

**RESULTS OF THE BOYUP BROOK WRITTEN COMPETION
OPEN CATEGORY**

First Place ... Unspoken Words – David Campbell, Beaumaris. Vic

Very Highly Commended ... A Soldier Brave – Brenda Joy, Charters Towers. Qld

Highly Commended ... Jimmy – Tom McIlveen, Port Macquarie. NSW

Highly Commended ... Baldy – Michael Lloyd, Bayonet Head, Albany. WA

Highly Commended ... Where Life Has Led – Brenda Joy, Charters Towers. Qld

Commended ... Secrets Of the Desert – Brenda Joy, Charters Towers. Qld

Winner – Emerging Poet

Baldy – Michael Lloyd, Bayonet Head. WA

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Entry numbers were down a little this year but this didn't affect the quality of many of those received.

There was little to choose between the poems selected for awards, indeed another judge may well have placed them differently. There were also several poems that just missed out but would be worthy of an award in most competitions.

The winning poem tells of heartache and sadness at the loss of a loved one during the bushfires and the longing that follows seem to be never ending – a very fine piece of writing.

The poem that was the runner up told of the sadness of seeing a soldier's coffin returning home from Afghanistan and thinking of his mother, as the observer herself has a son serving there and tells of the constant anxiety she feels for his safety – a very well written and touching poem

The other award winning poems were based on a number of different subjects including one humorous one about a hair transplant.

Many thanks to all who took the time to put in their entries, and congratulations to those who won the awards.

To those who entered but didn't win an award, please keep entering the competitions as what doesn't win in one competition may well win in another.

Thank you, Irene Connor