

# Andrew Barton Paterson

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Andrew Barton Paterson, Australia's most famous poet, was born on the 17th of February 1864, at Narrambla, near Orange, and died on the 5th of February 1941, in Sydney.

Andrew Barton Paterson, more commonly known as Banjo



Paterson, was the eldest of seven children and learned poetry from a young age from his father. His nickname was Barty at home, and he was taught from home until he could ride a horse. When Banjo Paterson had failed to win a scholarship for university, he got a job as a law clerk and then he started his own law firm. It was when he was a lawyer he started poetry. Then he decided to be a journalist, a war correspondent and finally an editor for the Evening News in Sydney. Whilst Banjo

Paterson was a lawyer, he got into writing bush poetry. His bush poetry was mostly about his experiences from the bush as a child. When Andrew Barton Paterson learnt how to ride a horse, he grew close to his favourite horse called Banjo. That's when he decided to go by the name Banjo Paterson. Banjo Paterson is famous today in any English speaking country for his poems, and is remembered today for his remarkable life and legacy of poetry.