



Eumundi Writers Festival Poetry Slam 2025 Entry Form

Slam poetry is a form of performance poetry that combines elements of writing, performance, audience participation and engagement and competition.

Multi award winning spoken word poet, Amy Ocean will host a fast and powerful experience with poets putting into words what matters. **An online Expression of Interest process invites poets to compete. Poets will also be welcomed from the audience before 7.00pm on the Friday night.**

To enter please read the details below, complete the table and email it to

director@eumundiwritersfestival.com.au

Name	
Contact phone	
Contact email	
Suburb:	
Is this your first slam?	
Can we attend both the Heat on Friday 22/8/25 at and the Final on Sunday 24/8/25?	
Do you require any assistance from festival organisers?	
Please sign in the opposite box confirming you agree to the rules of the Eumundi Writers Festival Poetry Slam	
Date of signing	

Details on the events are available on our website at the Program links. Performances will be:

1. Friday Heat 22/8/25 - 7.30-8.00pm and 8.30-9.00pm – performance by Sheryl Anderson
2. Sunday Grand Final 24/8/25 – 6.00-6.45pm with winner(s) announced at festival closing 7.00pm. Performance by Amy Ocean

Judges and Judging

Performances will be judged on a range of factors including originality, imagery, precision, and depth of the language. The judges are (1) Lincoln Scott, an opera singer, vocal coach, and seasoned performer (2) Simon Cleary an award winning writer and a barrister (3) Roxanne McCarty-O’Kane an author, ghost writer, editor, tutor and a qualified journalist who has written for a number of newspapers, magazines and e-zines.

Host and Performer

Multi award winning spoken word poet, Amy Ocean captivates listeners with a powerful authenticity and driven passion. Her audiences are invited on a journey of emotional amplification and lyrical





alliteration - as she uses song and sonnets to encompass her experiences as an emotionally empowered imperfect human. Amy's awards include:

- Finalist 2019 Bunker Spoken Word Competition
- Winner "People's Choice Award" – Bunker Spoken Word Final 2019
- Winning Team – Comedy Debate – Solbar Nov 2019
- Winner – Liquid Lyrics Poetry Slam Feb 2020
- Finalist 2021 Bunker Spoken Word Competition 2021
- Runner Up Champion – Bunker Spoken Word Final 2021
- Winner – APS Heat North Lakes 2023
- Winner – APS QLD State Final 2023
- National Finalist 2023 Australian Poetry Slam
- Winner- Rukus Slam Oct 2023
- Winner – APS Heat Sunshine Coast - Aug 2024
- QLD State Finalist APS - Oct 2024
- Published Poem in Grieve Anthology Vol 11 2024 - Hunter Writers Centre
- Runner-up - Liquid Lyrics Grand Final 2024

Guest Poet – Sheryl Anderson

Sheryl is a writer and drama facilitator providing opportunities for people to tell their stories through poetry and performance. Sheryl has been writing and performing poetry for many years. With one published collection of poetry – cannibal love, Sheryl is working on her next. She lives in Rainbow Beach and runs creative writing workshops for aspiring writers. Sheryl tries to believe in at least five impossible things before breakfast.

Slam Rules

1. Maximum of 3 minutes long - points deducted for every 10 second increment over 3 mins
2. Time starts from their first word
3. Must be original work
4. No music or props
5. No hate speech, sexism, racism, queerphobia content etc: as described in the following definitions:

Slam Definitions:

- Hate speech: abusive or threatening speech or writing that expresses prejudice on the basis of ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or similar grounds.
- Racism: prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism by an individual, community, or institution against a person or people on the basis of their membership of a particular racial or ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized. Respect must be shown to First Nations People
- Sexism: prejudice or discrimination based on sex or gender, especially against women and girls.
- Queerphobia: describes the hatred, prejudice or discrimination directed towards members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Queerphobia includes homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, and all other forms of hate towards LGBTQIA+ identities.



- We realise Spoken Word Poetry is space for free expression and often contains adult content and triggers so have advertised the Heat and Final as suitable for an 18+year age group. Please note we cannot fully control who will hear the content as it is a semi-open space.