

### RAS AB Paterson Bush Poetry Award

Entries are now open for the '**RAS AB Paterson Bush Poetry Award**' for the Royal Easter Show in 2024. All school-aged Australian poets are invited to explore the beauty, mystique, enchantment, and characteristics of the Australian Bush in a new work of 50 lines or less. There will be two different categories for the award, **Primary aged (K - 6) winner** and **Secondary aged (7-12)**, and will be assessed on the basis of the age level of each student.

The '**RAS AB Paterson Bush Poetry Award**' is an open poetry Award that challenges poets to capture the beauty, mystique, and characteristics of the Australian Bush.

All poems entered must have a recognisable Australian Bush theme and demonstrate high degrees of artistic and conceptual proficiency.

**Closing Date of Entries:** Friday 8 March 2024

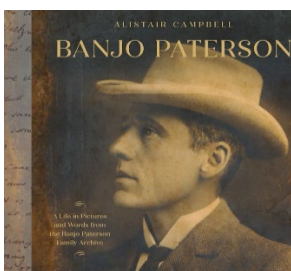
**Email entries:** [education@rasnsw.com.au](mailto:education@rasnsw.com.au)

**Postal entries:** Head of Education, Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, Locked Bag 4317, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127

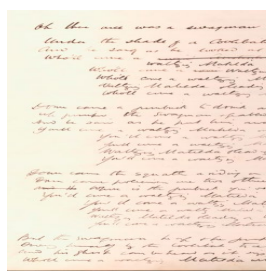
The winner of this competition will be gifted a copy of **Banjo Paterson by Alistair Campbell from Pan Macmillan Publishers**, a **Copyrighted copy of Banjo Paterson's original notes** when writing 'Waltzing Matilda', and a family pass to the 2024 Sydney Royal Easter Show to attend the presentation at the Easter Show. This will be presented by a member of the **Campbell family, the only direct relatives of AB Paterson**, during the **lunchtime Entertainment Program in the Main Arena and can recite their winning poetry work**. The date for this presentation is still TBC.

This competition provides students with the opportunity to become published authors and showcase their incredible creativity. It can be used as a whole class teaching activity or an individual project. To maximise the purpose of the competition, teachers are encouraged to refer to the NSW English Syllabus.

Thank you for ensuring that culture stays in Agriculture.



**Book prize**



**Certified copy of 'Waltzing Matilda'**



**2022 winner Julia Han being awarded in the Main Arena at the Sydney Royal Easter Show**

*For the benefit of Australian students Pan Macmillan Australia has kindly donated these books for the RAS AB Paterson Bush Poetry Award. They have a range of Teaching Guides available for free for many of their Junior Fiction and Young Adult Fiction titles, making them easier to fold into the curriculum. The Guides are available free from the Pan Macmillan website. If there's a book you'd like to see this for, please get in touch with Pan Macmillan and suggest it, as they're always looking for new ways to help teach and educate our youth. Further Teacher Resources:*

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