



# BUSH MUSIC CLUB INC.

PO Box 433, Sydney 2000 Australia [www.bushmusic.org.au](http://www.bushmusic.org.au)

15 December 2021

## **Poetry and Songwriting Competition: "Reverse to the Future"**

*Write a Song, Tune or Poem in Traditional Bush style, to Honour Reverse Garbage.*



Bush Music Club and Reverse Garbage have long been neighbours at Addison Road Community Centre: but, Reverse Garbage have outgrown their premises and are on the move to nearby 30 Carrington Rd, Marrickville.

Bush Music Club performed when Reverse Garbage moved in to Addison Road, and have been invited to perform when they move out, too. In honour of this long association, The Bush Music Club would like to invite our members and community to create a commemorative work for Reverse Garbage in the form of a poem, ballad, or song.

The competition will be judged by representatives of Reverse Garbage, with the winning works to be performed at the Reverse Garbage Carrington Road Reopening in 2022, and for the competition winner: a printed version framed and mounted at the new Reverse Garbage premises.

**First Prize:** The opportunity to perform your prize winning work, a bottle of wine, and a \$50 voucher to spend at Reverse Garbage.

**Runner Up:** The opportunity to perform your prize winning work, and a bottle of wine.

If enough entries are received, The Bush Music Club will look at creating a CD or book which will commemorate and showcase all of the entries in this competition.

The competition is open to all songwriters, writers, composers Australia wide. If the Winner cannot make it to Sydney for the Carrington Road opening, it would be possible for Bush Music Club Inc to find someone else to perform the work.

Competition Opens: 15th December 2021.

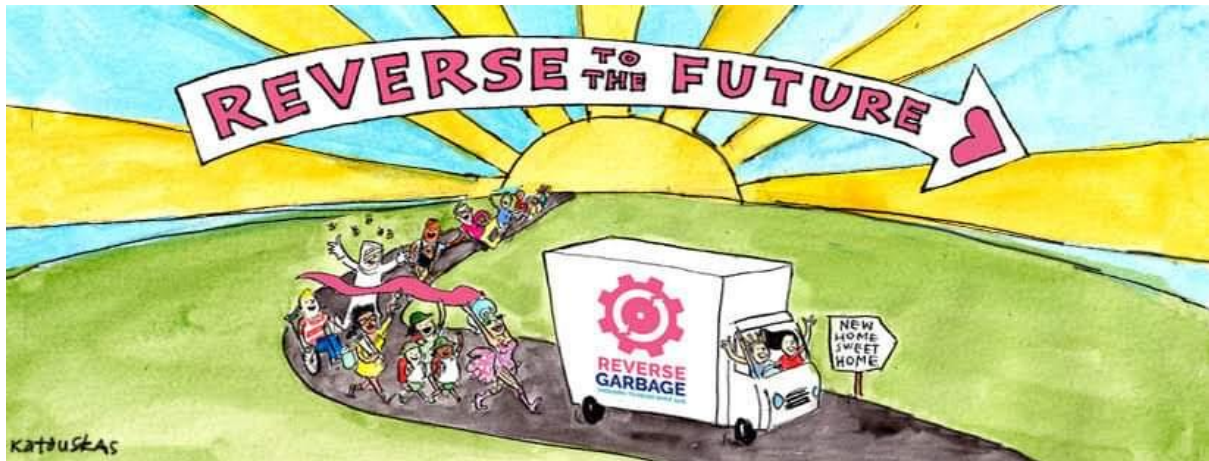
Last date for Entries to be Received: Midnight 28th February 2022.



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**Brief:** To write a poem, ballad, or song in 'bush or traditional' style, which honourably commemorates Reverse Garbage as a long lasting, widely loved entity which is a leader in community resilience, creative concepts, sustainability and resource management.



## Themes and Inspiration:

Reverse Garbage, a not for profit community organisation existing since 1975.

The Reverse Garbage motto "Choose to Reuse".

The Reverse Garbage moving slogan "Reverse to the Future".

Environmentalism. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

## The Reverse Garbage Mission Statement:

"Every time a product is thrown away, all the materials and energy that went into its initial production go to waste. Their value is wiped out. Forever.

At Reverse Garbage, our role is to save materials from going to waste in landfill and to renew their value by making them available for reuse by families, students, artists and community groups.

It's one of the most effective ways we can reduce our impact on the natural environment. And it allows us to be more thrifty, more independent, more creative and more responsible in how we live our lives.

Every year, we accept donations from businesses and individuals of around 35,000 cubic metres of items that would otherwise end up in landfill. That's around 100 football fields' worth of industrial off-cuts, over-runs, art and craft materials, stage props, knick-knacks, furniture and other odds and ends."



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## “Reverse to the Future” Competition Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

- Poems/Ballads/Lyrics to Songs are to be sent in a written form formatted in A4 size, in PDF format. If desired, a link to a recording can be sent in addition to text.
- Songs are to be recorded (smartphone OK) and uploaded to a website such as Google Drive, DropBox, SoundCloud, Youtube etc.
- Please email your entries to [bmcmail1954@gmail.com](mailto:bmcmail1954@gmail.com) by Midnight 28th February 2022.
- Entries can be mailed to BUSH MUSIC CLUB, PO Box 433, Sydney 2001.

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Format of Works: ☐ Poem ☐ Ballad ☐ Song

Recording uploaded: ☐ Yes ☐ No

### Terms and Conditions

- Competition is open to entrants living in Australia, only.
- The winning entry is judged by Reverse Garbage employees and their decision is final, with no correspondence entered into.
- By entering this competition, the Author gives permission for the entry words and music, if applicable, to be published with no remuneration owing to the Author while the Author retains full ownership of the works which are produced specifically for this competition and will be credited to the Author.
- Authors give permission for their entered works, name and photo/likeness to be published in association with this competition.
- The competition is organised by Bush Music Club Inc in collaboration with Reverse Garbage. The competition is in the spirit of generating new folk works and performance, and commemorating Reverse Garbage.
- Multiple entries by one Author are permitted, please complete one form for each.
- Entries that are not in a traditional Australian poem/ballad/folk song format will be considered but preference will be given to entries in a traditional format.