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NEWSLETTER OF THE WA BUSH POETS AND YARN SPINNERS (INC)

Australia Day has been and passed and what a day it was, a crowd estimated at over 350 to 400 heard and witnessed some to the best Bush Poets and Yarn Spinners in the land compete for the privilege of representing our state in their respective endeavours, Keith Lethbridge of Armadale who won the inaugural poets event in 1996 was again successful against some stiff opposition including Leigh Mathews (not that one), Claudette Mountjoy of Northcliffe, Jeff Swain and newcomer John Hayes to mention just a few.

In the Yarn Spinning winner Jeff Swain entertained the large and enthusiastic crowd with his version of an old chestnut, while the ever adventurous and outrageous Peter Capp had the audience enthralled with his experiences in a 70ft polystyrene yacht in the Southern Ocean where he even saw little John Bullimore talking to the BBC.

Ann Purdy came all the way from Pemberton and gave a top performance (one of the best) and won a two up set for her effort - we will see more of Ann I am sure.

Any report on the Aus Day on Wireless would not be complete without reference to those wonderful people who made it all possible - the incomparable compere Roger Montgomery who doubles as leader of that excellent group the Dingoes Breakfast Oz Poetry and Music Band to whom we are most grateful (they hire out) and of course without our treasurer Trevor Cooksley's contribution we wouldn't be able to hear the show, (he runs a sound business), Orlando wines for their donation of two cases of Poets Corner wine (try it), Loralie Tacoma and her Band of cool drink vendors and of course the sausage sizzler Jay, not to forget the blanket carriers Ronnie and Eric Gard.

The following Dates and information is to keep our supporters up with happenings about the place of interest to Bush Poets and Yarn Spinners and to keep up the momentum of this cultural revival.

THURSDAY MARCH 13th - Committee Meeting, The Raffles Hotel 7.30 pm - all are welcome.

FRIDAY MARCH 14th - Fund raiser for our travellers, sponsored by Vice President Hans Merks at the Sportsman Assoc. Club rooms, Stancliffe St, Mt Lawley (Near Edith Cowan Uni) Phone Rod Price on 272 6823 for enquiries, all welcome.

FRIDAY MARCH 21st - Non competitive night in the River Room, Raffles Hotel 7.30 pm Start - Poems & Yarns can be read - you can even do them standing on your head if you prefer, or just come along and enjoy. Free entry with G.C.D. (Gold Coin Donation)

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25th - The only WA performance of the hilariously funny accountant turned poet, idiot & parodist. Les Barker from Manchester (England) complimented by our very own Roger Montgomery and Peter Capp - How much more idiocy can you take? This should be a sell out, starts at 8.00 pm - you guessed it, at The Raffles - \$12.00 entrance fee.

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2nd - 4th APRIL - Fairbridge Festival- The organisers of this popular event have programmed a 90 minute spot for Bush Poetry and Yarn Spinning - a great opportunity to get into the act - contact Bob Rummery on 447 6689 for further information.

That's it for now, if receiving these notices are not your bag and you don't want your letter box cluttered up please phone the Community Arts Officer, City of Melville on 364 0695 and we will take you off the list - but then it's not costing you any thing.....YET!