



# Poets on the Mountain @ Guyra

## ABPA-NSW BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIP

*Australian Poetry Hall of Fame*

**Rhymers Variety Show**

**GUYRA**

Frivolity, Fun and Entertainment by  
Nationally Acclaimed Performance Poets ...  
Tall Tales, Humorous Stories and more



**Music by Spiral Time**  
Tom McIlveen &  
Susan Ashton



**Bill Kearns**



**Ray Essery**



**Robyn Sykes**

Australia's Top  
Performance Bush Poets  
on Show

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Saturday 18th November 7pm  
General Admission \$20  
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# AUSTRALIAN BUSH POETRY FILM FESTIVAL

## POETS BREAKFAST AND 1 MIN BRAWL

## WORKSHOPS

## WALKUPS

AUSTRALIAN  
POETRY



Guyra

12 to 19  
November 2023





Your host Jasmes  
aka  
Thundercloud

James Arthur Warren, known by his artistic pseudonym "Thundercloud Repairian," is a versatile artist, poet, publisher, entrepreneur, and the creator/director of the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame in Guyra, which was established in 2020. Thundercloud was finalist in the 2017 Nimbin Performance poetry World Cup, and placed third in the 2019 Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Competition with "The Darling is Dying." He is the author of 5 poetry books including Love in Nimbin, Lust in Nimbin and Poetry to End Prohibition.

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Ray Essery is without doubt one of the most highly regarded performing Bush Poets in Australia today, the hilarious, legendary 'Mullumbimby Bloke',



Ray Essery



**Robyn Sykes**

Robyn Sykes sculpts words using metaphors, metre, similes, rhyme and more. The entertainer, award-winning poet, writer, and drama enthusiast has incubated crocodile eggs, lived in Japan, edited a newspaper, focussed an electron microscope and worked on a farm. The livewire performer is also an accomplished writer, and is published in anthologies and journals nationally, internationally and online. Robyn will be presenting the below workshop.

**Cryptic Crosswords: Juggling Practice for Writers.**

As writers, we juggle words, ideas and perspectives in our quest for originality. Cryptic crosswords are to writers what juggling practice is to circus performers. Cryptic crosswords pump energy into your writing, keep it fresh, facilitate connections we may otherwise miss. They stimulate both creativity and logic; increase the crossovers between the two sides of the brain; help us think in different ways. Robyn Sykes explains how cryptic crosswords work, and how they can help your writing. Suitable for beginners. Bring writing materials and an open mind.

Bill Kearns is a famous Australian bush poet, also known as the "Master of Bull". Kearns is known for his humorous and often satirical poems about rural life in Australia. Bill Kearns is a true Australian icon. He is a gifted poet, performer, and storyteller.



**BILL KEARNS**



**Tom McIlveen &  
Susan Ashton**

Spiral Time with Tom and Sue are providing the music and hosting the Rhymers Variety Show on Saturday evening. Groove to the classics, dance to the beats of nostalgia, and let the retro vibes transport you to a bygone era.

## Workshop Program

Poetry Writing and Performance Workshop with Thundercloud

Thursday Poetry Writing and Performance Workshop with Thundercloud

Robyn Sykes presents: Cryptic Crosswords: Juggling Practice for Writers

Bill Kearns the Master of Bull presents: Humorous Writing for bush poets

Tom McIlveen presents: Writing Rhyme and Meter

Ray Essery the Mullumbimby Bloke Humorous Performance Workshop

Summary, questions and discussion

# POETS ON THE MOUNTAIN PROGRAM

12.11.2023 | 10AM  
SUNDAY 9:00AM 4PM

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<b>9:00am</b>	Tibetan Yoga Calss
<b>10:30am- 11:30am</b>	Thundercloud: What's Poetry exploring Writing workshop
<b>11:30pm- 12:30</b>	LUNCH BREAK
<b>12:30pm-1:15pm</b>	Thundercloud BOOMs Poetry Spoken Performance
<b>1:30pm-2:30pm</b>	Thundercloud Performance and Poetry Delivery Workshop
<b>3:30pm-4:30pm</b>	AUSTRALIAN BUSH POETRY FILM FESTIVAL SHOWING

13.11.2023 | 10AM  
MONDAY 9:00AM 4PM

**All day** CLOSED

14.11.2023 | 10AM  
TUESDAY 9:00AM 4PM

<b>2:00pm-3:00pm</b>	Thundercloud BOOMs Poetry Spoken Performance
<b>6:30pm-7:30pm</b>	AUSTRALIAN BUSH POETRY FILM FESTIVAL SHOWING

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15.11.2023 | 10AM-8PM

WEDNESDAY

<b>9:00am</b>	Open
<b>10:30am- 11:30am</b>	Thundercloud: What's Poetry Workshop: Bush Poetry to Hip Hop
<b>12:00pm</b>	LUNCH BREAK
<b>2:00pm-3:00pm</b>	Thundercloud BOOMs Poetry Spoken Performance
<b>3:00pm-4:00pm</b>	Open Stage for Rehearsals
<b>4:00pm-5:30pm</b>	CLOSE
<b>5:30pm</b>	Seahorse Medicine Cafe Open for dinner
<b>6:30pm</b>	Wednesday Words Open Mic Poetry: All musicians, poets and audience members welcome for a memorable night of random poetry from the sublime to the ridiculous.

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16.11.2023 | 10AM-8PM  
THURSDAY

<b>10:00am</b>	Workshop Registration Mingle
<b>10:30am- 12:00am</b>	Thundercloud presents Writing Workshop- How I wrote over 800 poems in a year and you can too starting now.
<b>12:00pm</b>	LUNCH BREAK
<b>1:00pm-1:30pm</b>	Thundercloud presents Stage Voice Workshop- Delivery with impact
<b>1:30pm-2:00pm</b>	Tom McIlveen- Rhyme and Meter Writing
<b>2:30pm-3:00pm</b>	Robyn Sykes presents: Cryptic Crosswords: Juggling Practice for Writers
<b>3:30pm-5:00pm</b>	Open Stage for poet's rehearsals
<b>5:00pm-6:00pm</b>	CLOSED
<b>6:30pm</b>	Australian Poetry Film Festival Showing
<b>7:00pm</b>	Poets Dinner and Welcome (Set menu)

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17.11.2023 | 10AM-8PM

## FRIDAY

**10:00am**

Workshop Registration Mingle

**10:30am**

Tom McIlveen presents: Writing Rhyme

**11:00am**

James Warren -How I wrote over 800 poems in a year and you can too.

**11:30am**

Robyn Sykes presents: Cryptic Crosswords: Juggling Practice for Writers

**12:00pm-1:30pm**

LUNCH BREAK

**1:30pm**

Robyn Sykes presents: Cryptic Crosswords: Juggling Practice for Writers

**2:00pm**

Humorous Writing Bill Kearns

**2:30pm**

Performance Workshop Ray Essery

**3:00pm-4:pm**

Summary, questions and discussion

**4:00pm-5:30pm**

CLOSED -DOORS REOPEN AT 5:30PM

**7:00pm**

Thundercloud and the Guyra Poets Show

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# POETS ON THE MOUNTAIN PROGRAM

18.11.2023 | 8AM-9PM

SATURDAY

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**8:00am**

Guyra Market/Poets Breakfast with walkups

**10:00am**

Traditional Bush Poetry Comp. Youth, Local, Novice  
Modern Bush Poetry Comp Youth. Local, Novice

**10:30am**

ABPA-NSW OPEN Traditional Bush Poetry Championship

**12:00pm-1:00pm**

LUNCH BREAK

**1:00pm**

Original Serious Bush Poetry Comp. Youth. Local, Novice  
Original Humorous Bush Poetry Comp. Youth. Local, Novice

**1:30pm**

ABPA-NSW OPEN Modern Bush Poetry Competition

**2:30pm**

ABPA-NSW OPEN Original Serious Bush Poetry Comp.

**4:30pm**

BREAK

**6:30pm**

Doors Open for the Rhymers Variety Show

**7:00pm**

Rhymers Variety Show featuring Ray Essery, Bill Kearns,  
Robyn Sykes, Tom McIlveen and Susan Ashton

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# POETS ON THE MOUNTAIN PROGRAM

19.11.2023 | 8AM-4PM

SUNDAY

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**8:30am**

Poets Breakfast with 1 Minute Poets Brawl Competition and walkups

**10:00am**

ABPA-NSW OPEN Original Humorous Bush Poetry Championship

**10:30am**

ABPA-NSW OPEN Original Humorous Bush Poetry Championship

**11:30am**

ABPA NSW BUSH POETRY AWARDS

**12:00pm**

Lunch Wrap up and Mingling

**2:00pm**

Australian Bush Poetry Film Festival Showing

**2:30pm**

Future of Poetry in Australia Discussion group: How can we grow the bush poetry audience and bring encourage a young generation of bush poets?

**4:00pm**

CLOSE

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## SPONSORS AND PATRONS OF POETRY

### Unleash the Power of Poetry with Sponsorship

Calling all poetry enthusiasts, arts patrons, and corporate supporters!

Join us as a sponsor of the Poets on the Mountain Festival @Guyra and NSW Bush Poetry Championship, a captivating celebration of Australian verse and storytelling. Your generous support will not only amplify the voices of talented poets but also contribute to the vibrant cultural landscape of our region.

### Why Be a Sponsor?

- Align your brand with a beloved literary tradition
- Reach a passionate audience of poetry lovers
- Gain exposure through extensive media coverage and festival promotion
- Network with fellow cultural enthusiasts and business leaders
- Enjoy exclusive sponsor privileges, including VIP access and recognition

### Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Title Sponsor: Enjoy top billing and prominent recognition throughout the festival and beyond.
- Event Sponsor: Support specific events, such as the Australian Poetry Film Festival or the Rhymers Variety Show.
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- In-Kind Sponsor: Contribute your products or services to enhance the festival experience and support our sustainability efforts.

Together, let's elevate the power of poetry and inspire the next generation of literary voices.

Contact us today to explore sponsorship opportunities and make your mark on the Poets on the Mountain Festival and NSW Bush Poetry Championship.

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# Poets on the Mountain @ Guyra poetry workshop series

**Booking**  


**Thurs / 16 / Nov** James Warren-  
finding and developing your voice

**Fri / 17 / Nov** Tom McIlveen- Rhyme and Meter

Ray Essery- performing humour  
Bill Kearns- writing humour  
Robyn Sykes -  
Tom McIlveen- Rhyme and Meter

Poetry Writing  
Humour  
Poetry Pefromance  
Rhyme and Meter

**144 Bradley St.,  
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