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Freeman Susan L'Herpinere will represent WA in Sidney Wicks Final

Who was Sidney Wicks and why is there a trophy named after him? If you attended the Sidney Wicks WA Speaking Competition Final on 27 May at the Metro Hotel, you would know the answer to that question! Thanks to Sp. Roy Dowsett (Midland Club 39) for sharing his piece of Sidney Wicks history with us, complete with a branch from the actual Yew tree near Manchester where it all began!



MC Carmel Philippe



Roy Dowsett



Freeman Susan L'Herpinere, winner of the WA final of the Sidney Wicks competition, with the WA Sidney Wicks trophy, a mini version of the national trophy.

Thanks again to West Perth Club 19, Cambridge Speaking Club 34 and River's Edge Club 21 for hosting the heats, and to Freeman Bill Smith, Wayne Passmore, Terry Walker, Ken Holzman and David Price, along with Mike Kapitola, Carmel Philippe, Matthew Park and Aldis Purins for adjudicating them. Our thanks also to the adjudicators at the WA final: Freeman Ruurd Speelman, Sue Hart and Rick Staker.

And to the entrants, from novice to more experienced speakers, it was a pleasure listening to you, and thank you for entering and challenging yourselves. Congratulations to you all:

- Sp. Rachel Ashton from Southern Star Speaking Club 63
- Sp. Frank Marshall from Cambridge Speaking Club 34
- Sp. Luke Matthews from Northern Suburbs Club 2230
- Sp. Madlen Kratz from West Perth Club 19
- Sp. Derek Sparkes from The Constitutional Club 33 and
- Fmn Susan L'Herpinere from Canning Speakers Club 50.

Congratulations to the winner of the final, Freeman Susan L'Herpinere, and best of luck competing in the Sidney Wicks National Final representing WA at the Australian Rostrum Council Conference in Brisbane in July! You will be able to hear us cheering you on all the way from WA!

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Freeman Bill Smith, winner of the National Sidney Wicks competition in 1988. Bill sponsored the WA Sidney Wicks trophy and presented it to Susan on winning the WA final.

Sidney Wicks Final cont'd



Rachel Ashton, Club 63



Frank Marshall, Club 34



Luke Matthews, Club 2230



Madlen Kratz, Club 19



Derek Sparkees, Club 33

If the Sidney Wicks competition inspired you – don't wait for the next one in 6 to 8 years! Instead enter this year's Arthur Garvey Speaker of the Year competition and hone your speaking skills by competing in WA's premier speaking event.

*Patricia Watts, Sidney Wicks Co-ordinator
(Photos courtesy of Club 19)*

**THE 2017 ARTHUR GARVEY
SPEAKER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION
IS NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES
SEE PAGES 4&5 OF THIS ISSUE**



From the President

The Sidney Wicks final was a most enjoyable evening at the Metro Hotel in South Perth and congratulations to the winner Freeman Susan L'Herpinere who will now compete in the national final in late July.

Club 19 arranged a great occasion – good food and company and inspiring speeches – and we thank them.

Another special happening was the 2000th meeting of the Cambridge Speakers (Club 34) on Friday 16 June. Club 34 has always been one of the strong clubs in Perth and is particularly good at hosting fun events. With Freeman David Price in the chair we knew we were in for a lot of laughs as well as some thought-provoking speeches, and we got them. Our state Secretary, Director of Training and Voice of Youth Coordinator are all members of Club 34.

Going one better – this week Canning Speakers Club (Club 50) is celebrating its 2100th meeting and I look forward to that. It's a busy week with the Dais AGM meeting on Friday evening and the final of the Rostrum WA Voice of Youth competition on Saturday afternoon.

Now that many boring administrative matters – banking and insurance and the like – have been sorted out by the Executive we are hoping to focus on more exciting and long-term objectives. As always, our major wish is to increase membership.

Every member can play their part in this, both by spreading the word – still a valuable method of advertising – and by attending meetings and contributing as much as possible. If you have a great idea that will enhance your club's programme, speak up and suggest it to your programme director.

While it is important to get visitors in the door, they have to want to stay and they will only do that if there are a good number of members present and they are treated to a lively and inspiring meeting.

Freeman Sue Hart, President, Rostrum WA
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CRITICS' TRAINING COURSE

Are you thinking of becoming a Critic? If you are interested in becoming a Critic you only need to have been a Rostrum member for a year and have completed your PDP.

Any member interested in seeing what is involved in becoming and being a Critic is also welcome to attend.

Are you currently an accredited Critic and need a refresher?

We are including an intensive What, Why, How and Show workshop for the first two hours of the course if you want to brush up on this, so why not come along on the first Saturday.

Take the challenge and come along to the first Critics' training Course for 2017. Be trained by THE BEST Critics in WA!

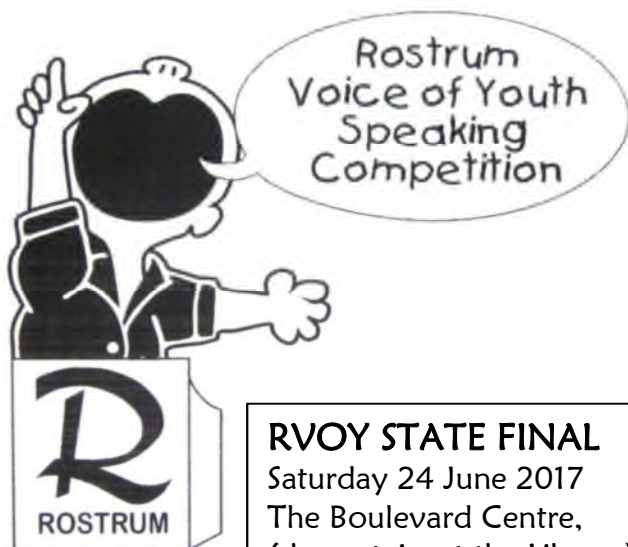
DATES: Saturday 1 July and Saturday 15 July 2017

TIME: 9.15am to 3.30pm

VENUE: to be advised

RSVP: Essential by Monday 26 June 2017 to the Rostrum Information Centre ric@rostrumwa.com.au.

MORE INFO: Ruurd Speelman on 0408 415 922 or ryspeelman@bigpond.com.



RVOY STATE FINAL

Saturday 24 June 2017
The Boulevard Centre,
(downstairs at the Library)
99 The Boulevard,
Floreat
12.30 pm start

Coming up in ...

JUNE

- 23 **Dais Reps Meeting and AGM**
6.30 pm for 7 pm start
Wembley Community Centre
40 Alexander St, Wembley
- 24 **Final of Rostrum Voice of Youth Speaking Competition**
12.30 pm
The Boulevard Centre (downstairs at Library)
99 The Boulevard, Floreat

JULY

- 1 **Critics Training Course Part 1**
9.15 am to 3.30 pm
Venue to be advised
Register with RIC by 26 June
More details opposite
- 7 **Deadline for copy for July *Informer***
- 15 **Critics Training Course Part 2**
9.15 am to 3.30 pm
- 20 **Dais Exec Meeting**
6.30 pm
Wembley Community Centre
40 Alexander St, Wembley
- 21 **Closing date for entries in the 2017 AGSOY Speaking Competition**
Details on the next page

Information and course registration:

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Thank you for your contributions to this issue. Please send me your notices, stories, pictures and articles for the July issue by Friday 7 July.

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THANK YOU

My sincere thanks to
Freeman Tony Lightman
Guest Editor Extraordinaire
for stepping in to produce the May issue of
the *Rostrum Informer*. A sterling job!

Tony, please let me know if you get an urge
to wield the big red pen again 😊

Rose



2017 ARTHUR GARVEY SPEAKER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

THE COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN

First Prize of \$500 and Runner-up prize of \$250

Topics for HEATS and SEMI-FINALS

My first grey hair

Whistleblowing

A cold front

Forbidden fruit

Just a minute

Tough times

Speech timing is 8 minutes with a warning bell at 6 minutes

HEATS will be held 21 – 31 August

SEMI-FINALS will be held 26 – 29 September

Speech Topics for the Final will be announced after the Semis
Speech timing for Final is 10 minutes with a warning bell at 8 minutes

*Speeches for the Final must be all new material
and not include parts of a speech used in the Heats or Semi-Finals*

FINAL

Saturday 18 November

Lake Karrinyup Country Club

\$20 per entrant to cover administration costs and prize money
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY 21 JULY 2017



AGSOY 2017 COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Club Number:

Preferred day/time of day for heats:

Payment: \$20 per entrant to cover administration costs and prize money

Preferred Payment Method is via Direct Deposit to Rostrum WA's bank account:

Westpac Bank BSB: 036-080

Account Name: Rostrum Western Australia Inc.

Account Number: 612932

Please use your **Surname** and **Club number** as payment identifier

EMAIL your Entry Form and direct deposit receipt to 15rostrum@gmail.com

or

POST your Entry Form and cheque made payable to **Rostrum Western Australia Inc.**

to

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For more information please contact the AGSOY Coordinators at Club 15 via email:

15rostrum@gmail.com.

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