

# The

December 2016

W.A. Bush Poets

# BULLY TIN



& Yarnspinners Assn.

**Next Muster December 2nd, 7pm - Bentley Park Auditorium, Bentley Park**  
**MC : Nancy Coe 9472 5303**



## WA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TOODYAY

Three happy faces: from left to right: John Hayes (3<sup>rd</sup>), Christine Boulton (Overall champion) and Roger Cracknell (runner up). Photo by Jan Cracknell

Check out the ABPA website they will be featuring WA and the Toodyay competition in December. We also have a lovely mention on their facebook page. Many thanks to Brenda Joy and Greg North.

### Merry Christmas

At the December muster please bring a small plate of Christmas fare to share and a present( \$5-\$10). We are providing sherry and mince pies. Ho Ho Ho



### AUSTRALIA DAY

We are seeking expressions of interest from member poets of the WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinners to recite at Wireless Hill on Australia Day. Please contact Alan Aitken on 0400 249 243 or [aitken@live.com.au](mailto:aitken@live.com.au).

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First of all let me say a huge "Thank You" to all the poets and supporters who contributed to the success of our Bush Poetry Festival at Toodyay. That everyone was willing to do whatever was asked of them made our job so much easier. The crowd was up, the standard of poetry was up, and the bus trip to Jennacubbine was a popular addition to the program.

Congratulations to Christine on regaining the title of WA State Bush Poetry Champion, and to Dave Smith for his win in the Yarnspinning. See separate report on Toodyay.

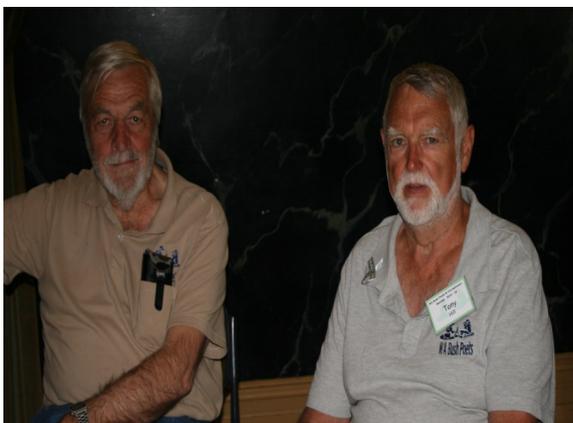
Hosting the Australian Championships next year will require increased planning. Meg and I have spent time with previous organisers planning for this. We have had many suggestions put forward already, and welcome further ideas that might help. Please put them in an email so we have a record (little bits of paper have a habit of getting lost at my place). If you are thinking of bringing your caravan be sure to book in early as van sites are limited.

Meg and I have resumed our travels after a hectic visit back to WA. It was a very busy time with family, farm and garden all requiring our time and attention in addition to poetry at Toodyay and Nambung. We are back in Queensland and have just enjoyed a relaxing time on the Country Music Cruise.

Meg and I wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and will catch up again when we are back in WA just in time for Boyup Brook.

Bill Gordon President

*We all wish you and Meg a great festive season and happy travels. ED.*



Terry Piggott and Tony Hill timekeepers. Written novice winners: June Eastwood, Chris Taylor and Steve Roberts



Peg Vickers (1<sup>st</sup> Roadwise), Dot Langley (1<sup>st</sup> reader from the classics) Dave Smith (Champion yarnspinner)

Photos: Rodger Kohn

Please find press release from President of WA Bush Poets and Yarnspinners Assoc. following a very successful Championship event held in Toodyay 4th- 6th November 2016  
Regards Meg Gordon (Event Co ordinator)

### **BUSH POETS RETURN TO TOODYAY**

Members of the WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinners gathered at Toodyay on the 4th to 6th November for their fourth annual Act, Belong, Commit, Toodyay Bush Poetry Festival & State Championships. It proved to be an enjoyable event for all concerned, with many visitors coming from Perth and Mandurah for the weekend. The Memorial Hall is an ideal venue, with the décor and history making a magnificent setting for Bush Poetry.

Popular winner of the competition was Christine Boulton from Perth, with Roger Cracknell runner up and John Hayes third. This is the second occasion Christine has been successful having won in 2014. It is not long ago that Roger was competing in the novice section, and it is encouraging to see him progress so quickly with his performances. John is a proven poet of long standing. He was right behind the winners in a very close contest.

Winner of the Yarnspinning was Dave Smith from Collie. Everyone was pleased to see Dave back to the fore after some health issues. He has a knack of weaving a good yarn, having been the top yarn spinner at Boyup Brook in 2011.

The festival was off to a great start with a workshop presented by one of the judges, Rob Christ-mas. Rob gave a very detailed presentation on different rhyming patterns and how rhyme and metre create feeling and emotion in a poem. When she gave examples considerable discussion followed, with participants were challenged to write their own lines. Many who attended told me that it was the best workshop they had attended.

Social activity began on Friday night when we packed a school bus for a magnificent evening meal and some well received poetry at the Jennacubbine Tavern. Visitors came from as far as Dowerin for this evening. Competition poetry and Yarnspinning kept the large audience entertained throughout the day. The Roadwise challenge was well supported with fourteen poets presenting a poem on the topic "Distracted Drivers are Dangerous". Peg Vickers won this, and she also won the Poet's Brawl which was held on Sunday afternoon.

On Saturday night people gathered in the Memorial Hall for dancing and singing brought to us by two of the new poets, Steve Roberts and Michael "Oxo" Barclay and their partners. A very enjoyable and relaxed evening was enjoyed by all.

Toodyay Lions Club did a great job catering for the Bush Poets Breakfast on Sunday morning before the competition resumed for the day. The weekend concluded with presentations to the winners. Toodyay citizen of the year, Peter Robinson, handed out the novice and classic reader



awards. Margaret O'Sullivan, manager of Bendigo Bank, Toodyay and Miska Madacsi representing Toodyay Festivals Inc. presented the remainder of the certificates and the trophies. Sponsors are essential to make an event such as this happen. I would like to extend a huge Thank you to our sponsors, Healthway, Toodyay Shire, Road Safety Council of WA, Bendigo Bank, CBH, Makit Hardware, and Toodyay Caravan Park.

Bill Gordon  
President, WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinners Assn Inc

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Michael Barclay ( 3rd Modern)



Judge and guest performer—  
 Robyn Christmas

**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

Dear Folks,  
 What a wonderful time we all had at Tooday. We are a great team and so many people deserve thanks for the roles they fulfilled. I've put in lots of photos ( thank you Rodger), they'll look better via email but it's still nice to put faces to names. This month memberships are due for 2017, you can pay at the December or January muster if that makes life easier. Also the new roster for 2017 is attached. Please keep it somewhere safe as (hopefully) there won't be the need for many changes. Thank you all for being so willing to be solicited. Wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a sensational New Year. Lots of love  
 Christine



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Band of Mates



Kingsley Day and Phil Rego



Sharon Heaslip



Justin Standley



Amber Reid

## THE CHRISTMAS GIFT

That Christmas seemed a little grim, the outlook pretty bleak,  
the opal gods had turned their backs - had done so all that  
week.

A little potch and colour would sure ease their fiscal pain,  
and help to tide them over until good times came again.

Tomorrow would be Christmas and their cupboard was near  
bare,  
a rusty can of Heinz baked beans was all that's left in there.  
The two young mates though down on luck still worked a solid  
day,  
and set a final blasting once they'd cleared the dirt away.

Then headed into town to spend the last few bob they had,  
they'd only get necessities as things were now quite bad.  
There'd be no fancy food or drinks to offer Christmas cheer;  
no midday roast and pudding, or the usual toast with beer.

Next morning saw them readying to catch up with a mate,  
who was as broke as they were, but would share their meager  
plate.  
And though the meal was plain; as far as Christmas feasting  
goes,  
the day was still enjoyable despite impending woes.

Some card games helped to pass the hours and added to the  
fun,  
the mate then told their fortunes, dealing cards out one by one.  
Foretelling of a change of luck soon due to head their way,  
and they should go and check their mine for opal there that day.

Although good-natured laughter greeted comments that he  
made,  
they headed out to have a look, at least there'd be some shade.  
The day was hot and stifling as they reached their Flat Hill mine,  
their York hoist stood there proudly, somewhat like a metal  
shrine.

They quickly clambered down the shaft to coolness down below,  
and then switched on their makeshift lights, that gave a golden  
glow.  
Long drives stretched out into the gloom where shadows danced  
about,  
and eighty feet down underground shuts outside noises out.

They made for where the shot had been and brought along a  
light,  
and stood there in their disbelief at such a wondrous sight.  
Large seams of brilliant opal were now showing in the face,  
their eyes were bright and shiny, as they stared into that space.

Here opals flashing red with greens and sparkling gold and blue,  
and all the colours known to man were laid out there on view.  
This Christmas had bestowed a gift of beauty bright and rare,  
just at a time when all seemed lost - the opal gods played fair.

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## Distracted Drivers by Frank Heffernan August 2016

Distracted drivers are dan-  
gerous; statistics all prove  
that it's true;  
Keep your eyes on the road  
while you're driving, so  
prangs won't happen to you.  
Distracted drivers are dan-  
gerous; you don't want to be  
one of those.  
Stop after two hours of trav-  
el and avoid the temptation  
to doze.

A driver should always be  
wary in keeping the car in  
control;  
Too often a driver gets care-  
less and fails to make safety  
the goal.  
It's illegal to text while  
you're driving, and turn off  
your mobile phone;  
They are just another dis-  
traction that makes you  
more accident prone.

It helps if you know where  
you're going, and when to  
turn left or go right;  
So plan out the route you  
are taking, and fasten all  
seatbelts up tight.  
Drinking and drugs are a no-  
no, so more shame on the  
fools who won't learn.  
There are so many dangers  
while driving, and speeding's  
a major concern.

Sleep on the job for a mo-  
ment and disaster can strike  
you real quick.  
But regrets may linger a life-  
time and haunt you and  
make you feel sick.  
Distracted drivers are dan-  
gerous; a crash is a night-  
mare from hell;  
Just think of the cost of the  
Ambo's, the tow trucks and  
coffins as well!



**WA BUSH POETS & YARNSPINNERS ASSOC.  
WRITTEN COMPETITION 2016**

**Open Serious**

Winner: Bobby is Back - Tom McIlveen

Highly Commended: Storm across the Mallee - Peter Blyth  
A Red Dirt Road To Nowhere - Shelley Hansen  
From Gallipoli with Love Tom McIlveen

Commended: How Blue and Me Joined the Cooee March - Val Wallace  
Cooee, Don't Come Home - Tom McIlveen  
The Karri Forrest - Peg Vickers

**Open Humorous**

Winner: The Wrapper - Rhonda Tallnash

Highly Commended: The Night the Fairstar Sunk at Warren - Caroline Tuohey  
A Simple Colonoscopy by Tom McIlveen

Commended: I Bought a Jeep - Shelley Hansen  
Close Encounters of the Mobility Kind - Brenda Joy

**Novice**

Winner: The Legacy - Chris Taylor

Highly Commended: One Man's Meat - John Dooley  
The Little Champ - June Eastwood

Commended: The Raid of Young Jimmy Flanagan - Steve Roberts  
Blood Sweat and Beers - John Dooley

**Local Poet**

Winner: The Little Champ - June Eastwood

**Thank you**

The WA Bush Poets and Yarnspinners Assn Inc wishes to acknowledge the generous support from Healthway, CBH and Roadwise as well as Toodyay Shire, Bendigo Bank, Makit Hardware, Toodyay Holiday Park, The Victoria Hotel and Duck Duck Goose Café Restaurant and Icecreamery.



**WA BUSH POET'S & YARNSPINNERS ASSOC**

**RESULTS OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
TOODYAY 2016**

**OVERALL CHAMPION - 1<sup>st</sup> Christine Boulton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Cracknell  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Hayes**

**NOVICE ORIGINAL - 1<sup>st</sup> Greg Joass  
2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Roberts  
3<sup>rd</sup> June Eastwood**

**NOVICE OTHER - 1<sup>st</sup> Greg Joass  
2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Roberts  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Aitken**

**CLASSIC READER - 1<sup>st</sup> Dot Langley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Meg Gordon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anne Hayes**

**YARNSPINNING - 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Peg Vickers  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Gordon**

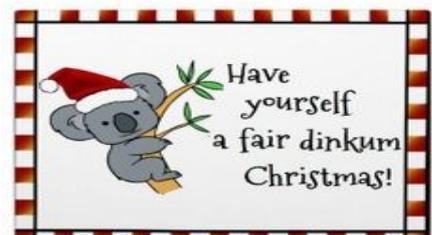
**MODERN - 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Blyth  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Gunn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Barclay**

**TRADITIONAL - 1<sup>st</sup> Christine Boulton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Cracknell  
3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Blyth**

**ORIGINAL SERIOUS - 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Roberts  
2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Boulton  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Hayes**

**ORIGINAL HUMOROUS - 1<sup>st</sup> Roger Cracknell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Boulton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Peg Vickers**

**ROADWISE COMPETITION  
1<sup>st</sup> Peg Vickers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Gordon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Christine Boulton**



## **The Nature of Farming by Brett Inglis**

The feel of winter continues to force itself upon the land,  
Farmers urge to be free from what seems to be Gods un-  
fair hand,  
Frost is beginning to bite,  
Gloom upon the farmers who have to hold on tight.

The wheat crop in the fields withering with every cold  
snap of late,  
Natures cruel way we cannot abate.  
Even science cannot defy,  
a cruel twist which still does mystify.

Stand with the farmers is all we can do,  
knowing that that they are tough and consist of few.  
Noble producers of the food for which we depend,  
where would we be without these women and men?

The seasons begin with a hope that springs eternal,  
fingers crossed that nature does not play its cruel hand  
infernal!

We see fortune prevailing for some,  
people to remain on the land whilst others to the towns  
they become.

Economic forces uses its invisible hand to reek,  
to be evicted off the land allowing other opportunities to  
seek.

But think of the few who still remain in the outback,  
to meet new trials and tribulations as they cannot give  
themselves the sack!

By nature the country in the Wheatbelt can be tough,  
recognise that life upon the farmers can still be rough!  
But hopes arise of a future less dim,  
as a good canola crop brings a profit though slim!

And those sheep and cattle their young may survive,  
for in the spring they surely will thrive!  
Farming does require diversity,  
in these times of adversity!

Science will uphold the fight against Jack Frost,  
Ensure a future where production is not lost.  
Agronomics attempts to achieve success,  
where farmers defy nature to ensure whose best.

To use our limited resources in a fashion most wise,  
not to stretch and abuse as they only get the people off-  
side!  
Work with the townsfolk about life on the farm,  
ensure to the land there is little harm!

Farming into the future I am seeing,  
a long way to go in our destiny as human beings.  
To work with nature in maintaining a balance that is  
rightful,  
and prevent a future for our ascendants which may be-  
come quite rightful.

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

### **Year-Round Joy**

Christmas is full of shiny things  
That sparkle, gleam and glow;  
These holiday pleasures dazzle us,  
And yet, deep down, we know...

That Christmas has its special gifts,  
But our year-round joy depends  
On the cherished people in our lives,  
Our family and our friends.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## **Recycling By Frank Heffernan**

October 2016

In a world full of hustle and bustle and  
haste,  
We are building up mountains of rub-  
bish and waste.  
Recycling our junk heaps; we'll all  
have to do it,  
Let's revert it, convert it, reuse, or re-  
new it.

We're becoming addicted to throwing  
stuff out;  
But at last we are trying to turn that  
about.  
'Cos' polluting our planet may come at  
great cost,  
When our water and soil, are degraded  
and lost.

By sorting out plastic waste, cardboard  
and tin,  
And separating each to a spare wheel-  
ie bin.  
It's such a humble beginning, but you  
get the idea,  
That changing our thinking takes more  
than a year.

But recycling is part of God's great  
Masterplan.  
Just consider His people, at the end of  
life's span,  
It's all ashes to ashes, and it's dust to  
dust.  
He recycles the wicked, as well as the  
just!

G'day all,

I am attaching for information and comment a draft of the by-laws I am proposing for the setting up of branches.

The resolution will have to go to a General Meeting in due course.

Happy to discuss.

Cheers,

stinger Peter Nettleton

### **WABPYA By-laws- Draft Resolution**

That this General Meeting of the WA Bush Poets and Yarnspinners Association Inc (Association) adopts the following by-laws pursuant to Rule 24 of the Rule Book of the Association;

The Association, by ordinary resolution of its Committee (Committee), may establish such Branches as it sees fit;

A Branch may be comprised of at least 3 but otherwise an unlimited number of persons;

A Branch may not be incorporated;

A Branch must include at least 2 persons who are full financial members of the Association;

A Branch must also have at least 1 representative who is a member of the Committee;

Branch Activities must be authorised in writing by at least 3 Committee members;

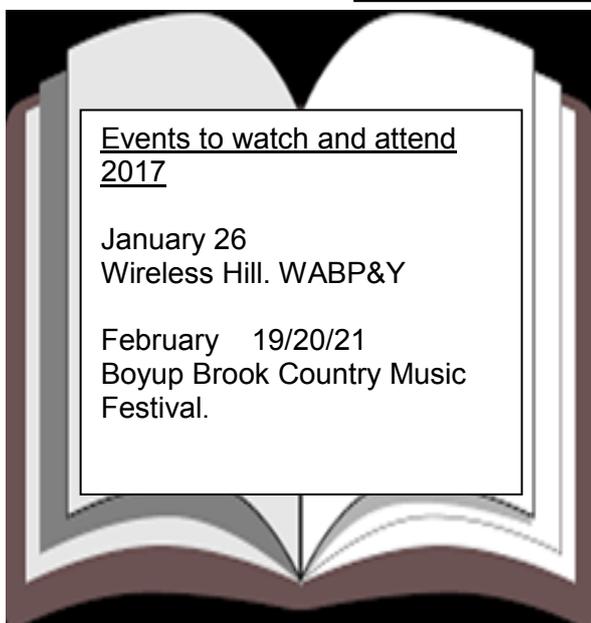
The Branch representative on the Committee or his or her delegate must report on the activities and finances of the Branch to the Committee on at least a quarterly basis and to the Annual General Meeting;

The name of a Branch shall be as recommended by the Branch members and approved by the Committee;

The Committee shall do whatever is required to ensure that Authorised Branch Activities are supported by the Association;

The Committee shall ensure that appropriate Volunteer and Public Liability insurances are in place in relation to Authorised Branch Activities at all times.

From Peter Nettleton



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Lions Breakfast with **Greg Joass (Novice winner)** , Heather Joass, Lorelie Tacoma and friends.

Photo: Rodger Kohn

**WA BUSH POETS & YARNSPINNERS ASSOC.**  
ANNUAL/NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL 2017

**FEES ARE DUE JAN 1ST**

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**WA Bush Poets & YarnspINNers  
 Assoc. Inc**



**Aims of the Association:**

- To Conserve Traditional Australian Bush Poetry
- To keep Australian People in touch with their heritage
- To maintain the Australian Idiom
- To Promote Bush Poetry and Yarnspinning writing and performance in the wider community

Public meetings / Performances (Musters)

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 Bentley 6102

Enquiries  
 Bill 0428 651 098 or  
 Brian 9361 3770

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**New members Welcome**

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 or [wabushpoets.asn.au](http://wabushpoets.asn.au)

Interim Receipt

**WA Bush Poets & YarnspINNers  
 Assoc. Inc.**

You should receive your personal copy of the Monthly Newsletter "The Bully Tin" a few days prior to the first Friday. Receipt and membership card should follow shortly after

Muster entry prices:  
 Members \$6, Public \$8  
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Dated / / 201

I applied for Membership, and paid my dues to the above Assoc.

I paid \$ by \_\_\_\_\_

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Please place this in your calendar or check it out on our website. Thank you Brian,our webmaster

**Muster roster 2016/7** ( subject to change and inclusions)

Please ring or email the compere, if you wish to perform, so they can add you to their list

Date 2016/7	Master/mistress of ceremonies	Reader from the classics.....	Extra information
December	Nancy Coe 9472 5303	Lorraine Broun Please bring a small plate of Christmas food ,if possible.	Christmas poems if possible..first half. Christmas cake and port. Bring a gift to receive a gift ( cost \$5-\$10.00)
January	Jem Shorland 6143 0127 0487 764 897 shorland@iinet.net.au	Christine Boulton ((happy to swap if someone would like this spot)	8 line poem Theme: <u>Resolutions</u>
February	Lorelie Tacoma 9365 2277 tlorelie@ymail.com	Bev Shorland	
March	Robert Gunn 0417 099 676 gunnpoet@hotmail.com	Rhonda Hink	
April	Lorraine Broun 9496 1214	Nancy Coe	
May	Rodger Kohn 0419 666 168 rodgershirley@bigpond.com	Meg Gordon	16 line poem <u>Let Me know</u>
June	Dave Smith 97341256 or 0438341256	Elaine Smith	Poems from WA poets – past and present Poets bring in your books/CDs to sell
July	Robert Asplin 0448 150 757 robert.47@optusnet.com.au	Jack Matthews	AGM : meeting first and muster to start at &.30pm
August	Frank and Mary Heffernan 9881 6652 Muffenburg@westnet.com.au	Frank and Mary Heffernan	
September	Grace Williamson 9361 4265 grace.wil@bigpond.com	John Hayes	Traditional night
October	Brian Langley 9361 3770 : 0428 131 094:briandot@tpg.com.au	Dot Langley	16 line poem Kiss it Goodbye
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	Bill Gordon 9765 1098 0428 651 098 northlands@wn.com.au	Bob Brackenbury	NB Second week as Toodyay national championships is the first
December	Peter Nettleton 0407 770 053 stinger@iinet.net.au	Alan Aitken Please bring a small plate of Christmas food ,if possible.	Christmas poems if possible..first half. Christmas cake and port. Bring a gift to receive a gift ( cost \$5-\$10.00)
January	Anne Hayes 9377 1238 0428 542 418 hayseed1@optusnet.com.au		

Stand by: Terry Piggott ,Lorraine Broun, Bill Gordon ( March, April, May. Then October onwards).Dave Smith ( happy to read from the classics)

## **November Muster 11<sup>th</sup> November, Write Ups – Sue Hill and Nancy Coe**

Lorraine Broun MC started proceedings at 7.10 pm

Roger Kohn read out a Thankyou Card from Bill and Meg Gordon, thanking everyone for their help over the Toodyay weekend.

Lorraine congratulated all the winners at Toodyay.

**Nancy Coe** – recited **“The Shearing Game”** by Snow Pick

A poem about the shearing game, gun shearers competing against each other and one of them being Snow Pick.

**Rob Gunn** – recited a Remembrance Day poem – **“The Simple Poppy”** by Paul Hunter

A poem depicting the significance of how a poppy is a memory of a loved one lost during the war and a reminder to all of the courage and honour of all the heroes who faced all the challenges for us all.

**“Never Forget”** by Keith Lethbridge.

How the men and women of Australia fought and died to save our land for all of us.

**Brian Langley** – recited his poem **“Melbourne Cup”**

How on the first Tuesday of November every year all across Australia many people take a day off work to attend the Melbourne Cup whether it be in a Country Pub or Club or at the race track to enjoy the special day and hopefully have a win.

**“The Forest”** a poem regarding the felling of our native Forest’s, how the native orchards are dying our creeks becoming salty and the birds disappearing. Doesn’t anybody care that our forests are dwindling?

**Dot Langley** – One of the first to recite a poem on the theme for the night **“Recycling”**

**“Recycling” by Frank Hefferman**

Time to change our thinking and convert, reuse, renew instead of throwing things out.

**Christine Boulton** – Recycling poem **“Waste not Want not”**

A poem suggesting we go back to when we used to reuse old clothing to make other items, fixing and mending things instead of replacing, no plastic bags, take our own bags with us to the shops.

**Jem Shorland – Recycling “ Re Cycling”**

A yarn about recycling families, marriage and how some people should not be allowed to marry.

**Brian Langley – Recycling poem “Getting Fit”**

Poem about getting fit by riding a bicycle so to improve his health, years ago he used to ride a bike so now he is re-cycling.

**Lorraine Broun – “A Reasonable Request”**

A witty poem of a patient confirming her appointment at the hospital and getting confused with a lobotomy and a colonoscopy.

Another poem - A saga of a friend shifting from Narrogin to Tasmania with overweight luggage, a locked case and with the keys thrown away.

**Carolyn Sambridge – presented her poem about “Diabetes”**

How one doesn’t like what the dieticians are saying about the diet one must follow because of diabetes.

**Ode To a Bogan** – describing how one lives with all the Bogan like matter around us.

**Roger Cracknell – “ A Rodents Tale”**

A humorous tale of their travels across the Nullarbor Plain and whilst camped for the night they were invaded by a plague of mice and how they tried to rid them from their Caravan.

**Tony Hill – “Census” by Janine Haig**

When filling out a Census form the question arises “Occupation”, as she was always being asked to “just come here” and hold this or help with something else she decided to put her occupation down as “just come here”.

**Jack Matthews. “Please wear a poppy”**

Recited a poem about an elderly lady describing to a young boy why we wear a poppy for “Remembrance Day”

**John Hayes – his poem “Anzac Cottage”**

The cottage that was built for Private John Porter as he was the 1<sup>st</sup> wounded ANZAC to return home. The brick and tile home was built in a day with love and respect by all the workman.

**After supper**

**Anne Hayes our Classic Reader presented**

“The Song of the Shingle Splitters” by Henry Kendall.

**Christine Boulton** – Her favourite trilogy for Remembrance Day . “Our Flag ” by Banjo Paterson, “Scots of the Riverina” Henry Lawson and “We Shall Not Sleep” by John McCrae.

**Nancy Coe** – “ **The House that Beat them All**” by **Snow Pick**

A poem about shared stories during his working days with work mates. Among others the one about 5 little houses up Leonora way still standing there like sentries, little out houses. Another over a mine shaft the depth being questionable. How he entertained them for nothing which he realised was a terrible mistake.

**Brian Langley** – “**Distracted Drivers are Dangerous**”

Brian’s poem about how easy it is to be distracted while driving even looking at signs along the roadside.

**Animals and Me** –

How Brian seems to attract all types of animals to him but they all seem to cause him some kind of grief. So now he just keeps composting worms.

**Jack Mathews** – “**The Willibuck Christmas Party**” by **Bill Kearns**.

A very humorous poem about the residents of the local Nursing Home intent of having a great Xmas party despite the management cutting their food supply. They hoarded food over the weeks and also picked neighbours herbs for their tea which was marihuana, consequently after drinking the popular herbal tea they tended to get rather carried away and caused a few problems with the Police.

**Robert Gunn** “ **The Toss of the Coins**” by **Terry Piggott**

A poem about “two up” and how good it is when you are winning but it is easy to lose the lot.

**Jem Shorland** –

A tale about a man, having a horrible day of everything going wrong so he is having a drink in the bar to drown his sorrows, he had also put some tablets in his beer to end all his misery, when a bikie comes in and drinks his beer?

**John Hayes** – “**The Whole Hog**”

A yarn about working on the farm and always seem to be eating Farmyard tucker, Slabs of Pork, Pickled Pork, Pigs trotters, spare ribs.

**Roger Cracknell** – “**The Song of Old Joe Swallow**”

Poem of hardship in the days of long ago, running a bullock team and cattle droving.

**Dot Langley** – “**Cobbers of Mine**” **The Axeman** by **Alf Wallace**.

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**Loraine Broun** **The best of Saki** – **Mrs Peggletied??**



Our muster writers:  
Sue Hill (left)  
Elaine Smith (centre ) and  
Nancy Coe (right). Thankyou to our muster writers who also help the club in many other ways.



