



ROYAL SOUTH STREET SOCIETY
BALLARAT EISTEDDFOD



ACU Speech, Drama & Comedy Timetable 2025

Dates:

Monday 11 August to Thursday 14 August

VENUE:

Australian Catholic University (ACU)
Connors Hall
1200 Mair Street, Ballarat

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SECTION CHAIR

Kristen Carroll

SUB COMMITTEE

Alexandra Meerbach, Tammy Vandenberg, Mika Wallace, Rachael Shelton

Adjudicator

Mary-Rose McLaren



Mary-Rose competed at South Street as a young person, and has taught many students who have also competed at South St. Her students have successfully auditioned for NIDA, WAPA, Ballarat Arts Academy and VCA, and many have gone on to teach in Speech and Drama or creative arts. She has a licentiate from Trinity College Dublin and a PhD from Melbourne University. Mary-Rose also writes, acts and directs in amateur and semi-professional theatre. She is a Professor of Teaching and Learning at Victoria University Melbourne, where she is Head of Program for Early Childhood Education. She brings play into everything!



Thank you for entering the 2025 ACU Speech, Drama & Comedy Competition.

Here are some important things to note:

1. The performance order of competitors has been randomised.
2. We ask that all competitors arrive between 30 mins prior to the beginning of the session.
3. Any split sections will appear on your MyStage account
4. Any special requests must be submitted in writing to admin@roylaosuthstreet.com.au by Friday 11 July to allow time for programming.

Timetable

Monday 11 August

Afternoon Session - Starts 12pm				
No.	SECTION Description	No of entrants	Trophy Presentation notes	Sponsor
600	Under 8 Years NURSERY RHYME OR RHYME Solo	2	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	Margery James Trust Fund
610	Under 10 Years RECITATION Solo	6	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	Margery James Trust Fund
611	Under 10 Years PREPARED READING OF OWN CHOICE Solo	3	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	Margery James Trust Fund
Break 10 Minutes				
612	Under 10 Years ROALD DAHL IN COSTUME Solo	4	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	Margery James Trust Fund
613	Under 10 Years IMPROMPTU MIME Solo	5	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	Margery James Trust Fund
614	Under 10 Years POEM FOR TWO Duo	1	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	Margery James Trust Fund
<i>Special Awards for under 10 years</i>				
<i>U10 Aggregate Prize for Sections 610,611,612,613</i>				
<i>The Kaval Family Prize</i>			\$50 and a trophy	The Kaval Family
Break 30 Minutes				
Evening Session - Starts 3.40pm				
670	Tight 5 - Comedy act Year 7-9	2	TBC	
671	Tight 5 - Comedy act Year 10-12	1	TBC	
656.1	Senior Division SHAKESPEARIAN PERFORMANCE Solo/Duo	9	1st-\$40 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minogue & Co Real Estate
656.2	Senior Division SHAKESPEARIAN PERFORMANCE Solo/Duo	8	1st-\$40 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minogue & Co Real Estate
652	Senior Division CHARACTER PERFORMANCE (not Shakespeare Solo)	10	1st-\$40 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minogue & Co Real Estate
Finish time approx. 7.45pm				

Tuesday 12 August

Morning Session - Starts 9am				
No.	SECTION Description	No of entrants	Trophy Presentation notes	Sponsor
620	Under 12 Years RECITATION Solo	6	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	Margery James Trust Fund
621	Under 12 Years PREPARED READING OF OWN CHOICE Solo	5	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	Margery James Trust Fund
622	Under 12 Years CHARACTER PERFORMANCE Solo	4	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	Margery James Trust Fund
Break 10 Minutes				
623	Under 12 Years IMPROVISATION WITH OBJECT Solo	1	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	Margery James Trust Fund
624	Under 12 Years DEVISED FAIRYTALE CHARACTER IN COSTUME Solo	4	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	Margery James Trust Fund
<i>Special Awards for under 12 years</i>				
<i>Soroptimist - Aggregate prize for sections 620,621,622,623,624</i>			\$30 Voucher	Soroptimist
<i>Soroptimist - Encouragement award for a competitor who HAS NOT placed in any Solo Section</i>			\$30 Voucher	Soroptimist
661	Group Sections ACTING IN PAIRS (Under 16) Group	4	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	
645	Under 16 Years POEM FOR TWO Duo	2	1st-\$30 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	
Lunch Break 30 Minutes				
Afternoon Session - Starts 1.30pm				
	SALLY VAWDREY Memorial Prize – Foreign Lands by Robert Louis Stevenson	5	1st-\$100 + medal, 2nd - \$50 + Medal, 3rd \$25 + medal, HM & HC Ribbons	Sally Vawdrey Trust
642	Under 16 Years CHARACTER PERFORMANCE Solo	9	1st-\$30 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Frank Ford Travel
643	Under 16 Years IMPROVISATION BASED ON A LINE OF PREVIOUSLY UNSEEN DIALOGUE - "PULLED OUT OF A HAT" Solo	3	1st-\$30 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Frank Ford Travel
Break 10 Minutes				
646	Under 16 Years IMPROMPTU READING Solo	6	1st-\$30 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Frank Ford Travel
644	Under 16 Years IMPROMPTU WEATHER FORECASTER IN COSTUME Solo	6	1st-\$30 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Frank Ford Travel
Evening Session - Starts 4.30pm				
658	Senior Division PREPARED SPEECH Solo	9	1st-\$40 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minogue & Co Real Estate
659	Senior Division IMPROMPTU SPEECH Solo	4	1st-\$40 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minogue & Co Real Estate
653	Senior Division IMPROVISATION SET IN AN UNUSUAL LOCATION Solo	5	1st-\$40 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minogue & Co Real Estate
650	Senior Division MEMORISED FREE VERSE Solo	4	1st-\$40 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minogue & Co Real Estate
Finish time approx. 7.30pm				

Wednesday 13 August

Morning Session - Starts 9am				
SECTION		No of entrants	Trophy Presentation notes	Sponsor
No.	Description			
648.1	Under 16 Years PREPARED SPEECH Solo	8	1st -\$30 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Frank Ford Travel
648.2	Under 16 Years PREPARED SPEECH Solo	9	1st -\$30 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Frank Ford Travel
Break 10 Minutes				
649	Under 16 Years IMPROMPTU SPEECH Solo	8	1st -\$30 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minoque & Co Real Estate
640	Under 16 Years RECITATION Solo	8	1st -\$30 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minoque & Co Real Estate
Lunch Break 30 Minutes				
Afternoon Session - Starts 1.45pm				
647	Under 16 Years BALLARAT NATIONAL THEATRE PRIZE Solo	8	1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50, 3rd - \$25	Ballarat National Theatre
641	Under 16 Years PREPARED READING OF OWN CHOICE Solo	8	1st -\$30 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minoque & Co Real Estate
<i>Special awards Under 16 Years</i>				
	<i>W S Hooper Memorial Prize -</i>		\$50	Trust Fund
	<i>Zonta Club of Ballarat Maureen Christie Memorial Prize</i>		\$30	Zonta Club Ballarat
	<i>Rotary Club of Ballarat East James F O'Shea Memorial Prize</i>		\$50	Rotary Club of Ballarat East
Break 10 Minutes				
Evening Session - Starts 4pm				
651	Senior Division PROSE READING ON THE THEME OF HOPE (not drama) Solo	5	1st -\$40 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minoque & Co Real Estate
654	Senior Division A FAIRYTALE CHARACTER, DEvised, IN COSTUME Solo	8	1st -\$40 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minoque & Co Real Estate
655	Senior Division THE ALMA PURCELL EFFECTIVE READING FROM THE WORK OF AN AUSTRALIAN POET Solo	6	1st -\$40 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Minoque & Co Real Estate
	Escape the Vape		TBC	
<i>Special awards for Senior Division</i>				
	<i>W S Hooper Poetry Prize</i>		\$100	WS Hooper
	<i>The Ivy Keates OAM Aggregate Award</i>		\$150	Ivy Keates Trust Fund
	<i>Rotary Club of Ballarat East James F O'Shea Memorial Prize</i>		\$50	Rotary Club of Ballarat East
Finish time approx. 8pm				

Thursday 14 August

SECTION		No of entrants	Trophy Presentation notes	Sponsor
No.	Description			
637	Under 14 Years PREPARED SPEECH Solo	10	1st -\$25 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	
638	Under 14 Years IMPROMPTU SPEECH Solo	3		Adam Lindsay Gordon trust Fund
630	Under 14 Years RECITATION Solo	4	1st -\$25 + medal + trophy, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Adam Lindsay Gordon trust Fund
632	Under 14 Years CHARACTER PERFORMANCE Solo	5	1st -\$25 + medal + trophy, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Adam Lindsay Gordon trust Fund
633	Under 14 Years IMPROVISATION BASED ON A HAT Solo	3	1st -\$25 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Adam Lindsay Gordon trust Fund
Lunch Break 30 Minutes				
Afternoon Session - Starts 1pm				
634	Under 14 Years DEvised FAIRYTALE CHARACTER IN COSTUME Solo	3	1st -\$25 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Adam Lindsay Gordon trust Fund
631	Under 14 Years PREPARED READING OF OWN CHOICE Solo	4	1st -\$25 + medal + trophy, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Adam Lindsay Gordon trust Fund
635	Under 14 Years POEM FOR TWO Duo	5	1st -\$25 + medal, 2nd and 3rd Medals HM & HC Ribbons	Adam Lindsay Gordon trust Fund
<i>Special awards Under 14 Years</i>				
	<i>The Mr & Mrs R Morgan Aggregate Prize</i>		\$50	Mary-Rose and Loretta
	<i>Zonta Club of Ballarat Maureen Christie Memorial Prize</i>		\$30	Zonta Club of Ballarat
	<i>The Jodie Toering Aggregate award - 630 & 631</i>		\$50	Jodie Toering Award
	<i>Rotary Club of Ballarat East James F O'Shea Memorial Prize</i>		\$50	Rotary Club of Ballarat East
Break 10 Minutes				
662	Open Group Acting in Pairs	6		
665	Group Sections MONICA MORGAN PRIZE FOR CHORAL SPEAKING (Any Age)	1	1st - \$60, 2nd - \$30, 3rd - \$20 HM & HC Ribbons	Monica Morgan Trust fund
636	Under 14 Years LEANNE McINNIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Solo	3	1st - \$100 + trophy HM & HC Ribbons	Leanne McInnis Trust fund
657	Senior Division THE Margery James Trust Fund LOUIE DUNN PRIZE* Solo	6	1st Place - \$500	Margery James Trust Fund
<i>Final presentations</i>				
667	Group Sections IMPROVISATIONS: Death in a Minute (Open)	4	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	
669	Group Sections IMPROVISATION (Open)	2	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	
663	Group Sections IMPROVISATION IN PAIRS (Open)	4	Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd. HM & HC Ribbons	
Finish time approx. 6.15pm				

