



1. This contest is open to all QCWA members.
2. The contest will be held in three sections to Region level only:
  - a) **NOVICE Section** for those who have not won at any level. This section is to encourage members to gain speaking experience and confidence.
  - b) **ADVANCED Section** for those who have won at Novice level in the Division/Region and for experienced speakers.
  - c) **OPEN Section** Bush Poetry/any Poetry Reading not recited.

### Novice and Advanced sections

3. Contestants choose a reading of their own choice (no poem) provided it is in good taste and is acceptable. Any short story or part of a longer story (TO BE READ).

### Open section

4. Contestants choose a bush poem, or any poetry of their own choice provided it is in good taste and is acceptable (TO BE READ).

### Requirements

5. In all sections the time will be four to six minutes duration with a warning bell at four minutes and a final bell at six minutes. Half a point will be deducted for every second under or over time (4-6 Minutes).
6. The selected piece is to be read not recited.
7. The Contestant or the Convenor may read a short introduction of no more than 45 seconds if the reading is an excerpt.
8. The Contestant to supply three (3) copies of the reading/poem to the Convenor to be given to the judges to follow the text.
9. The Convenor to supply the judges with a copy of the judging guidelines and judging sheet.
10. A microphone is allowed, and a suitable lectern must be available but not necessarily used.
11. The Judges for the Interpretive Reading contest will be those organised for the Public Speaking Contest.
12. 1st 2nd & 3rd place will be awarded at Division and Region level. The second placegetter is to be prepared to compete if the first placegetter is unable to compete at a higher level. If neither is available, the third placegetter is eligible.
13. Prizes at Region level to be provided by the Region Conference Committee.