

Stan Coster Memorial Australian Bush Ballad Awards 2019

Conditions and Guidelines

Note: Nominations Close 1st October 2018

The awards are open to Bush Ballad material performed by and written by Australian artists and songwriters. Material must be recorded and released in Australia between 1st October 2016 and 30th September 2018. NB. Songs are now eligible for nomination for two years but a particular track can only be entered in one (1) Year. **NOMINATIONS:** Nominations may be submitted by either, recording artist, songwriter or producer.

The 2019 Bush Ballad Awards will recognise seven (7) categories:

1. Male Vocal
2. Female Vocal
3. New Talent
4. Instrumental Or Vocal Group Or Duo
5. Album
6. Songwriter
7. Comedy Song

NOMINATION FEE: A non-refundable nomination fee of \$15 per entry for categories one (1) to five (5) and \$10 per entry for categories six (6) and seven (7) applies. i.e.: **2 songs equal \$20 3 songs equal \$30**

- Cheques/Money Orders payable to **Bungendore Country Music Muster**.
- Direct deposit: **BSB: 633 000 Acc. No# 128 580 925 Ref: "Name of Nominee"**
- Entries in categories one (1) to five (5) are limited to one nomination.
- Entries in categories six (6) and seven (7) are limited to a maximum of three (3).
- Five (5) CDs - of nominated material must accompany nomination/s. On completion of judging four (4) CDs will be returned if requested. One (1) CD will be included in the major raffle.
- **Five (5) copies of lyrics are required for category six (6)**

SONGWRITERS PLEASE NOTE: - if the artist performing your composition has nominated that CD in any category further copies are not required. If another artist is nominating a songwriter please supply contact details for that songwriter.

Guidelines For Judging Categories:-

Vocal Sections: Vocal Ability Expression, Affinity with the Lyrics

Album: Overall Bush Ballad Content, quality of lyrics, vocals and Production

Songwriter: Quality and Meaning of Lyrics and Melody. Vocal ability and performance will **NOT** be a criteria for judging.

New Talent: This must be the performer's first **commercial** release (either single track or album). If the New Talent entry is not successful in the first year they will be permitted to enter a second time. The second song may be entered off the same album. ie this album is valid for a two year period.

Judging: The awards are judged by a panel of five (5) independent judges and the results in no way express or reflect any collective opinion of (a) the Committee or (b) any individual Committee member. The Judges' decision will be final and **NO** correspondence will be entered into.

Finalists: Finalists in each category will be advised no later than 30th November 2018 and **will be expected to be present at the awards.**

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