

The Gidgee Coal Bush Ballad Awards 2017

Rules and Conditions

Closing Date :31st August 2017

The Awards is open only to Australian citizens **whose Bush Ballad material has been written and recorded wholly in Australia** and has been commercially released for distribution in Australia for the first time between 31st August 2015 and 31st August 2017. Commercially released means 500 or more copies of any one title released for sale or commercial use.

Entries for these categories will be received from **INDEPENDENT BUSH BALLAD ARTISTS OR SONGWRITERS with nominations in:**

MALE VOCAL

FEMALE VOCAL

GROUP OR DUO/COLLABORATION: Open to permanent groups or duos or one-off collaborations

INSTRUMENTAL

ALBUM

NEW TALENT: Open to artists having released their first commercial recording (over 500 copies) in the period between 31st August 2015 and 31st August 2017.

SONGWRITER: Open to songs which have been recorded for the first time in the eligibility period.

COMEDY/NOVELTY

The Gidgee Coal Bush Ballad Awards will appoint a panel of four to judge each category. Nominations must be accompanied by four (4) commercially released compact discs containing each nominated track (copies or dubs not accepted).

There is no entry fee. Eligibility will be subject to the majority support of the judging panel.

ALL MATERIAL ENTERED MUST BE BUSH BALLAD IN CONTENT.

Nominations will be restricted to one song per artist or group per category, if an artist has recorded several songs with different artists they may enter more than one song. For the songwriting section, one song per songwriter, unless co-writers are involved then each combination counts as a different entry.

Songs and Albums which have been entered the previous year can be nominated again IF they have not won any section, non winning finalist song and albums can be entered again.

The top three finalists will be notified on or just after 30th September 2017, **all finalists are expected to be at the awards on Saturday 18TH November & Sunday 19TH November 2017 at Pittsworth Town Hall, Pittsworth QLD.** Finalists will be given the opportunity to perform at the finalist concert on Sat 18TH November, then the winners will be announced on Sunday 19TH November. All Winners will be able to perform at the winners concert.

WINNERS OF EACH SECTION WILL RECEIVE A BEAUTIFUL HAND CRAFTED AWARD TROPHY MADE FROM PURE GIDGEE BY JOHN STAUNTON OF MILLMERRAN QLD.

All matters relating to the Awards are totally under the control of "The Gidgee Coal Bush Ballad Awards", Pittsworth QLD or its nominees. "The Gidgee Coal Bush Ballad Awards" will use its best endeavour to ensure all conditions relating the nominations or judging are fulfilled, but cannot be held responsible for any discretion or non-compliance in any matter. All matters relating to judging will be strictly confidential. Decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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PITTSWORTH QLD 18/19 NOVEMBER

NOMINATION FORM

Open to **INDEPENDENT BUSH BALLAD ARTISTS** with commercially released material (over 500) copies released between 31st August 2015 & 31st August 2017. Independent artists are artists who have released **Self funded albums**, all material must be **recorded and written wholly in Australia**. Closing date: 31st August 2017

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON NOMINATING:

PH NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

SECTION	ARTIST/S NAME	NOMINATED TRACK	SONGWRITER/S
MALE VOCAL			
FEMALE VOCAL			
GROUP OR DUO/COLLABORATION			
INSTRUMENTAL			
ALBUM			
SONGWRITER/S			
NEW TALENT			
COMEDY/NOVELTY			

Date Released in Australia: _____

Contact Details of Additional artists/songwriters nominated:

Name: _____ Ph: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Ph: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Ph: _____ Email: _____

In making a nomination for the Gidgee Coal Bush Ballad Awards we agree to comply and be bound by the rules as attached.

Name: _____ Signed: _____

Please post nominations with four copies of each CD to:

“The Gidgee Coal Bush Ballad Awards”, 52586 Burnett Hwy, Bouldercombe QLD 4702

Enquiries Ph: 07 49 340 950 or 0427 731 088 email bl27406@bigpond.net.au