

TAMWORTH WEST BOWLO BUSH POETS BREAKFAST to host FRANK DANIEL COMPETITION AGAIN

Bush Poets' Breakfast show will be on again at West Tamworth Bowling Club for next month's upcoming Tamworth Country Music Festival. Tom McIlveen and Susan Ashton will be hosting the show to include the Frank Daniel Walkup Award with trophies and prize money. This award originated in Tamworth several years ago and was the brain child of Ray Essery, who donated the 1st trophy and part of the prize money. The

competition attracted a large cross section of new poets, who have gone on to compete and win in various performance competitions throughout the country, establishing themselves as performing poets of note. It has always been Ray's intention to foster and encourage new performing poets coming to Tamworth, and I intend to do my utmost to support him in this.

We are now endeavouring to keep the spirit of performance poetry competition alive in Tamworth, by continuing the Frank Daniel Awards. We encourage new and established poets to share their skills on the stage, or to assist in the administration of daily competitions.

The Bush Poets Breakfast Variety Show at West Tamworth Bowling Club will have a similar line up to last year. Hosted by Tom McILveen and Susan Ashton who will provide music for variety in between performances... featuring Ray Essery, Bill Kearns, Greg North, Geoffrey Graham, Paddy O'Brien and others. Special guest Pat Drummond will entertain us with his unique blend of music and storytelling.

Commencing Monday the 22nd January at 830am to 1030am, it will run daily till Saturday 27th January inclusive. The Frank Daniel Walkup Awards will commence immediately after the Poets Breakfast Show on Tuesday 23rd January, commencing at 1030am ...then Thursday 25th January...1030am, with the finals and awards on Friday 26th January at 1030am.

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