

David Campbell top finalist in the 20th Australian Bush Laureate Awards

Poet David Campbell from Beaumaris, Victoria, leads the finalist list for the 20th Australian Bush Laureate Awards to be staged in Tamworth in January.

The all Australian Awards, also one of the nation's peak bush poetry events, started in 1995 and have become one of the headline events of the Tamworth Festival.

David is a finalist in four categories... Book and Album of the Year with his works titled "Riders On The Wind" and in Single of the Year for "My Son" and Published Poem of the Year for "The White Man's Way".

Robyn Sykes, from Binalong, NSW, is also prominent among finalists with three places... for Album of the Year with "Voices Of The Fire" and Single of the Year with "Old Bill's Regret" and also Published Poem of the Year with "Lovely Lies".

Laurie McDonald from the ACT and Greg North from Sydney are also multiple finalists in the 2014 Awards with two each, both in Album and Single of the Year.

Greg is a finalist in both categories for his works titled "Frackin' Fricker" while Laurie is a finalist for Album of the Year with "Live At The Murrumbateman Pub" and Single of the Year with "Cabaret Café".

Joining the bush poets are Golden Guitar winners Lee Kernaghan, Colin Buchanan, Allan Caswell, Drew McAlister, Norma O'Hara Murphy, Luke O'Shea, Garth Porter, Graham Rodger and Tamara Stewart – all finalists in the two Australian Song Lyric categories. Lee, Garth and Colin's tribute to Slim Dusty – "Flying With The King" – is a finalist in Contemporary Song Lyric of the Year.

The 2014 Australian Bush Laureate Awards had one of the most competitive fields ever seen with almost a hundred individual nominations from poets and lyric writers from all over Australia.

A gala Awards presentation and concert with many celebrity guests and artists will salute the winners of the prized Golden Gumleaf trophies. It will be held in the famous Tamworth Town Hall on Tuesday January 21 from 2pm.

Tickets are available via the Tamworth Country Music Festival website www.tcmf.com.au or by telephone 02 6767 5300.

Full listing of finalists follows.

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20TH AUSTRALIAN BUSH LAUREATE AWARDS

Tamworth, 2pm Tuesday January 21, 2014

THE FINALISTS

BOOK OF THE YEAR

Award Winning Bush Verse & Stories 2013
Bronze Swagman Book of Bush Verse 2012
Candlelight Reflections – Will Moody (Bellingen, NSW)
Lawson Country – Kevin Pye (Mudgee, NSW)
Riders On The Wind – David Campbell (Beaumaris, Vic)

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Frackin' Fricker – Greg North (Sydney, NSW)
Listen! – Maggie Murphy (Heathcote, Vic)
Laurie McDonald... Live At The Murrumbateman Pub – Laurie McDonald (Watson, ACT)
Riders On The Wind – David Campbell (Beaumaris, Vic)
Voices Of The Fire – Robyn Sykes (Binalong, NSW)

SINGLE RECORDED PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

Cabaret Café – Laurie McDonald (Watson, ACT)
Frackin' Fricker – Greg North (Sydney, NSW)
My Son – David Campbell (Beaumaris, Vic)
Old Bill's Regret – Robyn Sykes (Binalong, NSW)
The Water Of The Wells – Jack Drake (Stanthorpe, Qld)

PUBLISHED POEM OF THE YEAR

A Snowy Mountain Holiday – Tom McIlveen (Port Macquarie, NSW)
Curio – The Legend Will Survive – Brenda Joy (Coochiemudlo Island, Qld)
Lovely Lies – Robyn Sykes (Binalong, NSW)
The White Man's Way – David Campbell (Beaumaris, Vic)
Your Shout! – Allan Goode (Beechmont, Qld)

TRADITIONAL SONG LYRIC OF THE YEAR

A Farming Man – Grant Luhrs (Wagga Wagga, NSW)
The Bushranger & His Lady – Graham Roger (Paterson, Qld)
Celtic Blood – Shaza Leigh (Tamworth, NSW)
Chimney In The Paddock – Diane Lindsay (Newcastle, NSW)
Gilbert, O'Meally & Hall – Norma O'Hara Murphy (Bony Mountain, Qld)

CONTEMPORARY SONG LYRIC OF THE YEAR

Dreamtime Cathedrals – Manfred Vijars (Morningside, Qld)
Flying With The King – Lee Kernaghan, Garth Porter, Colin Buchanan (Sydney, NSW)
Lady Of The Land – Luke O'Shea/Drew McAlister (Sydney, NSW)
Survive – Kate Cook (Toowoomba, Qld)
You Can't Get Good Help these days – Allan Caswell/Tamara Stewart (Sydney, NSW)

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