



# CITY OF PARRAMATTA EISTEDDFOD SOCIETY Inc.

## Presents the **SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL EISTEDDFOD**

### **SPEECH & DRAMA**

**MAY – JUNE 2025**

**Patron:** Mrs Hella Sokcanic

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#### **Eisteddfod Committee Office Bearers 2024/2025**

Hon. President: Mrs Danielle Atkinson Hon. Vice President: Ms Rachel Brennan  
Hon. Secretary: Ms Jessica Chan Hon. Treasurer: Ms Ruby Jenson

#### **CONVENOR FOR 2025**

Mrs Kerry Brennan

#### **ADJUDICATOR FOR 2025:**

Ms Ishbel Beadle  
Ms Sue McBurney  
Ms Kristie Thorne  
Ms Erin Mascord

#### **2025 TENTATIVE DATES**

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| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> May – Ms Beadle                                 | Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> May & Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> May – Ms McBurney    |
| Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> May & Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Ms McBurney  | Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup> May & Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Ms Thorne    |
| Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> June & Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup> June – Ms Thorne  | Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup> June & Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Ms Mascord |
| Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> June & Sun. 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Ms Mascord |  |

### **THE FEW ON THE COMMITTEE GENUINELY NEED YOUR HELP !!**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR JUST 3 ½ to 4 HOURS  
WITHOUT NEW VOLUNTEERS COMING FORWARD FOR 2025  
THIS EISTEDDFOD IS SERIOUSLY AT RISK OF FOLDING.**

**Parents, Teachers, Senior Students - please seriously consider helping for  
just a 3 ½ to 4 hour session on ONE of the days of performance in 2025.  
(You will be shown what to do).**

**All volunteers will be gifted a complementary season pass.**

**To find out more or to volunteer please contact:**

***Mrs. Danielle Atkinson Phone or Text : 0404 024 193***

***Danielle needs to hear from you by the first week of April 2025.***

## SPEECH AND DRAMA - PRIZES AND AWARDS

### \*\*\* SPECIAL AWARDS\*\*\*

#### CHAMPIONSHIPS:

|                   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>9-10 yrs:</b>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> : Trophy + \$200 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Trophy + \$100 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Trophy + \$50  |
| <b>11-12 yrs:</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> : Trophy + \$300 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Trophy + \$150 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Trophy + \$75  |
| <b>13-14 yrs:</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> : Trophy + \$300 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Trophy + \$150 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Trophy + \$75  |
| <b>15-16 yrs:</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> : Trophy + \$600 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Trophy + \$300 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Trophy + \$150 |
| <b>17-18 yrs:</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> : Trophy + \$600 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Trophy + \$300 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Trophy + \$150 |

#### SHAKESPEAREAN IN COSTUME 14-16 yrs (Must be min. of 14 yrs at 1/04/2025)

1st: Trophy + \$70                      2nd: - Ribbon/Pin+ \$50

#### SHAKESPEAREAN IN COSTUME 17 yrs/Over

1st: Ribbon/Pin+ \$80                      2nd: - Ribbon/Pin + \$60

### GENERAL PRIZES

#### **OPEN SECTIONS – SOLO - Verse, Memorised Prose, Mime, Character Sketch, Impromptu Storytelling**

##### **JUNIOR - 5 yrs to 12 yrs**

1st: Trophy      2nd: Trophy      3rd: Plaque      4th: Ribbon/Pin

##### **JUNIOR – 13 yrs to 14 yrs**

1<sup>st</sup>: Ribbon/Pin + \$30      2nd: Ribbon/Pin + \$20      3rd: Ribbon/Pin + \$10      4th: Ribbon/Pin

##### **JUNIOR – 15yrs to 16 yrs**

1st: Ribbon/Pin + \$40      2nd: Ribbon/Pin + \$30      3rd: Ribbon/Pin + \$20

##### **SENIOR: 17 yrs & Over**

1st: Ribbon/Pin + \$50      2nd: Ribbon/Pin + \$40      3rd: Ribbon/Pin + \$25

#### **SPECIAL RESTRICTED & RESTRICTED SECTIONS - SOLO -Verse, Character. Sketch**

##### **5yrs to 10yrs:**

1st: Trophy,      2nd: Trophy,      3rd: Plaque      4th: Ribbon/Pin

##### **11yrs to 17 yrs**

1st: Trophy      2nd: Plaque      3rd: Ribbon/Pin      4th: Ribbon/Pin

#### **PREPARED READING - SOLO – Prose - OPEN & SPECIAL RESTRICTED**

##### **All Age Groups**

1st Book and/or Medallion on Neck Ribbon;      2nd Book and/or Medallion on Neck Ribbon;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Book and/or Medallion on Neck Ribbon;

#### **IMPROMPTU READING – SOLO – OPEN**

##### **All Age Groups**

1<sup>st</sup> Book + Ribbon with Medal;      2<sup>nd</sup> Book + Ribbon with Medal;      3<sup>rd</sup> Book + Ribbon with Medal;

#### **RELIGIOUS TEXT – SOLO**

##### **9- 10 yrs, 11-12 yrs**

1st: Trophy;      2nd Plaque;      3rd Medal/Pin

##### **13 – 14 yrs**

1st: Ribbon/Pin+\$30;      2nd Ribbon/Pin + \$20,      3rd: Ribbon/Pin +\$10

##### **15 – 16 yrs**

1st: Ribbon/Pin+\$40;      2nd Ribbon/Pin + \$30,      3rd: Ribbon/Pin +\$20

**IMPROMPTU Speech – SOLO – OPEN**

**11-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, 15-16 yrs, 17+**

1st: Trophy                      2nd: Trophy                      3rd: Plaque

**PUBLIC SPEAKING - SOLO:-**

**7-8 yrs, 9-10 yrs:**

1st Trophy;                      2nd: Trophy;                      3rd: Plaque

**11-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, 15-16 yrs:**

1st: Ribbon/Pin+ \$25;                      2nd: Ribbon/Pin+ \$15;                      3rd: Ribbon/Pin+ \$10.

**DRAMA GROUPS All Age Groups**

**Dramatic Scene for 3-6 players, Group Mime for 2-6 players, Unison Reading for 2-3 readers**

1st: Ribbons/pins+ \$60                      2nd: Ribbons/Pins

3rd: Ribbons/Pins                      4th: Ribbons/Pins

**DUOLOGUES IN COSTUME**

**9- 10 yrs, 11-12 yrs**

1st: Trophies,                      2nd: Plaques                      3rd: Ribbons with Medals

**13-14 yrs**

1st: Ribbons/Pins + \$30                      2nd: Ribbons/Pins + \$20                      3rd: Ribbons/Pins + \$10

**15-16 yrs**

1st: Ribbons/Pins + \$40                      2nd: Ribbons/Pins + \$30                      3rd: Ribbons/Pins + \$20

**17 yrs & Over**

1st: Ribbons/Pins + \$50

**POEM FOR TWO**

**6-7 yrs, 8-9 yrs**

1st: Trophies                      2nd: Trophies                      3rd: Plaques

**10-11 yrs, 12-13 yrs, 14-15 yrs, 16-17 yrs**

1st: Trophies                      2nd: Plaques                      3rd: Ribbons/Pins

**IMPROMPTU PHONE CONVERSATION FOR 2 – 11-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, 15-16 yrs**

1st: Ribbons/Pins + \$60,                      2nd: Ribbons/Pins                      3rd: Ribbons/Pins                      4<sup>th</sup>: Ribbons/Pins

**CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS – SOLO - OPEN AGE**

Trophy for each award.

## SPEECH AND DRAMA - ENTRY PROCEDURES

**ONLINE ENTRIES VIA STARDOM ONLY**  
**CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR ENTRIES: 11:59 p.m. FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**2025 entries must be placed using the Stardom Online Entry & Payment System**

**At [www.stardom.com.au](http://www.stardom.com.au) or via link on website: [www.eisteddfodparramatta.org.au](http://www.eisteddfodparramatta.org.au).**

- When first using the online system, registration of the person submitting the entries will be required.
- Previous Stardom users can use the same log-in. Data has been saved against each log-in. Select details relevant for 2025 from your saved data.
- Directions on how to lodge entries are available on the Eisteddfod Parramatta website.
- A **late entry fee** of \$10 per section entry, will apply to all entries received after 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The online entry system will accept late entries for 1 week ONLY– i.e. until 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025.
- **Emailed or posted entries will not be acknowledged or accepted.**

**All enquiries (*email preferred*), including help with submitting online entries via Stardom, to:**

Mrs Kerry Brennan – Convenor  
City of Parramatta Eisteddfod Society Inc.  
Ph or SMS 0414338761 (8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.)  
Email: [kerry.brennan17@gmail.com](mailto:kerry.brennan17@gmail.com)

- Enquiries will be dealt with **between 8.30 am & 6pm** only.
- No competitor's tickets will be issued. A competitor's performance dates can **only be obtained from a program**. A compulsory Eisteddfod administration of \$7 will be payable at the time of submitting entries. **This fee will include a program emailed to every email address submitted with the entries.** If you require a professionally printed copy of the program to be posted to you, this option must be selected at the time of submitting entries online and an additional \$5 will be payable.
- The program will be available in April 2025.
- **No negotiations will be entered into re changing a performance date. NO EXCEPTIONS.**  
(Refer Rule 14)
- **IMPORTANT NOTE** This syllabus and **RULES FOR COMPETING** should be read carefully so that no errors occur with entries. This is the responsibility of the person submitting the entry. The submitting person must be 18 years or older. Please see Rule 7 re age eligibility for various sections.

**SPEECH AND DRAMA**

**ENTRY FEES**

| <b>SECTIONS, etc</b>  | <b>FEES</b>                     |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b><u>CHAMPIONSHIPS:</u></b><br>9-10 yrs; 11-12 yrs; 13-14 yrs; 15-16 yrs; 17-18 yrs  | \$25.00                         |
| <b><u>SHAKESPEAREAN IN COSTUME:</u></b><br>14 -16 years<br>17 years & Over  | \$15.00<br>\$18.00              |
| <b><u>SOLO ENTRIES</u></b><br>Junior (16 yrs & Under)<br>Senior (17 yrs & Over)   | \$11.00<br>\$13.00              |
| <b><u>GROUPS:</u></b><br>Group Prepared Mime for 2-6 players<br>Dramatic Scene for 3-6 players<br>Unison Reading for 2-3 readers  | \$24.00<br>\$24.00<br>\$24.00   |
| <b><u>DUOS:</u></b><br>Poem for Two<br>Duologues in Costume<br>Impromptu Phone Conversation for Two   | \$21.00<br>\$21.00<br>\$21.00   |
| <b><u>PROGRAM</u></b><br>Emailed (included in compulsory \$7 admin fee via Stardom)<br>Printed and Posted: (additional \$5 is payable via Stardom)  | \$ 7.00<br>\$ 5.00 (additional) |
| <b><u>SET PIECES for Verse &amp; Prepared Reading</u></b><br>Set Pieces can also be ordered from kerry.brennan17@gmail.com<br>The set pieces will be emailed shortly after receipt of request. Set pieces are no longer printed and posted. | No fee for emailed set pieces.  |



**CHARACTER SKETCH SECTIONS  
IMPORTANT**

**When registering your attendance with the stage manager, please also fill in the below information and give to the stage manager to facilitate your introduction and copyright acknowledgement.**

Section Number: .....Candidate No.....Your Name.....

Name of your Character: .....

From: .....(Title of the literature)

By: .....  
(Author)

## PAYMENT METHOD

### PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES MUST BE MADE BY DEBIT CARD or CREDIT CARD

#### AT TIME OF LODGING THE ONLINE ENTRY (VIA STARDOM).

***SET PIECES for Verse and Prepared Readings  
will no longer be printed and posted.***

Set Pieces to be ordered from: kerry.brennan17@gmail.com  
The set pieces will be emailed to the nominated email address. No fees will apply.

#### VENUE ENTRY CHARGE TO EACH SESSION

A charge applies for entry by audience members to Eisteddfod Sessions at the venue to help offset the SIGNIFICANT expense of hiring the hall.  
Tap and Go/Credit Card/Debit Card payment method will be available at the door.  
Cash will also be accepted.

| <b>Category</b>  | <b>Charge per Session<br/>(i.e. separately morning, afternoon, evening)</b> |
|--|---|
| Adult  | \$8.00  |
| Concession Card Holders and Full Time Students   | \$4.00  |
| Pre-schoolers (5 yrs and under)  | Free  |
| Competitors  | Free  |
| Adult Season Ticket (Entry to all Sessions for one individual only. Not to be shared.) | \$38.00   |

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** There is a break of approximately one hour between Sessions when the venue is locked. No one is permitted to remain in the venue during session breaks.

## CITY OF PARRAMATTA EISTEDDFOD RULES

1. Adjudicator's reports will be furnished at the close of each section and **must be collected from the entrance door monitor**. Those requiring a report to be mailed must furnish a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the convenor OR coordinator on duty together with information on which date the section/session was held. This must be done within one week of the last date of the Eisteddfod performances.
2. Adjudicator's decision is final. No discussion will be entered into, with the exception of an official protest as outlined in rule 3.
3. Protest accompanied by a deposit of \$10.00 must be lodged within 30 minutes of Adjudicator's decision; deposit forfeited if protest not upheld.
4. The committee reserves the right to amend, combine or cancel sections. IF LESS THAN 4 ENTRIES received in any section, the section MAY BE CANCELLED and entry fees returned or SECTIONS COMBINED. This does NOT APPLY to the 'SPECIAL NEEDS' SECTION (Section 350)
5. Competitors who have been coached, taught or advised by the Adjudicator during the 12 months preceding 1 April in that year are ineligible to compete. Competitors who are related to the adjudicator are also ineligible to compete. Committee Members, members of this Society or Employees of this Eisteddfod are ineligible to compete.
6. This Eisteddfod is not open to professionals. A professional is defined as a person who earns the major part of his/her income from the practice of the art or who uses that art as a primary means of livelihood.
7. **AGE FOR ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN AS AT 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL OF EACH YEAR.**  
**SCHOOL GRADE for improvisation group sections will be taken as at 1<sup>st</sup> April of each year.**  
**PLEASE NOTE: Competitors in individual (solo) sections must compete in sections for which they are eligible by age.** *Example 1: if 10 years old as at 1 April, a competitor is eligible for and can only compete in sections with age groups of 9-10 yrs and 10-11 yrs and the 9-10yrs Championship; This means that no competitor can compete in older or younger individual sections than their age range.*  
**Re: Duo in Costume, group mime.** Section age ranges span 2 years Example: 13-14 years. Competitors must be of the specific ages, as at 1 April, for the section entered.  
**Re: Dramatic Scene 3-6 players, Readers Theatre, Unison reading.** Age range spans 3 years. E.g. 8-10 yrs. Competitors must be of the specific ages, as at 1 April, for the section entered.  
*Example: Dramatic scene: 8-10 yrs. Competitors must be age 8 yrs or 9 yrs or 10 yrs as at 1 April.*  
**Re: Impromptu phone conversation, Poem for 3-6 speakers, Poem for Two,** Age range described as "age and under" (e.g. 12/U), the section entered must reflect the age of the eldest competitor. *Example an entry with a 12 yr old, a 10 yr old and a 9 yr old competitor must enter the 12/U section.*
8. **RESTRICTED SECTIONS** are open to competitors who have NOT won a FIRST PLACE in that age range section at the CITY OF PARRAMATTA Eisteddfod.
9. **SPECIAL RESTRICTED SECTIONS** are open to competitors who have NOT won a FIRST PLACE in ANY Eisteddfod, AT ANY TIME.
10. **OWN CHOICE SECTIONS:**
  - (a) The onus of choosing the right type of selection in Own Choice Sections rests solely with the competitor. **NO COMPETITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO RENDER THE SAME ITEM IN MORE THAN ONE SECTION**, either individually or in conjunction with any partner, at the current Eisteddfod. No competitor may perform as an 'Own Choice' item a selection which has been set for any section at the current Eisteddfod.
  - (b) Re Competitors who have won a first prize in any 'Own Choice' section: the same 'own choice' item cannot be repeated **until TWO City of Parramatta Eisteddfods have elapsed.**
11. **In compliance with copyright laws** any copies of materials (i.e. poems, literary or dramatic extracts) provided to the society, unless clearly marked "**not subject to copyright**" must be retained and destroyed by the Committee after use.  
**COMPETITORS ARE REMINDED THAT INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT IS AN OFFENCE. PLEASE CHECK YOUR SELECTIONS CAREFULLY.**

12. In "Own Choice" sections: All copies **MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE STAGE MANAGER** before the commencement of the section. Adjudicators have the option of penalties in marking if such a copy is not handed in or the copy is illegible.
13. **Plagiarism – Public Speaking.** Public Speaking content must be substantially the original work of the competitor. **PLAGIERISM IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND IF DETECTED, THE COMPETITOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.** (Refer Rule 29) Short quotes are acceptable and should be attributed to the source.
14. **Competitors MUST compete in the section where his/her name appears** and at the time the section is scheduled. Specific requests for changes to the programming will not be taken into account, for any reason. No negotiations will be entered into about changing a performance date as set out in the program. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED TO THIS RULE.**
15. **NO PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK TO THE ADJUDICATOR or approach the Adjudicator's table except Committee Members. Parents or teachers are not allowed on stage during any performance.**
16. **Prompting or assistance of any kind can ONLY BE GIVEN BY THE ADJUDICATOR.** If a competitor of **any age receives a prompt**, that competitor **cannot be eligible to receive First Place** in that section, but can receive second, third, etc. Further prompting in the same section will make a competitor ineligible for any placing in that section.
17. TIME LIMITS: Where a time limit is set, any competitor going over time may be penalised.
18. **CHAMPIONSHIP:** All competitors MUST have registered THE FOLLOWING with the Stage Manager as proof of performance to compete in the CHAMPIONSHIP Sections:
  - a. 9/10 CHAMPIONSHIP: adjudication sheets from **TWO MEMORISED OPEN** sections (Refer Rule 10 re selection of material.)
  - b. 11/12, 13/14, 15/16, 17/18 CHAMPIONSHIP: adjudication sheets from **TWO MEMORISED OPEN** sections & **1 IMPROMPTU SECTION** (Refer Rule 10 re selection of material.)

**PLEASE NOTE: READING SECTIONS, PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING, MIME AND IMPROVISATION SECTIONS DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE CHAMPIONSHIP SECTIONS.**
19. **The dress code for Championship Sections is to be observed.** Smart casual attire, no shorts or thongs for any competitor. 'Drama blacks' are encouraged. Presentation of the competitor will be taken into account in awarding of points by the Adjudicator.
20. 1<sup>st</sup> place recipients for CHAMPIONSHIPS are ineligible to enter the same age range Championship the following year.
21. Competitors may not appear in sections other than those for which they have entered. No person may substitute for the competitor originally submitted via Stardom. **NO COMPETITOR MAY APPEAR MORE THAN ONCE IN ANY SECTION.**
22. The names of ALL competitors must be submitted online (via Stardom) for Duologue, Group Prepared Mime, Unison Reading, Readers' Theatre, Dramatic Scene for 3-6 Players, Poem for 3 - 6, Poem for Two, Impromptu Telephone Conversation for Two; and Improvisation for 2-6 players. IN DUOLOGUE sections neither competitor may portray more than one character.
23. The choice of suitable material rests with the competitor. Foul language or explicit sexual references are prohibited, and offenders will be DISQUALIFIED. This rule pertains to all age ranges.



24. The Committee shall have the power to divide/reduce prizes in all sections, or if a satisfactory standard is not obtained, to withdraw the prize. Should the committee or Adjudicator decide not to give a prize in any section such a decision shall be final. THIS INCLUDES THE SCHOLARSHIP and CHAMPIONSHIP SECTIONS.
25. The Committee reserves the right to appoint a substitute Adjudicator should it become necessary.
26. No entries will be accepted unless accompanied by full fees (payable online via Stardom). Accepted entry fees will not be refunded unless section is cancelled by the committee. Check the syllabus for correct entry fees.
27. **PARRAMATTA EISTEDDFOD PHOTOGRAPHY RULES MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. NO VIDEO RECORDING ALLOWED** due to copyright laws. Photography rules will be on display at the venue
28. Any competitor found to be deliberately infringing the rules of the Society will be banned from further participation in the Eisteddfod at the absolute discretion of the Committee.
29. The Committee shall decide on any matter not covered by these rules. Its decision in any question or dispute is final.

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**IMPORTANT - ACTUALLY, VERY IMPORTANT**

**Register the required qualifying adjudication reports with the stage manager to be ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE in the CHAMPIONSHIPS (Please read Rule 18)**

Competitors who have entered the Championships

**MUST register with the stage manager the relevant Adjudicator's Reports to be eligible to compete in the Championship. Please do this straight after the qualifying sections to avoid panic when arriving at the Championships.** You may bring your reports with you to the Championship but verifying the sections causes delays to the running of the Championships.

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**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

**NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURY TO OR LOST PROPERTY OF ANY PERSON/S AT THIS EISTEDDFOD.**

**ALL COMPETITORS PERFORM AT THEIR OWN RISK.**

**SUBMISSION OF AN ENTRY FORM CONFIRMS THAT COMPETITORS WILL PERFORM AT THEIR OWN RISK AND THAT COMPETITORS WILL ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THIS EISTEDDFOD AS SET OUT IN THIS SYLLABUS.**

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## SPEECH & DRAMA SECTIONS – 2025

**IMPORTANT:** In "Own Choice" sections all copies **MUST BE HANDED IN** to the stage manager before the commencement of the section. Electronic copies will NOT be accepted. Adjudicators have the option of penalties in marking if such a copy is not handed in or if the copy is illegible. (Refer Rule 11 re Copyright)

**SPEECH & DRAMA CHAMPIONSHIPS 9-10 yrs, 11-12 yrs, 13-14yrs, 15-16yrs, 17-18yrs** Entry Fee: \$25.

**No costumes, No props. Dress Code applies** (See rules 18, 20 & 21)

**a) Set Poem and (b) and (c) as listed below**

**201. 9-10 yrs**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Trophy + \$200; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Trophy + \$100; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Trophy + \$50

- a) Set Poem – “The Toys talk of the World” Katherine Pyle
- b) IMPROMPTU MIME – T/L 1 min. (1 min prep.)

**202. 11-12 yrs**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Trophy + \$300; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Trophy + \$150; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Trophy + \$75

- a) Set Poem - “Burning Off” Dorothea Mackellar
- b) IMPROMPTU MIME – T/L 1 min. (1 min prep.)
- c) IMPROMPTU SPEECH – T/L 1 min. (1 min prep.)

**203. 13-14 yrs**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Trophy + \$300; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Trophy + \$150; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Trophy +\$75

- a) Set Poem – “Moonlit Apples” John Drinkwater
- b) IMPROVISATION – T/L 2 min. (1 min prep)
- c) IMPROMPTU SPEECH – T/L 1 min. (1 min prep.)

**204. 15-16 yrs**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Trophy + \$600; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Trophy + \$300; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Trophy +\$150

- a) Set Sonnet – “Why Wait for Science” Robert Frost
- b) Shakespearean Scene (Solo Character Presentation) – T/L 4 min.
- c) IMPROMPTU SPEECH – T/L 2 min. (1 min prep.)

**205. 17-18 yrs**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Trophy + \$600; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Trophy + \$300; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Trophy +\$150

- a) Set Sonnet – “Happiness” Wilfred Owen
- b) Solo Character Presentation from a recognised playwright, prior to 21<sup>st</sup> Century. – T/L 4 min.
- c) IMPROMPTU SPEECH – T/L 2 min. (1 min prep.)

**206. OPEN VERSE – SOLO – OWN CHOICE – 17/OVER – Time Limit – 3mins.**

(No costume. No props) (See rules 10, 11 & 12)

**OPEN VERSE - SOLO** (No Costume, no props)

|             |             |                                     |                  |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>210.</b> | 4-5 yrs     | “After A Bath”                      | Aileen Fisher    |
| <b>211.</b> | 5-6 yrs     | “Mr Mad’s Machine”                  | Tony Mitton      |
| <b>212.</b> | 6-7 yrs     | “Tea With Me”                       | Alison Winn      |
| <b>213.</b> | 7-8 yrs     | “When Daddy Sat on the Tomatoes”    | Jack Prelutsky   |
| <b>214.</b> | 9-10 yrs    | “Cockatoo Convention”               | Kate O’Neil      |
| <b>215.</b> | 11-12 yrs   | “Thongs are like Footprints”        | Colin Thiele     |
| <b>216.</b> | 13-14 yrs   | “Scissors”                          | Lydia Pender     |
| <b>217.</b> | 15-16 yrs   | “Volcano”                           | Christopher Mann |
| <b>218.</b> | 17 yrs/Over | “So Many Different Lengths of Time” | Brian Patten     |

**RESTRICTED VERSE - SOLO – all age ranges in these sections are “OWN CHOICE”**

(No Costume, no props) (See rules 8, 10, 11 & 12)

|                                   |                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>219.</b> 4-5 yrs T/L 2 mins.   | <b>220.</b> 5-6 yrs T/L 2 mins.   | <b>221.</b> 6-7 yrs T/L 2 mins.     |
| <b>222.</b> 8-9 yrs T/L 2 mins.   | <b>223.</b> 10-11 yrs T/L 2 mins. | <b>224.</b> 12-13 yrs T/L 2.5 mins. |
| <b>225.</b> 14-15 yrs T/L 3 mins. | <b>226.</b> 16-17 yrs T/L 3 mins. |                                     |

**SPECIAL RESTRICTED VERSE - SOLO** (No Costume. No props) (See rule 9)

|             |           |                                |                  |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>227.</b> | 4-5 yrs   | “Playthings”                   | Daphne Lister    |
| <b>228.</b> | 5-6 yrs   | “My Cat”                       | V. Perkin        |
| <b>229.</b> | 6-7 yrs   | “All Giants”                   | Eric Finney      |
| <b>230.</b> | 7-8 yrs   | “The Solar System Tour”        | Wes Magee        |
| <b>231.</b> | 9-10 yrs  | “The famous Human Cannonball”  | Jack Prelutsky   |
| <b>232.</b> | 11-12 yrs | “Let No-one Steal Your Dreams” | Paul Cookson     |
| <b>233.</b> | 13-14 yrs | “The Echidna”                  | Margaret Pearce  |
| <b>234.</b> | 15-16 yrs | “Coal Fire”                    | Louis Untermeyer |

**MEMORISED PROSE – OPEN - SOLO – OWN CHOICE**

(No Costume, no props) (See rules 10, 11 & 12)

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| <b>235.</b> 7-8 yrs – T/L 2 min.    | <b>236.</b> 9-10 yrs – T/L 2 mins.  | <b>237.</b> 11-12 yrs – T/L 2 mins. |
| <b>238.</b> 13-14 yrs – T/L 3 mins. | <b>239.</b> 15-16 yrs – T/L 3 mins. |                                     |

**SHAKESPEARIAN EXTRACTS IN COSTUME – (a) Sonnet and (b) Extract from any play.**

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| <b>240.</b> 14-16 yrs - T/L 6 mins. <b>Note: Competitors must be 14 yrs old as at 1/4/2025</b> (Entry Fee: \$15.00) |
| <b>241.</b> 17/Over - T/L 6 mins. (Entry Fee: \$18.00)  |

**AUSTRALIAN VERSE OPEN SOLO - OWN CHOICE** (No Costume, No props) (Rules 10, 11, 12)

**IMPORTANT :** Poem must be written by an Australian Poet and have recognisable Australian content and themes.

- 242. 6- 7 yrs - T/L 2mins
- 243. 7- 8 yrs - T/L 2mins
- 244. 9-10 yrs - T/L 2mins
- 245. 11-12 yrs - T/L 2.5 mins. (Judith Burgess Memorial Award)
- 246. 13-14 yrs - T/L 3 mins. (Judith Burgess Memorial Award)
- 247. 15-16 yrs - T/L 3 mins. (Judith Burgess Memorial Award)
- 248. 17/Over -- T/L 3 mins. (Judith Burgess Memorial Award)

**AUSTRALIAN VERSE – SPECIAL RESTRICTED - SOLO - OWN CHOICE**

(No Costume, No props) (See rules 9, 10, 11 & 12)

**IMPORTANT :** Poem must be written by an Australian Poet and have recognisable Australian content and themes

- 249. 8- 9 yrs - T/L 2mins
- 250. 10-11 yrs - T/L 2mins
- 251. 12-13 yrs - T/L 2.5 mins
- 252. 14-15 yrs - T/L 2.5mins

**MIME - OPEN – SOLO - OWN CHOICE - No costumes or props. One chair only.**

- 253. 7-8 yrs –T/L 1.5 min.
- 254 – 9-10 yrs -T/L 2mins
- 255. 11-12 yrs -T/L 2.5 mins.
- 256. 13-14 yrs –T/L 2.5 mins.

**GROUP PREPARED MIME – OWN CHOICE – 2-6 players. No costumes or props.**

**1 chair only per player** (See rules 7 & 23 )

- 259. 8-9 yrs T/L 3 mins
- 260. 10-11 yrs T/L 3 mins
- 261 – 12-13 yrs T/L 3 mins

**NURSERY RHYME OR CHARACTER SKETCH IN COSTUME – OPEN – SOLO - OWN CHOICE**

- 262. 5-6 yrs - T/L 3 mins

**POEM FOR TWO - OWN CHOICE** (No Costume, No props) (See rules 7, 10, 11, 12, 23)

- 263. 7/U – T/L 3mins.
- 264. 9/U - T/L 3 mins
- 265. 11/U - T/L 3 mins
- 266. 13/U - T/L 3 mins
- 267. 15/U - T/L 3 mins
- 268. 17/U - T/L 3 mins

**CHARACTER SKETCH IN COSTUME – OPEN – SOLO - OWN CHOICE** (See rules 10, 11 & 12)

- 269. 6-7 yrs – T/L 3 mins.
- 270. 7- 8 yrs - T/L 3 mins
- 271. 9-10 yrs - T/L 3 mins
- 272. 11-12 yrs - T/L 4 mins
- 273. 13-14 yrs - T/L 4 mins
- 274. 15-16 yrs - T/L 5 mins
- 275. 17/Over - T/L 5 mins

**CHARACTER SKETCH IN COSTUME –SPECIAL RESTRICTED - SOLO - OWN CHOICE**

(See rules 9, 10, 11, & 12)

- 276. 9-10 yrs - T/L 3 mins.
- 277. 11-12 yrs - T/L 4 mins
- 278. 13-14 yrs - T/L 4 mins

**DUOLOGUES IN COSTUME - OWN CHOICE** (See rules 7, 10,11, 12, 23)

**279.** 9-10 yrs - T/L 5 mins

**280.** 11-12 yrs - T/L 5 mins

**281.** 13-14 yrs - T/L 5 min

**282.** 15-16 yrs - T/L 6 mins

**283.** 17/Over - T/L 6 mins

**PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING – SOLO**

**(Important: Please read Rule 13 re Plagiarism)**

**284.** 7-8 yrs

T/L 1 ½ mins

- a) A great hobby
- b) A special moment
- c) People who matter

**285.** 9-10 yrs

T/L 2½ mins

- a) What I would change
- b) A moment I'd rather forget
- c) Friendship

**286.** 11-12 yrs

T/L 3 mins

- a) I want to ask a question
- b) A genuine treasure
- c) Don't judge a book by its cover

**287.** 13-14 yrs

T/L 4 mins

- a) A prize worth winning
- b) the right attitude
- c) Speak Up!

**288.** 15-16 yrs

T/L 4 mins

- a) Where to from here?
- b) Take a deep breath
- c) March to your own beat

**DRAMATIC SCENE for 3-6 players OWN CHOICE**

(See Rules 7, 10,11, 12, 23)

**289.** 8-10 yrs T/L 8 mins

**290.** 11-13 yrs T/L 8 mins

**291.** 14-16 yrs T/L 8 mins

**IMPROMPTU TELEPHONE CONVERSATION FOR TWO.** (See Rules 7, 23)

Topic given by Adjudicator

**292.** 12/u - T/L 2mins.

**293.** 14/u yrs - T/L 2.5 mins.

**294.** 16/u yrs - T/L 3mins.

**IMPROMPTU SPEECH** - Topic Given by Adjudicator - 30sec preparation time.

**295.** 11-12yrs T/L 1 min,

**296.** 13-14yrs T/L 1 min

**297.** 15-16yrs T/L 2 min

**298.** 17-18yrs T/L 2 min

## READING SECTIONS

***Order prepared readings from kerry.brennan17@gmail.com***

**IMPROMPTU READING - SOLO** - Text given by Adjudicator - 1 minute preparation time.

**300.** 9-10 yrs                      **301.** 11-12 yrs                      **302.** 13-14 yrs                      **303.** 15-16 yrs

**PREPARED READING – SOLO - OPEN** - (Alison Holloway Memorial Awards)

- 304.** 6- 7 yrs from: “Horrid Henry’s Wedding”                      Francesca Simon  
   **OR** “Pet Friends Forever – A No-Sneeze Pet”                      Diana Gallagher
- 305.** 7 -8 yrs from: “The Land of Do-As-You-Please”                      Enid Blyton  
   **OR** “The Adventures of Antony Ant & the Earwig Pirates” D. H. Gilmore
- 306.** 9-10 yrs from: “Help! I’m a prisoner in the Library”                      Eth Clifford  
   **OR** “Convict”                      Julia Jarman
- 307.** 11-12 yrs from: “Where the Whales Sing”                      Victor Kellehe  
   **OR** “Dangerous Spaces”                      Margaret Mahy
- 308.** 13-14 yrs from: “Alone on a Wilde Wilde Sea”                      Michael Morpurgo  
   **OR** “The Prison Healer”                      Lynette Noni
- 309.** 15-16 yrs from: “Going Solo”                      Roald Dahl  
   **OR** “In Times of Bushfires and Belly Buttons”                      Steven Herrick
- 310.** 17/Over –      **Own Choice - T/L 3 mins.**

**PREPARED READING – SOLO - SPECIAL RESTRICTED** - (Alison Holloway Memorial Awards)

(See Rule 9)

- 320.** 8-9 yrs from: “Family Holiday Disasters”                      Nathan Luff  
   **OR** “Hotel Flamingo”                      Alex Milway
- 321.** 10-11 yrs from: “A Small Zombie Problem”                      K. G. Campbell  
   **OR** “The Kazillion Wish”                      Nick Place
- 322.** 12-13 yrs from: “Bridge to Terabithia”                      Katherine Paterson  
   **OR** “The Silver Sword”                      Ian Serraillier
- 323.** 14-15 yrs from: “The Arrival of Someday”                      Jen Malone  
   **OR** “A Raft of Stars”                      Andrew J. Graff

**RELIGIOUS TEXT - SOLO – OWN CHOICE** (*All texts to be presented in English*)

- 340.** 9-10 yrs – T/L 2 min                      **341.** 11-12 yrs – T/L 2 min                      **342.** 13 -14 yrs – 2.5 min  
**343.** 15-16 yrs – T/L 2.5 min

**UNISON READING for 2-3 readers. – OWN CHOICE - PROSE ONLY**

**No props/no costumes.** (See Rules 7, 10, 11, 12 & 23)

- 345.** 8-10 yrs - T/L 3mins.                      **346.** 11-13 yrs – T/L 3mins.                      **347.** 14-16 yrs – T/L 3 mins.

**SECTION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS – OPEN AGE – OWN CHOICE**

- 350.** Solo                      Any characterisation, poem or reading. T/L 2 mins.

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