

*Land of the Beardies Social Club Inc
The Land of the Beardies Festival
PO Box 182
Glen Innes NSW 2370
ABN: Number 83 964 570 149
Web Site www.beardiesfestival.com*

New England Heritage in Verse

- *Special Section – Verse depicting major events in local history. This will be our major focus and would be of interest regionally. This section will effectively document history whilst there are still people about who were involved in many of the events. It will have the capacity to add to the local knowledge base for the new generations. The work will be judged on a number of criteria including:*
 - *Historical accuracy and extent of research*
 - *Composition*
 - *Presentation*

The following is a list of topics:

- *Construction of the Australian Standing Stones and the creation of the Australian Celtic Festival*
- *The local tannery, boot factory, wattle bark industry*
- *The depression and itinerant workers*
- *The dog trappers, roo shooting industry, rabbit trappers (skins)*
- *The Italian Prisoners of War – Their work on local farms*
- *The Soldier Settlement Scheme*
- *The Dreadnaught Boys at the Local Ag Station*
- *The “Brisbane Line”, “The Scorched Earth Policy”, the Tank Traps*
- *World War 2 Army camps at Glen Innes*
- *The establishment and development of the Glen Elgin Corrective Services Goal*
- *The development of the new Gwydir Highway*
- *The Glen Innes Training Hospital*
- *What was so special about the Department Store Era in Glen?*
- *Glen Innes Air Services*
- *The exotic pasture revolution*
- *The beef cattle feedlot development – It’s impacts on: Drought stock sales options, employment, local saleyards, local economy*
- *The life and times of the apiarist*
- *The local coach building industry*
- *The days of stagecoach travel – The Grafton to Glen rest stops, the wells, the horses, the drivers, The Bald Nob Hotel (Junction Inn) & others*
- *The motorised mail and passenger service – Glen Innes to Grafton, Glen Innes to Inverell*
- *When rail was king – From Steam to diesel to its demise*
- *Emmaville / Vegetable Creek – The first Medical Benefits Fund in Australia, mining through time*
- *The timber industry through time*
- *From the first National Park at Gibraltar Range and the decades since*
- *The role of Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) through time*
- *The Golden Wattle Butter Factory*
- *When wool was a pound a pound*
- *Home power and heating from the detached kitchen with large fireplace to the chip heater, the copper, the 32 volt power generation, the power connection, now to solar*
- *Communications over time – The local exchange, the district exchange (and employment), party lines, local and district automatic exchange and now the internet and mobile phones*
- *The local demographics since settlement – The shepherds, the blacksmiths, subsistence living, large families, child deaths from disease, the midwives, the role of outer community halls (dances, voting etc), the country schools, the pubs, the bush stores, wine shanties, ration tickets, home butchering, salted beef, weekly fresh bread,*
- *Settlement drift from district to town and back to district*
- *The local flour milling industry*
- *The comparison of yesteryear and the capacity for people to stop for a chat with today with all of the time saving devices and the inability for people to have time to converse*

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New England Heritage in Verse is based on the History of the New England Area which over the years has had a vast array of colourful people and other important history events that many people would be only too happy to acknowledge, by the New England Community submitting knowledge of History of the area in written presentation or Verse for possible collation into a History Book based on Local History presented for judging of this event .

Name of Presenter: _____

Address of Present _____

Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please select a topic or a choice of Three (3) of History in the list provided or select a topic of History in the New England area that you consider may assist to help preserve the history of yesteryear for future generations.

Please nominate my selected topics for Judging from the list provided:

Name of Topic Selected No1: _____

Name of Topic Selected No 2: _____

Name of Topic No 3: _____

Please nominate my own selection of Topic for Judging:

Name of Topic Selected No 1: _____

Name of Topic Selected No 2: _____

Name of Topic Selected No 3: _____

Entries close for the New England Heritage in Verse on Friday the 15th October 2010 at 5.00pm.

Nomination Fee: \$5.00 per Entry per section.

Allowing for a wide range of entries there may be a need for a two or three week period to select the entries that will be acknowledged by the New England Heritage in Verse Judges on Saturday the 6th of November 2010.

The Presentation of the names of the winning presenter will be conducted at the Girl Guides Hall 33 East Avenue Glen Innes on Saturday the 6th November 2010.

Major Prizes to be announced

Nomination Forms will be available on www.beardiesfestival.com

Nomination Forms can be forwarded by Mail:

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Or left at the Glen Innes Examiner

Bourke Street Glen Innes NSW 2370

Addressed to the Land of the Beardies Social Club Inc.

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Signature of Presenter:

_____ Date: _____