

## Bush Poetry

Australian Bush Poetry has accurate rhyme and metre, and is about Australia and Australians. This year the Trentham Bush Poetry event is accepting original poetry on any subject with Australian themes. However, we encourage entrants to consider themes that would honour Bruce McKenzie (see below).

*Due to a shortage of performers in recent years there is no Performance Bush Poetry in 2018. However other venues in the Trentham Words in Winter programme may offer performance poetry.*

All entries should be clearly marked *Words in Winter* **Bush Poetry**. Entries should be original and unpublished. Poems must be no longer than 48 lines.

**Short-listed poems will be read on Saturday 18 August 2018 at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre at 2pm.**

It is expected that entrants will read their own poem, but other arrangements can be made. The winning poet will be awarded \$200 and their name recorded on the Bruce McKenzie Trophy.

*This event is traditionally hosted by Trentham and District Historical Society in honour of Bruce McKenzie, sometime larrikin and local historian, holding the town's corporate memory for over 90 years. Bruce is a generous character and prolific bush poet. His poems range across his experience of growing up and living in Trentham, his time in the RAAF when at war, and the many interesting local characters he has known and met.*

## Contemporary Poetry

Contemporary Poetry need not be in rhyme or accurate metre. This year you may write on any topic of your choice. However, entrants are encouraged to consider themes that would honour Cath Pye (see below).

All entries should be clearly marked *Words in Winter* **Contemporary Poetry**. Entries must be original and unpublished and no longer than 48 lines.

**Short-listed poems will be read on Saturday 18 August 2018 at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre at 10.30am.**

It is expected that entrants will read their own poem, but other arrangements can be made.

The winning poet will be awarded \$200 and their name recorded on the Cath Pye Trophy.

*This event is in honour of Cath Pye, who was a member of many community groups in Trentham, including the Historical Society, Hospital Auxiliary and Wombat Forest Care. In particular she protested for the endangered Powerful Owl.*

*Cath loved Trentham Falls, had excellent research skills and had a practical philosophy of life. With her love of poetry she was instrumental in the first Bush Poetry competition in 2004. She died in 2013.*



*Trentham*



**Entry Form for  
Writers & Poets  
August 2018**

## ENTRY FORM

Title of work .....

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Email .....

Please tick category of entry

- Bush poetry  
 Contemporary Poetry  
 Ellen Kemp Memorial Writer's Prize

### SIGNED:

*I agree to abide by the Conditions of Entry*

.....  
(signature)

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR WORK  
**WITHOUT** YOUR NAME ON IT, TOGETHER WITH  
YOUR **\$5** ENTRY FEE

Entries may be lodged at the TRENTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE in person (High St, Trentham), via post (PO Box 96, Trentham 3458) or via email (info@trenthamnc.org.au) .

Entry fees may be paid via EFT - BSB: 633 000 Account: 144422029, Account name: Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR ALL CATEGORIES

1. All work must be original and unpublished.
2. Limit of one entry per person per category.
3. Work must be typed and double spaced in a clearly legible font.
4. Name and contact details must appear on the entry form only and not on the manuscript (judging is anonymous).
5. Winning and selected entries may be used as promotional material for the competition, *Words in Winter* or TNC websites, or in print.
6. All entries must be clearly marked as Bush Poetry, Contemporary Poetry or Ellen Kemp Memorial Writer's Prize.
7. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
8. Due date for entries in all categories is **20 July 2018**.
9. Cost per entry **\$5.00**.

## ELLEN KEMP MEMORIAL WRITER'S PRIZE

This prize is given for the best short story. This year the theme will be 'Chemistry in a Country Town', following Ellen's profession as a pharmacist in Trentham (see below). However, we encourage entrants to think as widely as they like on the theme.

All entries should be clearly marked *Words in Winter Ellen Kemp Memorial Writer's Prize* and have a maximum of 3000 words. The winning writer will be awarded \$300.

**The winning entry will be announced at Afternoon Tea on Saturday 18 August 2018 at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre at approximately 3.30pm, following the Bush Poetry.**

*Ellen Kemp was a pharmacist by profession, and in 2008 re-opened the pharmacy in Trentham after many years' closure.*

*This was to prove a strategic move in the growth and development of the township.*

*Ellen was an accomplished high diver, skier, sailor and tennis player, and enjoyed music, theatre and films. Sadly, she died in 2011.*

