

## ABPA Victorian Bush Poetry Championships at MFSR 2017

*Such goings on! In Corryong! In the Lions Youth Club Hall,  
where the 2017 championship was fought by one and all.  
Jan Lewis, organising, with her trusty team of mates.  
Poets came from everywhere from 6 of 7 states!*

*Apart from shows they featured in, all around the town,  
Friday saw the start of it ... Ken Tough knocked 'em down!  
The Man from Snowy River – the hardest poem to say  
was spoken in the twilight on Banjo's Block that day!*

The final three contestants in that Recital Competition were brilliant and in the end only a very few marks separated them all. But that was just the start of it! That evening in the hall the crowd was treated to the running of the Serious poems section.

An amazing span of poems was presented all through the weekend. Metaphors, similes and abundant alliteration swirled through the weekend as the contestants produced another wonderfully eclectic array of images in rhyme. About 400 readers, performers and all-important listeners travelled from all over Australia to share in this amazing spin-off and celebration of Banjo's amazing poem.

From hauntingly personal word-pictures, rollicking bush yarns, long-forgotten poems found scrunched at the bottom of a brief case, images of friendship, horses, dogs and places; and jokes guaranteed to make you laugh, the audience was treated to a feast of words during competitive and non-competitive sections.

Ultimately the main winners in the Written Poem sections were Tom McIlveen (overall) and Serious poem section, with Brenda Joy winning the Humorous Section. In the Performance Poetry *Rhonda Tallnash* and *Ken Tough* won overall top Female and Male Poets, with Rhonda also winning Jack Riley Heritage Award.

Thanks to our team of judges for the main sections Graeme Johnson (Senior Judge), Carol Reffold, Robyn Sykes, and Maurie Foun. Thank you for judging Novices and Intermediates Noel Bull, Rhonda Tallnash and John Peel. Our MC's Geoffrey Graham, Laurie McDonald, and Matt Hollis kept the show moving with great expertise.

Special thanks to our trophy makers at Corryong Men's Shed and the RSL and Lions for use of their venue. We have a great team of long term sponsors, volunteers who assist with admin, set up, take down, door duty, product sales, moving chairs, and a myriad of jobs. Thank you all.

What better way to spend a fresh Autumn weekend than to be in Corryong and see such wonderful poets competing, then gather around an open fire and hear an excellent, impromptu range of poetry and music! Thanks to Helene and Graeme from *Alpine Gourmet Goodies* who were supplying delicious meals and drinks at appropriate times.

Planning for next year's Victorian Bush Poet's event during the **Man from Snowy River Festival** has already started. We are hoping to have a special treat in store on the **first weekend in April next year: 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

All welcome!

**01 VBPMa Written Serious Poem 2017 (Silver Brumby Award)****VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS PAGE 1**

Tom McIlveen	From Gallipoli with Love		HC
Helen Harvey	The Brumby Mob		HC
Rhonda Tallnash	Retribution Road		3rd
<b>Tom McIlveen</b>	Tempered and Tamed		2nd
<b>Tom McIlveen</b>	Bobby		<b>1st</b>
<b>Highest Scoring Novice in Serious</b> Helen Harvey The Brumby Mob			cert

**02 VBPMa Written Humorous Poem 2017 (Corryong Larrikin Award)**

Shelly Hansen	Boiled Eggs		HC
Brenda Joy	As Age Adds On		HC
Tom McIlveen	A Simple Colonoscopy		3rd
Tom McIlveen	When Irish Hearts are Happy		2nd
<b>Brenda Joy</b>	<b>The Road Ahead</b>		<b>1st</b>
<b>Highest Scoring Novice in Humorous Written Section</b>			cert
	<b>Pamela Fox</b> <b>The Acting Postie's Day</b>		<b>yes</b>

**VBPMa WRITTEN POETRY CHAMPION 2017**

	<b>Tom McIlveen</b> <b>Bobby</b>		<b>yes</b>
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**VBPMa WRITTEN POETRY NOVICECHAMPION 2017****HELEN HARVEY****03 BANJO'S MFSR Performance FINAL 2017**

RHONDA TALLNASH			3rd
RALPH SCRIVENS			2nd
<b>KEN TOUGH</b>			<b>1st</b>

**04 VBPMa Open Women's Classical Poem Performance 2017**

MARGARET BEECHEY			HC
JULIE MORRIS			HC
RHONDA TALLNASH			3rd
KATHY VALLANCE			2nd
<b>CHRISTINE BOULT</b>			<b>1st</b>

**04 VBPMA Open Men's Classical Poem Performance 2017**

JOHN DAVIS			HC
RALPH SCRIVENS			HC
KEN TOUGH			3rd
KEN POTTER			2nd
<b>TOM O'CONNOR</b>			<b>1st</b>

**05 VBPMA Open Women's Original Serious Poem Performance 2017**

KATHY VALLANCE			HC
CHRISTA DWYER			HC
JULIE MORRIS			3rd
CHRISTINE BOULT			2nd
<b>RHONDA TALLNASH</b>			<b>1st</b>

**05 VBPMA Open Men's Original Serious Poem Performance 2017**

JOHN DAVIS			HC
KEN POTTER			HC
JOHN PEEL			3rd
RALPH SCRIVENS			2nd
<b>KEN TOUGH</b>			<b>1st</b>

**06 VBPMA Open Women's Original Humorous Poem Performance 2017**

JULIE MORRIS			HC
JENNY MARKWELL			HC
CHRISTINE BOULT			3rd
KATHY VALLANCE			2nd
<b>RHONDA TALLNASH</b>			<b>1st</b>

RALPH SCRIVENS			HC
ROSS VALLANCE			HC
JOHN PEEL			3rd
KEN POTTER			2nd
<b>KEN TOUGH</b>			<b>1st</b>

**06A JACK RILEY HERITAGE AWARD Performance 2017**

<b>RHONDA TALLNASH</b>	<b>RETRIBUTION ROAD</b>		<b>trophy</b>
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**07 VBPMA Open Women's Modern Poem Performance 2017**

JULIE MORRIS			HC
JENNY MARKWELL			HC
RHONDA TALLNASH			3rd
KATHY VALLANCE			2nd
<b>CHRISTINE BOULT</b>			<b>1st</b>

**07 VBPMA Open Men's Modern Poem Performance 2017**

JOHN DAVIS			HC
JOHN PEEL			HC
RALPH SCRIVENS			3rd
KEN TOUGH			2nd
<b>TOM O'CONNOR</b>			<b>1st</b>

**08 VBPMA Open Yarnspinning Performance Championship 2017**

TIM SHEED			HC
JOHN DAVIS			HC
DON McQUEEN			3rd
MICK COVENTRY			2nd
<b>RHONDA TALLNASH</b>			<b>1st</b>

**09 VBPMA Novice Poet CHAMPION 2017**

<b>MARGARET BEECHEY</b>			3rd
DON DWYER 2			2nd
<b>3 CRYSTA DWYER</b>			<b>1st</b>

**10 VBPMA Intermediate Poet CHAMPION 2017**

JUDY BOYD 1			3rd
JOHN RAINE 2			2nd
			1st

**11 VBPM OPEN PERFORMANCE CHAMPION & MATILDA AWARD (Best Overall Female) 2017**

KATHY VALLANCE			3RD
CHRISTINE BOULT			2ND
<b>RHONDA TALLNASH</b>			<b>1ST</b>

**12 VBPM OPEN PERFORMANCE CHAMPION & CLANCY'S CHOICE AWARD (Best Overall Male) 2017**

RALPH SCRIVENS			3rd
KEN POTTER			2nd
<b>KEN TOUGH</b>			<b>1st</b>

**SPECIAL AWARDS 18 TROPHIES incl 4 WRITTEN, 12 PERFORMANCE, 1 YARNSPINNING. 1 MIN & LS AWARD**

<b>One Minute Poem</b>	CLAUDIA COLLINS		2nd
	KATHY VALLANCE		1st
<b>Lawrie Sheridan Encouragement Award</b>	JOHN DAVIS		yes
<b>Seniors' Encouragement Award</b>	RITA DIPLOCK		

<b>Jan Lewis Encouragement Award</b>	MARY FRENCH		
<b>VBPMA awards (extras) \$50 each</b>	<b>Only awarded when Winners are from interstate</b>		
Victorian Female Champion	RHONDA TALLNASH	Vict	
Victorian Male Champion	COLIN CARRINGTON	Vict	
Topscoring Victorian Yarnspinner	RHONDA TALLNASH	\$50	
Topscoring Written Victorian poem	RHONDA TALLNASH	\$50	
Topscoring Written Victorian Novice poet	JULIE MORRIS		Certificate only