

SA ROSTRUM Speaker Of The Year Contest

The Speaker of the Year is identified through an open contest between members. Six finalists compete with one another in presenting a ten minute prepared speech and a three minute short notice speech.

The Freeman Jack Gerard Trophy is awarded to the most effective speaker for the year.

Winners of the Freeman Jack Gerard Prize

(Year / Club / Winner)

1960	3	Arnold Schrape	1990	25	Brian Day
1961	1	Roy Grubb	1991	3	Terry Anderson
1962	14	Bob Sanders	1992	18	Philip Close
1963	5	Jim Barber	1993	30	Pierre Fennech
1964	5	Harry Weaver	1994	22	Philip Ellidge
1965	1	Neville Roach	1995	30	Les Laub
1966	9	John Perry	1996	1	Matthew Page-Hannify
1967	1	Bill Rennison	1997	20	Terry Boswell
1968		No Contest	1998	20	Terry Boswell
1969	8	Peter Budden	1999	10	Don Gillespie
1970	8	David Pill	2000	26	Mel Tickle
1971	3	Bruce Thompson	2001	22	Rachel Thompson
1972	6	David McGowan	2002	9	David McGowan
1973	8	Max Smith	2003	20	Tracey Korsten
1974	6	Tom Watson	2004	1	Ian Drummond
1975	21	Ray Highcock	2005	9	Mike Hopkins
1976	21	Brian Astill	2006	18	Maureen Bourke
1977	2	Gerry Greenway	2007	9	Mike Hopkins
1977	11	Mike Connolly	2008	1	Paul Wilkins
1978	21	Philip Close	2009	10	Ron Johnson
1979	3	Jim Dunne	2010	18	Patrick Bourke
1980	23	John Capel	2011	1	David Speirs
1981	3	Tony van Kalken	2012	1	David Speirs
1982	10	Gerald Hinton	2013	1	Sam Drummond
1983	6	Spencer Mensforth	2014	1	Paul Wilkins
1984	4	Jim Flatt	2015	1	Sam Drummond
1985	19	Ron Johnson	2016	20	Tracey Korsten
1986	21	Chris Beales	2017	20	Tracey Korsten
1987	4	Jim Flatt	2018	18	Phil Davis
1988	12	Vene Tomlinson	2019	22	Mithun Nagalingompillai Subha
1989	18	Wayne Groom			

Winners of the Speaker of the Decade Contest

Year	Club	Year	Club		
1980	Fmn David Pill	8	1999	Fmn Philip Close	11
1990	Fmn Bene Tomlinson	12			0