

Entrants, Guests and **ALL INTERESTED** in Modern Poetry

are invited to an entertaining day of activity in Orange, NSW,
as this year's **Blackened Billy Award Winners**
are celebrated at **Duntry League Guesthouse**.



WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023 (all times shown are AEDT)

* Poetry in Orange commences with breakfast in the city centre from 8am to 10am.

- Civic Centre South Court, 147 Byng Street, Orange

Then to Duntry League, for a fun 'memory' workshop with Mel & Susie from 11am to 1pm

- \$10 per person - Contact: Len Banks 0428 459 117 to book in

Lunch can be pre-ordered from Duntry League Restaurant - for delivery to the Awards Room shortly after 1pm. Please book your seat using the option shown at the base of the menus. Items from both the Lunch and Bar Snacks menus are available during this time.

- Visit duntryleague.com.au > restaurants > menus.

The 33rd Annual Awards will be supported by Cinematographer Evan Zell.

Attendees should be aware that recording and streaming of the event may occur. Audience seats towards the outside and rear of the room will provide reduced likelihood of on-screen visibility if preferred.

For the less shy, bring your poetry merch or mementoes - of your Billy or other wins, or of our 3 Anniversary poets – Charlee Marshall, Milton Taylor and Joyce Alchin (nee Gaul). Online attendees can play along at home, while on ground at Duntry League, we will have a roving camera to capture audience reactions, interactions and poetry props.

Online attendees will be welcomed in from 2.30pm. Official proceedings will commence at 3pm. Zoom link to come. Pat Drummond will join us online to share comments from the adjudicators.



Have you heard of **The James Brothers**?

They won the Australian National Busking Championships in November 2022.

In January 2023, Ethan and Jonah were challenged with a 'rhymed and metered' offer. Were they interested to help celebrate Charlee Marshall's Billy winning poem of 30 years ago? Delighted to say they said 'yes'.

'The Mosquito Trap' has been well and truly imbued with fresh energy and epic action! The James Brothers poetry performance video will premiere during the Awards! Strive to attend or tune in to see for yourself. Their enthusiastic innovative effort is worthy of applause!

These talented Australian artists will be joining entrants and organisers for lunch at Duntry League on Wednesday, prior to the Awards. A recent phone chat revealed they are both looking forward to meeting 'real' poets.

Earlier in the week, on **Sunday 19 February**, a varied line-up of musicians and poets will be performing at Yeoval. The all-day event features barbeque breakfast and lunch offerings in support of the Banjo Paterson 'More than a Poet' Museum. Special thanks are due to custodian Alf and the team of volunteers who keep Australia's only 'Banjo Paterson dedicated museum' open all year long.



The first Sunday of the Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival is an annual highlight. While you may possibly perform on stage at Yeoval, or explore the museum, you will certainly enjoy the entertainment and fundraising food to keep the show rolling along. 'Come and play', 'recite', stay for a bit, or all day. **Open from 9am til mid-afternoon.** Come and strike a pose with the 2.7 metre Banjo statue, first unveiled at the museum 2 years ago on Banjo's birthday, 17 February. Banjo grew up on 'Buckinbah Station', a property near Yeoval which provided him with early learnings of life in the bush. Another photo opportunity is the oversize Banjo hat shade shelter across the road. Swagman Andy lounges nearby. Like the rest of us, he is happy to have ditched the facemask after recent years. The museum is located at **43 Forbes St, Yeoval**. No bookings required. Donations welcome. Books for sale.

Also on **Sunday, 19 February**, at **11am**, a guided tour of the beautiful DuntryLeague Mansion is available. For those keen to learn more about the building's history, book a tour by visiting the duntryleague.com.au website. Cost is \$10 per person. Next opportunity is not until 14 May. You can venture in for a look on Wednesday 22 February. The Awards room entry is on the left. Hope to see you there !



Pictured with their recent National award and long-term supporter Alan.

Image source – Facebook TheRealJamesBrothers