



## **AUSTRALIAN ROSTRUM (A.C.T. DAIS) INC.**

**PATRON: The Speaker of the A.C.T. Legislative Assembly**

### **PRIMARY SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

#### **GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS HOSTING**

#### **THE QUARTER FINAL AND SEMI FINAL COMPETITIONS**

##### **Preparation:**

The participating schools should advise the host school of the speakers representing their schools, and their topics, at least 3 days before the event.

If you have not received the advice by that time, please contact the schools.

(Some schools prepare a program. If you do, and wish to list students in order, the order must be drawn by a ballot.)

##### **Setup:**

You will need to provide seating for up to 40 visitors for quarter finals and 50 for semi-finals. The visitors comprise the students participating, their parents and friends, and teachers.

At the back, behind the visitors, we need tables and chairs for the 3 Rostrum adjudicators.

The school usually provides a student chairman or two students that share the role of chairman.

In addition, the school usually provides a student who will be time keeper. They need a chair and table to the side where they can be seen and heard by the speakers. Rostrum will provide a bell and stop-watch for the time keeper.

The school's speaker may attend (and may be a chairman or time keeper) but they do not participate in the competition held at their school.

##### **Timing:**

The competitions starts at 7.00 pm. Speakers speak for 3 minutes with a warning bell at 2 minutes. The Rostrum co-ordinator usually announces this at the beginning of the competition (although it may be announced by the student chairman).

The student chairman introduces each speaker and their topic.

After all speakers have spoken, the adjudicators will withdraw to another room to deliberate.

This is a good time (as well as when people arrive) to serve supper if the school has prepared it. (There is no requirement to serve supper. The Cooma competition is in the Ex-Services Club and supper is not provided, despite the long distance travelled by those from Jindabyne and Threadbo.) There are only 2 speakers who go to the next level. Although we try to encourage students, many students and parents are disappointed and do not stay for supper if it is served after the results are announced.

The Rostrum co-ordinator will conclude the competition by handing out the awards and announcing the results.