

# Stan Coster Memorial Australian Bush Ballad Awards 2018

## Conditions and Guidelines

### Note: Nominations Close 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017. NB. Songs are now eligible for nomination for two years but a particular track can only be entered in one (1) Year.

The 2018 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**

**NOMINATIONS:** Nominations may be submitted by either, recording artist, songwriter or producer.

**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 - tapes 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 categories six (6) and seven (7).**

**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:-

<b>Vocal Sections:</b>	Vocal Ability Expression Affinity with the Lyrics
<b>Album:</b>	Overall Bush Ballad Content Quality of Lyrics and Vocals Production
<b>Songwriter:</b>	Quality and Meaning of Lyrics Melody

**NOTE:** 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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and **will be expected to be present at the awards.**

**Stan Coster Memorial Australian Bush Ballad Awards**  
**4<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**  
**Nomination Form**

**CATEGORY (Please circle)**

**SONG AND TRACK NUMBER**

One nomination only categories one (1) to five (5).

- 1. Male Vocal: .....
- 2. Female Vocal: .....
- 3. New Talent: .....
- 4. Instrumental or Vocal Group or Duo:.....  
Note: the above category will be split if there are sufficient nominations in both parts
- 5. Album:.....
- 6. Songwriter:     1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 7. Comedy Song: 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....

Name:.....

Address: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

Nomination Fee/s of \$..... Enclosed/ Banked/ other

Signature:.....

**Nominations 1-5 (Please circle category)**

Category	Song written by	Recorded at	Produced by	Label	Release Date
<b>1.</b>					
<b>2.</b>					
<b>3.</b>					
<b>4.</b>					
<b>5.</b>	<b>N/A</b>				
Category	Song recorded by	Recorded at	Produced by	Label	Release date
<b>6.</b>	<b>1</b>				
	<b>2</b>				
	<b>3</b>				
<b>7.</b>	<b>1</b>				
	<b>2</b>				
	<b>3</b>				