREAKFAST.- (5TH OCTOBER) At the Victoria Hall, 9am to 12pm. **KEITH LETHBRIDGE** will provide three hours of excellent entertainment. \$10. BYO.

BUSH POETS BREKKIES EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH VICTORIA HALL 179 HIGH STREET

TRAILWAYS. 9 (10TH OCTOBER). **PETER NETTLETON** and **LEIGH MATTHEWS** will be entertaining everyone, and if Leigh plays ^{Tie Me Kangaroo} ~~Waltzing Matilda~~ on his ^{guitar} ~~fiddle~~, there won't be a dry eye to be found. Further details of Trailways in our next newsletter. OR CONTACT **PETER NETTLETON** / or SEC.

CITY OF BAYSWATER (26TH OCTOBER) -to be held at the High School - is calling for performers. Please ring our secretary and she'll give you more details.

MAINSTREET PINJARRA (1ST NOVEMBER). Asking for performers for this event. Telephone our secretary for more information. 9310 1500.

POET'S BREAKFAST. (2ND NOVEMBER) Will be held at the Victoria Hall 9am to 12pm. **ROGER MONTGOMERY** will be our host so be prepared to hold tight to your chair as he energetically and hilariously entertains you. \$10. BYO.

CITY OF BAYSWATER. (9TH NOVEMBER) Would anyone like to recite at a 'PICNIC BY THE RIVER'? Our Secretary will be more than happy to tell you all about it.

I HAD A DREAM

That poets and yarnspinners came together and formed one organised group - that the main group assisted others to form other smaller groups over our vast State and all of these groups would nurture and conserve the unique Australian ethos, strengthened by encouraging young Australians either through direct involvement or via the education system to develop an appreciation and to hone their talents in presenting the Australian way both past and present.

We are well on our way to achieving that dream.

K.J. "RUSTY" CHRISTENSEN (CHAIRMAN)
"The Boss Cocky" (as Keith Lethbridge calls me)

COME ALL YE was the name given to the non-competitive night in the River Room at the Raffles Hotel on Friday 22nd August.

A most enjoyable evening of laughter, fun and bush poetry, with performers airing new work and redoing old favourites. It was great to hear the talents of Val Read who has been released from her ties. Val has a special gift and humour in her writings which suffer little when read by this grand lady of bush verse. The host for the evening was Australian champion yarnspinner Kel Watkins who demonstrated his versatility by regaling us with his yarns as well as keeping a potentially fractious crowd in hand (only joking). Favourites in Keith Lethbridge and Leigh Matthews from Armadale, also the 'Ardross Assassin' Jeff Swain held forth; with even Yours Truly trying out. One of the stand out performances of the night was from a newcomer (name still unknown as we failed to get him on a form 4), who did his own work about 'getting away from it all'. There is undoubtedly talent there so please put your hand up again. A big 'thank you' to Kay Stehn for the beautiful orchids donated as prizes for a raffle on the night, \$2 per ticket and \$50 raised. The Boss cocky

TO ENSURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROMPTS AND RETURN THE TEAR-OFF SLIP WITH YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

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**WA BUSH POETS AND YARNSPINNERS ASSOCIATION
FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Please mark the appropriate boxes

I am happy to attend gatherings as a supporter

I wish to perform at non-competitive community gatherings

My mailing address on the reverse of this slip is correct/ed
Single membership \$10 Family/Group membership \$20

I have enclosed my payment of \$

Phone.....

Signature.....

**1998 W.A. BUSH POETS AND YARNSPINNERS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
COMPETITION DATES**

Three elimination heats are to be held at the Raffles Hotel in the River Room (upstairs) and are to be followed by the main event at Wireless Hill Park. *If you have the inclination to assist let us know* For those performers who wish to confirm the rules and boundaries for competition, please contact the Secretary Loralie Tacoma, by mail at 16 Gratwick Tce, Murdoch, 6150 or by telephone on 9310 1500 to receive a written guideline.

HEAT	FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER	7.30 TILL LATE
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HEAT	FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER	7.30 TILL LATE
FINALS	MONDAY 26th JANUARY	ALL AFTERNOON

VICTORIA HALL 179 HIGH STREET, FREMANTLE

*Bush Poets Brekkie every first Sunday of the month. Be there for the fellowship
Entry \$10 to save the hall which has heritage listing*

Make a phone booking to secure tea and toast brekkie included 9431 7270.

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

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