

## Ray Essery – Performing Bush Poet

Ray Essery is without doubt one of the most highly regarded performing Bush Poets in Australia today.

After arriving on the entertainment scene in the early 90's Ray has worked hard at enhancing his natural abilities as a story teller by developing an 'on stage' persona that represents his life's journey. This 'North Coast' poet can leave his audiences in stitches with hilarious tales that reflect his years as a dairy farmer, Navy man and Sydney pub manager. Likewise he can dig deep into the kitbag of his family memories to deliver heartfelt recollections of his early life, taking his audiences on a nostalgic journey back to a time when life on the North Coast was just a little less complicated.

Ray Essery is a bit like..... well..... like Ray Essery, he is unique, a genuine original, it is hard to imagine anyone else delivering Ray's original poems with anywhere near the same impact. That same keen sense of history that is reflected in his own writing comes to the fore again when his respectful interpretations champion the works of some early North Coast poets.

Ray's early performing career was littered with winning performances in major competitions and his recorded works, both individual and as a member of the highly successful 'Naked Poets', have been rewarded with multiple Aust Bush Laureate Awards.

This mischievous, loveable larrikin is equally at home performing at any of Australia's major Festivals as he is entertaining at a corporate event. Ray Essery is a storyteller, a historian, a romantic, a comic and above all else, an entertainer.

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