



BUSH POETRY RECITATION COMPETITION 2024

This competition is open to QCWA members only.

Australian Bush Poetry is poetry with accurate rhyme and metre about Australia, Australian History, Australians and/or the Australian way of life. (metre is a unit of rhythm in poetry, the pattern of the beats).

The competition will have only one section – no novice or advanced – all contestants compete in the one section.

1. The contestant recites NOT READS bush poetry of choice from published or unpublished works by different authors, or their own original work. The selected article is to be in good taste and acceptable.
2. The competition is to be held at Division and Region level. Branches may have multiple contestants at Division level
3. The Prepared Bush Poetry recitation will be a maximum three (3) minutes duration with warning bell/lights at two and a half minutes and a final bell/lights at three minutes.
4. Half a point will be deducted for every 30 seconds after the three minute duration. There is no penalty for under the three minute duration.
5. Contestants will supply three copies of the recitation to the Convenor for the judges to follow.
6. The Convenor to provide each Judge with guidelines and judging sheets.
7. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place to be awarded. 1st place to compete at Region level. 2nd place is to be prepared to compete at region level if 1st is unable to compete. If neither is available 3rd place is eligible to compete.
8. Prizes at Region to be provided by the Region conference committee.

