



2020 MFSR POETRY COMPETITION INFORMATION SHEET

The MFSR Bush Festival Poetry and Music Competition started in 1995 and is now regarded as one of the most prestigious events in the country. In 2020 the event will celebrate 25 years of the festival as well as including our regular Man from Snowy River Bush Poetry events. To honour this milestone items from the past 25 years will be featured across the entire weekend as presented by our visiting poets, yarn spinners, songsters and featured guest artists.

Thursday features an afternoon concert plus a 25th Anniversary Tribute Show as well as our usual 'Meet & Greet' evening at the Bottom Pub. Friday's program remains largely unchanged with the 'Anzac Remembrance' concert & the 'Man from Snowy River' Recitation final. Saturday will see Walkups along with the 'Jack Riley Heritage Award' competition and a repeat of our Tribute concert. Sunday will host the One Minute poetry competition as well as further Walkups. There will also be a Poet's Breakfast held every morning. Enjoy the thrill of competition or sit back in the informal setting of Banjo's Block where Poet's Breakfasts yarns, music and singalong sessions happen. So come and join in or show us how to do it! Informal Campfire performers are most welcome also!

Our aim: *"To foster and encourage the growth of Bush Poetry (and yarns) in Australia, and this year, honour 25 years of performance."*

Judges for our 2020 Performance sections will be; Graeme Johnson (The Rhymer from Ryde, NSW - Senior judge), Jill Meehan and friends. We thank them and the rest of our team of volunteers for their dedication to making our event a success.

Pre-festival judging of entries on sound files will reveal three finalists to recite *Banjo Paterson's* epic ballad at Banjo's Block on Friday evening. In the 'Man from Snowy River' Recitation competition, men and ladies will be judged together. For the 2020 Jack Riley Heritage Award, we're looking for the best original performed poem, yarn or song about Jack Riley, Corryong or *Banjo's Country* (men and women will be judged separately). Prizes will include a season ticket to the National Folk Festival. In the 'Jack Riley Heritage Award' and the 'Man from Snowy River' Recitation competitions there is a limit of one entry, per person, per section with a \$10 entry fee.

There will be no Adult or Junior Written sections or Junior Performance sections in 2020. However, our Junior poets are welcome to perform at our Poet's Breakfasts or at any other walk-up session that may occur.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Please ensure that you read the Terms and Conditions of Entry carefully and retain a copy for your records.

Entry forms can be found here:

www.bushfestival.com.au

www.abpa.org.au

Entries open: Friday 13th December 2019

Entries close: Friday 21st February 2020

Returning your entry: Post to MFSR Poetry Entries, PO Box 144, Corryong VIC 3707 or events@bushfestival.com.au Performance entries are accepted in date order. No late entries accepted.

ENTRY FEES

- Unsigned or unpaid entries will not be accepted. We prefer entrants to be a member of the **ABPA** and/or Poetry Clubs.
- One entry, per person, per section (sections 1 & 2).
- Entries accepted in order of date received (limit 15 each men and women for Jack Riley Heritage Award).
- \$10.00 Entry Fee for sections 1 & 2. We'll refund fees if limit is reached).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY / SECTION INFORMATION

Bush Poetry must have rhyme, rhythm and metre.

Yarn-spinning is not a connected line of jokes, nor does it rhyme.

***Note: Songs, poems and yarns which have won the Jack Riley Heritage Award and poems and yarns that have won an Open Category at any ABPA Victorian, State Championship or National Championship are ineligible to be performed in this competition.*

Parodies are ineligible for Open sections, but great for the Poets' Breakfasts and Campfire sessions.

SECTION 1: Banjo's MFSR Recital

Enter your recording on sound file or CD and email/post to the Festival Office by 21st Feb 2020. Three Finalists will be notified by (approx.) 6th March 2020 to perform at Festival on Friday 3rd April 2020 (approx. 6pm). No name or preamble on the file. Official version can be found here:

<https://www.bushfestival.com.au/program/entertainment/poetry-and-bush-music/>

SECTION 2: Jack Riley Heritage Award

Awarded to the best original poem, yarn or song with the lowest Rank Total (from 3 judges) that depicts 'Banjo's Country' or reference to Jack Riley, Corryong and surrounding areas.

Offensive material will not be tolerated and could lead to your removal from the competition section, (without refund of entry fee). All material performed must be family orientated.

PERFORMANCE COMPETITION ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Three judges will be used for Performance sections 1 & 2. The time limit of 8 mins in the 'Jack Riley Heritage Award' is the upper limit including preamble.

Judging sheets for the "Banjo's MFSR Recital"-both Audio & Finals-& the 'Jack Riley Heritage Award' are available at: <http://www.abpa.org.au/events.html>

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT DETAIL CRITERIA

Poetry/Yarn/Song Performance Section (100)

PREAMBLE,
IMPRESSION CLARITY
VOLUME&RANGE
PACE&VARIATIONS
PITCHPAUSE&INTONATION
GESTURES, AUDIENCE REACTION
MEMORISATION/READING, STORYLINE,
ORIGINALITY CHOICE OF POEM, YARN,

Stage 1 (Audio judging) of section 1: "Banjo's MFSR Recital" (100)

CLARITY, VOLUME & RANGES
PACE & VARIATION,
INTERACTION PITCH,
EMPHASIS & INFLECTION
MEMORISATION & ACCURACY
ORIGINALITY
JUDGE'S PERSONAL OPINION

AND FINALLY...

- The Judges' assessment sheets will be available to collect at the conclusion of the competition on Sunday.
- Entrants should be prepared to provide a photo and details for publication if required.
- We reserve right to publish, record or reproduce work submitted (© retained by writer: See entry form).
- All sections held Friday night, Saturday and Sunday are at Youth Hall/Banjo's Block.
- We reserve the right to change the program (only if necessary).
- A program for the 2020 MFSRBF can be purchased at the Festival upon arrival, or visit the website for

- more information: www.bushfestival.com.au
Judges and anyone paid by Festival are not eligible for prizes except for 'One Minute Poem.'

VOLUNTEERING AT THE FESTIVAL

To volunteer at the MFSR Bush Poetry event you must complete a Volunteer application form which can be done so via visiting the Festival website: www.bushfestival.com.au Please ensure that you select the 'Apply' tab, and tick the 'Poetry' box when completing the Volunteer Application.

Applications open: Wednesday 11th Dec 2020

Applications close: Friday 17th January 2020

A limited number of Poetry and Music volunteers will be approved. Volunteers pay \$45 for a four-day Festival pass, however each hour you work during the Festival will result in a further reduction off your wristband price should you volunteer the following year. (Due to the Victorian Bush Poetry Championships being conducted bi-annually, these MFSR Volunteer hours may be applied bi-annually). **2019 Volunteers** should have received an email asking them to update their details.

ACCOMMODATION

B & Bs, Hotels, Other Camping Accommodation: Please call the Corryong Visitor Information Centre on: 02 6076 2277 ***Note: Camping is not permitted inside or around the Youth Club Hall site.*

Camping on or near Festival site:

Banjo's Camping – Limited camping is available in Banjo's Golf Course Camping. (You need a 4-day wristband to camp there). Sites are 6m x 9m and limited to 1 vehicle per site. Open Monday 30th March– Sunday 5th April 2020. \$165 per site. **Book Banjo's Camping** the website www.bushfestival.com.au

Poets' Triangle Camping Same cost and conditions as Banjo's Camping, but earmarked for Poets and musicians (**book only by phone (02) 6076 1992 or email admin@bushfestival.com.au**).

Clancy's Overflow Camping – Located 500m from Banjo's Block/Youth Hall. sites are 10m x 9m. Limited to 2 vehicles per site. Open Monday 30th March– Sunday 5th April 2020. \$120. Please visit the website www.bushfestival.com.au to book a site.

IMPORTANT FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Weekend Pass: 4 day Full Festival Pass is from \$148 for adult. Or early bird www.bushfestival.com.au

Enquiries: Jan Lewis 02 6077 4332 | info@vbpma.com.au

Festival Office: P O Box 144, Corryong VIC 3707 (02) 6076 1992 | admin@bushfestival.com.au

Festival Programs: Available at www.bushfestival.com.au

Corryong Visitor Information Centre: (02) 6076 2277

Poetry Program will be sent to entrants by email 1 week before the Festival and posted on: www.facebook.com/groups/vicpoets/