



VICTORIAN BUSH POETRY AND MUSIC Assoc. Inc. SONG CHAMPIONSHIP Information sheet

****1. Best Original Song** 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

****2. Best Non-Original Song** 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

3. Victorian Best Overall Song Award \$75 and trophy. Overall Runner-up \$50.

****1 & 2: + Double pass for next year *Man from Snowy River Bush Festival* (\$300+)**

Open to individuals, duos and groups

**Conducted at the Benalla Bush Entertainment Muster
Annually over second weekend of October. At Benalla Bowls Club.**

Competition held on Saturday afternoon from 1.15pm sharp!

Rules ONE entry only in each section. Must be family entertainment – not offensive.

1. **Aim:** To value and encourage traditional Australian Bush culture through Song/Music.

2. **Entrants:** Individuals, duos or groups. **An entrant can only appear on stage once per section, UNLESS they provide backing music to another entrant, in which case, they cannot also sing.**

3. **Songs and Instrumentals:** Traditional, modern, or original tune and lyric about Australia, Australians, or the Australian way of life. Failure to adhere to this criteria may result in your song/performance being deemed ineligible. **Songs/Music previously performed by the entrant(s) in a VBPM Victorian Championships that were awarded First Place, are ineligible.**

4. **Medleys** are acceptable but must be a continuous performance after the introduction/preamble.

5. **Time limit.** Six minutes including introduction. Points deducted for going over the time limit.

6. **Pre recorded backing music** not permitted. Accompaniment to be performed live on the day.

7. Combined rankings from song categories 1 & 2 will determine the best overall performer(s).

8. If in the majority opinion of the Judges a performance is offensive and/or objectionable, the score sheet could be deemed null and void and a zero score given.

9. Entrants ideally be a member of a bush verse club or the Australian Bush Poets' Association.

10. The **Judges' decision** will be final. **Judges x 3:** To be advised.

BENALLA MUSTER PROGRAMME Expected to be similar each year.

6pm Friday **Meet 'n' Greet Buy Dinner from Bistro.**

FRIDAY 7.30 – 10.30pm AUSSIE CONCERT at Bowls Club. Bush poetry & song/music, yarn spinning. Selected Guest performers include; Previous years song/music winner/s. And current year Judges.

Entry \$10 if no Muster wristband. Bookings not required. Enquiries: Jan 0422 848 707

SATURDAY 8am. Doors open at rear of Bowls Club. No breakfast at Club. Cuppa's available \$2 each.
8.30 – 10.30 am Walk Up's POETS and MUSOS + NOVICE COMP - Entry forms Jan 0422 848 707)

10.30 am Smoko \$2 cup donation

11am – 12n Entertainment – To be advised. Expected to be more opportunities for performers.

12n – 1pm Lunch Welcome old friends/ make new friends!

1.15pm sharp !! VICTORIAN SONG/MUSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS Original, followed by Non Original. (Maximum of 10 entrants in each Section. Enter early to try and ensure your first choice in Non Original.)

2.30pm Smoko

3 - 4pm Short Poems & Yarns 'Beat the bell'

4.15pm Move to the Weary Dunlop Statue for Anzac Tribute to commence at 4.30pm. Group photo.

6pm – 7.30pm Dinner buy from Bistro

7.30 – 10.30pm Saturday AUSSIE CONCERT This years Song/Music winner(s). Judges and selected performers entertain with Poetry & Song/Music.

RIVER THEME SUNDAY

8am Doors open at rear of Bowls Club. No breakfast at Club.

8.30am – 10.30 am WALK UP POETS and MUSOS

10.30 am smoko by donation

11.am – 12.30pm Participation 2020 will be Fire theme. Songs, poems and stories. New theme yearly.

12.30pm Lunch – buy from Bistro lunchtime music, maybe.

1.30 – 2.30pm CAROL REFFOLD HOUR incl ONE MINUTE POEM COMP hosted by TBA.

2.30 – 3.30pm MUSIC SESSION Host TBA. (BYO instrument/voice) All join in.

Pack up. ? 4pm ? VBPMA AGM then Special General Meeting. All welcome. (Join VBPMA \$10pa)

Weekend - wristband \$35 or \$30 concession, Seniors, poetry club members or pay by session.



VBPMA SONG/MUSIC CHAMPIONSHIP **ENTRY FORM**

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Name:**Act name:**.....

Address:.....

Phone.....**Email**.....

Section 1 - Original Song/Music (written by the performer, duo or group)
Please read rules. A song or music item can be co-written, but only 1 of the writers present.

Title of Entry.....
(max 10 entrants in order received)

Section 2 – Non-Original Australian Song/Music (written by anyone else)
Individual, duo or group **Please read rules**

Title: First Choice.....
(Maximum 10 entrants in order received) *We will advise if your first choice has already been entered.*)

Title: Second Choice.....

Song/Music sections held Saturday afternoon from 1.15pm sharp !!

If attending the whole weekend you need a wristband

Entries preferred by 27th September (max 10 entrants each section) **LATE ENTRIES OK IF ROOM**
Enter early to try and ensure your first choice in Non-Original.

Cost each Song/Music section entry: \$10 WEEKEND WRISTBAND, includes Friday and Saturday Night concert entry. **Section Winners are invited to perform Saturday night**

Entrant/Student/volunteer/poet-song club members **\$30** (U18 \$0) **WRISTBAND @ \$30 X..... = \$**

Circle payment Method: cheque money order Direct Debit **Song entries \$10 X 1 or \$20 X 2...= \$**

(Fill out membership form at the Muster) I would like to be a member of VBPMA (\$10 per annum) = \$

TOTAL \$.....

Cheque/money order payable to **Victorian Bush Poetry & Music Association Inc.**

Direct Debit, or Bank transfer/deposit: Bendigo Bank Acc name: VBPMA Inc BSB 633000 Acc. No: 142764125 (Include your name as Reference.)

We/I have read the rules of this competition and agree to abide by them. We/I confirm that the Original Song was written, or co-written by myself or a member of our duo or group.

No item nominated by me/us has been performed by me/us & awarded 1st place in this annual competition.

I/we give permission for the VBPMA to use my/our work with me/us retaining copyright. YES / NO.

Signed:..... Date:...../...../.....

Scan/email or Post to: Jan Lewis, Secretary VBPMA Inc 275 B Cudgewa Valley Rd, Cudgewa 3705

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