



EASTWOOD/HILLS REGIONAL



The Boree Log Award for Bush Verse

Father Patrick Hartigan (1875-1952) was ordained in 1903, and served in various positions, including twenty-seven years as parish priest at Narrandera. Writing under the pseudonym, John O'Brien, he published two volumes of poetry: *Around the Boree Log* in 1921, and, posthumously, *The Church at St Mel's*. He is fondly remembered for poems such as *'Said Hanrahan'* and *'The Old Bush School'*. He is buried in North Rocks near Parramatta.

Conditions of Entry

1. Ballad to be written in perfect **rhyme and metre**, within a maximum of 80 **lines**, with an Australian bush theme.
2. **First Prize \$100** plus trophy and certificate. Certificates awarded for Highly Commended and Commended places. Maximum of three entries per entrant.
3. Entries to be in English, the original unpublished work of the entrant and not to have won a cash prize in another competition at 31st May 2010.
4. All entries to be typed on one side of A4 sized paper.
5. NO NAME TO APPEAR ON MANUSCRIPT. Pages to be numbered with a short title of the entry on top or bottom of each page.
6. The Judge's decision is final. Winner will be notified by phone and published in *The Australian Bush Poets' Association Newsletter* and *Writers' Voice*. Date for presentation of prizes to be confirmed after successful entrants are known.
7. Entries will be destroyed after results are announced. Please enclose a **Business** size SAE for results.
8. No entry form required, however, a separate sheet stating name, address and phone number of poet together with title of ballad must be included.
9. Entry Fee – \$5 per entry.
10. Closing date – **31st May 2010**.

Send entries to: Competition Secretary – Boree Log ←(please include 'Boree Log')
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