

SECTION 15: THE WRITTEN WORD

HEAD STEWARD: Margaret Ward **STEWARD:** Jude Hopper

ENTRY FEE: \$1.00 per Exhibit

ENTRIES CLOSE: 9:00am Wednesday, 11 November 2026

PRIZE MONEY: 5-8yrs & 9-12yrs - 1st \$5, 2nd \$3, 13-18 yrs. & Open- 1st \$10, 2nd \$5

- Certificates and exhibits may be collected from pavilion between **5pm -5:15 pm Saturday** afternoon.
- Collect prize money from Show Office **Saturday between 10am and 5pm ONLY**
- **Entries must have a separate form for each section**

REGULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE CLEARLY WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF EACH ENTRY

- 1. NAME OF ENTRANT**
- 2. CORRESPONDING SECTION & AGE** (e.g. Limerick 2. 9 - 12yrs)
- 3. NAME OF SCHOOL / HOME SCHOOLED** (whichever is applicable)

- See instructions for page size & orientation to be used with each category.
- Points will be deducted for spelling mistakes.

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LIMERICK **A4 page portrait orientation**

Compose a Limerick – must feature the word **lamb** or **jam**

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| 1. 5-8 years | 3. 13- 17 years |
| 2. 9 -12 years | 4. Open |

POEM **A4 page portrait orientation**

Compose an Ode to **the volunteers who help run the Bangalow Show over the past 125 years.**

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| 5. 5-8 years | 7. 13- 17 years |
| 6. 9 -12 years | 8. Open |

SHORT STORY **maximum 2 x A4 pages portrait orientation**

Write a story beginning with the following lines:

“I can’t wait for the Bangalow Show to arrive every year because...”

OR

“Do you remember what happened at the Bangalow Show when...”

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| 9. 5-8 years | (minimum of 100 words, maximum 2 x A4 pages) |
| 10. 9 -12 years | (minimum of 150 words, maximum 2 x A4 pages.) |
| 11. 13- 17 years | (minimum of 200 words, maximum 2 x A4 pages.) |
| 12. Open | (minimum of 250 words, maximum 2 x A4 pages.) |

SIGN WRITING

1 x A4 page landscape orientation (no photocopied material will be accepted)

Create an original **hand drawn advertisement/invitation**, including text and illustration, promoting:

“Calling all entries for a Novelty Decorated Cake to celebrate 125 years of the Bangalow Show”

OR

“Join the tradition since 1897 & enter in the Campdraft at the Bangalow Show”

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COMICS

SINGLE PANEL - Create an original **hand drawn single panel** (no photocopied material will be accepted)

1 x A4 page landscape orientation include text and illustration that makes a statement about:

“125-year anniversary of the Bangalow Show”

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COMIC STORY - Create an original **hand drawn comic story** (no photocopied material will be accepted)

Maximum 10 panels on **1 x A3 size, landscape orientation** include text and illustration, featuring the below poem:

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| 9. 5-8 years | 11. 13- 17 years |
| 10. 9 -12 years | 12. Open |

“A true story, or so I’m told” By a Bangalow old-timer

At the Bangalow Show, a funny sight,
Some sheep broke free in the pale moonlight.
They wiggled and trotted, a woolly brigade,
To the roller coaster, unafraid!

Baa-ing with glee, they took their seats,
A thrilling ride, oh what a treat!
The sheep spun round, a dizzy flight,
Laughing and bleating in sheer delight.

They tried the Ferris wheel, high and grand,
Looking down on the sleeping land.
Then to the dodgems, with a mighty bash,
Causing a comical, fluffy crash!

The showman woke, with a startled shout,
"Ah, those sheep are out again, no doubt!"
But the sheep just smiled, with woolly cheer,
The best night ever, banishing fear!

BEST HANDWRITING & ILLUSTRATION

Handwrite the poem **“A true story, or so I’m told”** (see above) on **1 x A3 sheet portrait orientation** (all verses)

and include illustrations.

13. 5- 8 years

14. 9 – 12 years

Handwrite the following poem **“The Show Pony”** on a **1 x A3 sheet portrait orientation** (minimum 5 consecutive verses) and include illustrations. (minimum 5 consecutive verses)

15. 13 – 17 years

16. Open

The Show Pony

by Dave Copeland

(Local legend & Grand Champion Exhibitor – The Written Word 2023)

As the weather warms up it's that time of the year
The Showgrounds spruced up, and the sky's looking clear
I've been waiting all year, and I can't wait to go
Roll on up! Come on in! It's the Bangalow Show!

It's been going for yonks, well whilst I've been alive
For a century and twenty and then you add five
That's One-Twenty-Five with a capital 'O'
It might go on forever the Bangalow Show

Through the A and I Hall full of photos and flowers
Jammed with jams, cakes and pickles, I could've spent hours
It was making me hungry and no-one said “No!”
So, I had a quick bite from the Tart of the Show

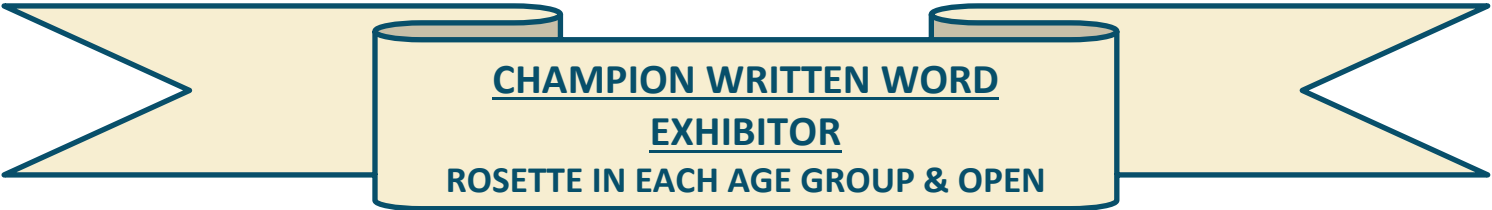
The poultry then next and the winner (no luck)
Was a new kind of breed - yes a hybrid chook-duck
It was entered unnamed so they just called it 'Chuck'
And it couldn't quite quack but could certainly cluck

Then to the ring, there was lawnmower racing
The Ironmen were ironing from the view I was facing
And just over there were the dogs jumping high
The winner this year, well, its nose scraped the sky

A showbag or two, geez I gobbled them up
A Dagwood Dog then, and a quick Pluto Pup
Some fairy floss too and a quick ginger beer
The Bush Poets next, you don't know what you'll hear

Then onto the rides, the Dodgems, The Zipper
A Carousel then, and geez - that was a ripper!
And lastly the Cha Cha, it just can't be beaten
I recommend though, not to ride if you've eaten!

To round out the day, and it's always on last
The fireworks show and it's always a blast
The booms and the bangs as it lights up the sky
And sends us all home on a guaranteed high!



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