

2005 Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod

Country Music

A large contingent from the Mornington Peninsula, as well as from Leeton Country Music Club and Bairnsdale Country Music Club joined country performers from the Latrobe Valley to present two days of entertainment before the adjudicator, Maria Benedetti from Morwell and an appreciative audience. Many performers have travelled great distances, year after year, as they enjoy the atmosphere and the hospitality offered at the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod in Traralgon. Also present this year was Mr Richard White, a history researcher from the University of Sydney, who was particularly interested in the Cooee competition.

The results of the Country Music sections were as follows:-

Vocal Solo Country Rock 16 years and under- Div 1: 1 Tessa Kirk (Dromana), 2 Ashleigh Dickinson (Rosebud), 3 Sharnie Kokshoorn (Coalville), HC Tarryn Choate (Rye), Aimee-Lee Vicino (Newborough), Emily Tyler (Rosebud).

Vocal Solo 16 years and under- Div 1: 1 Ashleigh Toohey (Rye), 2 Alice Krieger (Traralgon), 3 Nathan Lamont (Mt Austin), HC Ashleigh Dickinson (Rosebud), Tiah Guillot (Lakes Entrance), Lucy Pallot (Bairnsdale), Jordy McMillan (Airly).

Vocal Solo Country Rock 16 years and under- Div 2: 1 Jordy McMillan (Airly), 2 Nathan Lamon (Mt Austin), Leah Vicino (Newborough), HC Paige Choate (Rye), Sophia Cassar (Tanjil South).

Vocal Solo Male Vocalists 17 years and over: 1 Phil Celima (Morwell), 2 Fred Coutts (Darnum), 3 George Seeber (Traralgon), HC Kevin Commerford (Hamilton).

Vocal Solo Female Vocalists 17 years and over: 1 Vicki Walsh (Young), 2 Stephanie Kennedy (Morwell), 3 Francie Waite (Glengarry), HC Susan Keeble (Coves).

Vocal Solo Gospel Under 12 years: 1 Jordy McMillan (Airly), 2 Aria Giannini-Johns (Traralgon), 3 Sophia Cassar (Tanjil South), HC Brodie Beel (Rye), Grace Hurley (Stratford).

Vocal Solo 16 years and under- Div 2: 1 Emily Tyler (Rosebud), 2 Aimee-Lee Vicino (Newborough), Equal 3 Tessa Kirk (Dromana), Sharnie Kokshoorn (Coalville), HC Jessica Teague (Moe), Shelley Neal (Rye).

Instrumental Solo Over 50's: 1 George Seeber (Traralgon), 2 Bruce Ingle (Traralgon), 3 Cath Stephensen (Moe).

Vocal Solo Open Yodelling: 1 Francie Waite (Glengarry), 2 Vicki Walsh (Young), 3 Joylyn Goodwin (Traralgon), HC Sharnie Kokshoorn (Coalville), George Seeber (Traralgon).

Vocal Solo Over 50's: 1 Francie Waite (Glengarry), 2 Rosemary Ingle (Traralgon), 3 Barbara Saunders (Nicholson), HC Kevin Commerford (Hamilton), George Seeber (Traralgon).

Vocal Solo Country Rock 17 years and over: 1 Susan Keeble (Cowes), 2 Phil Celima (Morwell), 3 Zoe Howard (Koo Wee Rup), HC Francie Waite (Glengarry), Stephanie Kennedy (Morwell).

Vocal Solo Traditional Country Self Accompanied: 1 Francie Waite (Glengarry), 2 Vicki Walsh (Young), 3 Linton Young (Morwell), HC Shelley Neal (Rye), Brooke Keeble Hawkins (Cowes), Cath Stephensen (Moe).

Vocal Duet or Trio Open: 1 Stephanie Kennedy & Jaz Flowers (Morwell), 2 Ken Forster & George Seeber (Traralgon), 3 Rosemary Ingle & Cath Stephenson (Traralgon), HC Dot Grant & Francie Waite (Glengarry), Susan & Brooke Keeble (Cowes), Charles Krieger & Jesse Krekelberg (Traralgon).

Bush Poetry Australian Recitation: 1 Des Bennett (Morwell), 2 Vicki Walsh (Young), 3 George Seeber (Traralgon), HC Lauren Marshall (Traralgon).

Vocal Solo Open Country Cowboy/Cowgirl- Div 1: 1 Barbara Saunders (Nicholson), 2 Jessica Teague (Moe), 3 Francie Waite (Glengarry), HC Kevin Commerford (Hamilton).

Instrumental Duet/Trio or Quartet: 2 George Seeber & Friends (Traralgon)
Vocal Solo - Australian Song (Not Own Composition)- Div 1: 1 Stephanie Kennedy (Morwell), 2 Vicki Walsh (Young), Ashleigh Toohey (Rye), HC Zoe Howard (Koo Wee Rup).

Song Writing Australian Vocal Solo: 1 Fred Coutts (Darnum), 2 Barbara Saunders (Nicholson), 3 Vicki Walsh (Young), HC Sharnie Kokshoorn (Coalville), Cath Stephensen (Moe).

Vocal Solo Under 12 years: 1 Lucy Pallot (Bairnsdale), 2 Tiah Guillot (Lakes Entrance), Equal 3 Jordy McMillan (Airlly), Sophia Cassar (Tanjil South), HC Ashleigh Dickinson (Rosebud), Grace Hurley (Stratford), Madelene Kanara (Traralgon), Holly Sizer (Childers), Brodie Beel (Rye), Kaitlyn Eagan (Portsea), Aimee-Lee Vicino (Newborough), Madeline Veneman (Toongabbie).

Vocal Solo Gospel 12 years and under 17: 1 Jessica Teague (Moe), 2 Nathan Lamont (Mt Austin), 3 Ashleigh Toohey (Rye), HC Tessa Kirk (Dromana), Alice Krieger (Traralgon).

Vocal Solo Gospel Singing 17 years and over: 1 Francie Waite (Glengarry), 2 Barbara Saunders (Nicholson), 3 Vicki Walsh (Young), HC George Seeber (Traralgon), Stephanie Kennedy (Morwell).

COOEE Junior Under 12 years: These performers were presented with a certificate. Nathan Lamont (Mt Austin), Charles Krieger (Traralgon), Jesse Krekelberg (Traralgon), Madeleine Kanara (Traralgon).

COOEE Open: 1 Wilma Livingston (Traralgon), Vicki Walsh (Young), 3 Ruth Evans (Traralgon)

Monologue Open: 1 Vicki Walsh (Young), 2 Fred Coutts (Darnum).

Vocal Duo or Trio Gospel: 1 Dot Grant & Francie Waite (Glengarry), 2 Susan & Brooke Keeble (Coves), 3 Ken Forster & George Seeber (Traralgon), HC Joylyn Goodwin & Linton Young (Morwell), Rosemary Ingle & Cath Stephenson (Traralgon).

Vocal Solo - Australian Song (Not Own Composition)- Div 2: 1 Nathan Lamont (Mt Austin), 2 Francie Waite (Glengarry), 3 Kevin Commerford (Hamilton), HC Barbara Saunders (Nicholson).

Instrumental Solo: 1 Bruce Ingle (Traralgon), 2 Linton Young (Morwell), 3 Vicki Walsh (Young).

Vocal Solo Open Country Cowboy/Cowgirl- Div 2: 1 Ashleigh Toohey (Rye), 2 Sophia Cassar (Tanjil South), 3 Tiah Guillot (Lakes Entrance), HC Ashleigh Dickinson (Rosebud), Susan Keeble (Coves).

Country Comedy Item - Solo/Duo 17 years and over: 1 Two Of Us (Traralgon), 2 Vicki Walsh (Young), 3 Des Bennett (Morwell), HC Francie Waite (Glengarry).

The Junior Encouragement Award went to Nathan Lamont from Mt Austin NSW.

A special Junior Encouragement Award went to Brooke Keeble Hawkins from Coves, who had worked hard right through the section.

Kevin Commerford from Hamilton, received the Senior Encouragement Award. He has been performing in Traralgon for many years and was delighted to be acknowledged.

The Best Dressed Junior Country Performer was Sophie Cassar from Tanjil South and Francie Waite from Glengarry took out the equivalent Senior Award.