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Speech & Drama	20th May - 21st May	Pages 17-19
	23rd May - 24th May	20 -23
Grand Concert	15th June at 2.00pm	6

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**2024
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SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2024

2.00 PM

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Winners' names may be made public in the local media.

Competitors in this Eisteddfod participate at their own risk.

Teachers should ensure that all copyright matters are in order.

Differences in the size of the trophies are because some trophies are from private donors and others given by the Taree and District Eisteddfod Society Inc. in accordance with the resources available to the Society.

All cash awards will be accompanied by a certificate.

Perpetual trophies will no longer be taken home by the successful winner but they may have their photo taken with it then returned to the Committee.

Successful Competitors are asked to cash their vouchers as soon as possible after the Eisteddfod.

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SPECIAL AWARDS AVAILABLE TO SECTIONS OF THE EISTEDDFOD

ROMA LIGGINS PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP

One competitor from each section of the Eisteddfod will be chosen by the Adjudicators for this Scholarship. The Management Committee shall choose one competitor as the winner of this award. This is a cash award of \$2500.00. The result will be announced at the Grand Concert.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships of \$500.00 have been donated by Stacks Finance, EIRE Constructions, Taree Literary Institute and Library, Mayo Private Hospital Taree and Midcoast Council to sections of the Eisteddfod. Such Scholarships are chosen by the Adjudicators and presented at the Grand Concert.

EISTEDDFOD SCHOLARSHIPS

There will be Scholarships for the Dance section of the Eisteddfod. This will not be a cash award, but will be payment towards the successful competitors to attend Summer Schools.

MIDCOAST COUNCIL, MCDONALDS AND ROTARY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

Midcoast Council, McDonalds Family Restaurants Taree and Rotary Club of Taree have donated an amount of money to be used in the form of Encouragement Awards across all sections of the Eisteddfod. To be chosen by the Adjudicators.

SMILE SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of \$1000 Smile Scholarships will be made available to very talented competitors to help further their careers and awarded by the Adjudicators. Thanks to Nundoobah Retreat, Rotary Club of Taree, McDonalds and Mayo Private Hospital for providing additional Smile Scholarships.

CLARE SQUIRES "HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS SCHOLARSHIP"

This award of \$1000.00 to a Dance School for use in improving their School. In memory of Mrs Clare Squires.

**The Taree and District Eisteddfod Society Inc. is a proud member of
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Taree & District Eisteddfod BUILDING THE SMILE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

"Can you please give a \$250.00 Smile?"

And have your name forever acknowledged in our Annual Program

- ☺ A "Smile" is a one-off \$250.00 Donation to the *Smile Scholarship* Fund
- ☺ You then become a Founding Lifetime Member
- ☺ This Fund provides Scholarships to talented entrants at our annual Eisteddfod
- ☺ The winners are chosen by the Adjudicators
- ☺ ALL Eisteddfod competitors are eligible to win
- ☺ The Scholarship value to each winner is \$1000
- ☺ Your support will create opportunities for winners to lift their talents to the next level
- ☺ This is a Community effort facilitated by the Taree & District Eisteddfod
- ☺ As the Fund grows so can the number of Scholarships awarded
- ☺ As many as possible *Smile Scholarships* to be awarded annually (minimum 10)

Some Testimonials from Smile Scholarship Winners:

"I now have the opportunity to access further learning and performance experiences with winning a "Smile".
It has boosted my ambitions even further."

"The *Smile Scholarship* enabled me to audition for the Australian Ballet School. Without this Scholarship I would not have been able to audition."

"I have used the money to help purchase a new piano. This Scholarship has made my wish come true - a big thank you to all Contributors for your generosity."

"I was accepted to attend the Australian Institute of Music and completed a workshop for musical theatre. I was also able to pay for private singing tuition with a leading teacher in Sydney."

"I have enrolled for the Sydney Dance Company Winter Workshop for extra dance tuition to improve my dancing. Thank you for the opportunity the *Smile Scholarship* has given me."

"I would like to extend my gratitude to the Smile Scholarship for enabling me to attend a week's tuition and accommodation at NIDA, where I learnt a great deal about acting and now I am at University studying what I love."

"I am extremely proud to have been selected for a *Smile Scholarship* and to have the opportunity to improve my musical knowledge. I will be forever grateful."

"The *Smile Scholarship* helped me fulfill one of my dreams, being a featured soloist in an annual variety concert. Thank you for helping me live one dream and aim for the next dream."

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Future Smile Scholarship Winners thank you for your generosity

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RILEY BROWN - 2023 Roma Liggins Perpetual Scholarship Winner

Our 2023 Roma Liggins Perpetual Scholarship was awarded to Riley Brown for his continual outstanding performances across both Instrumental and Piano Sections of the Taree and District Eisteddfod.

Riley began playing in the Eisteddfod at age 7 performing in 6 sections achieving first place in every one. Since that time Riley had performed in Concert Band, solo clarinet, Jazz Band, digital piano and classical piano winning a number of Championship and Scholarship awards including three Smile Scholarships, competing in as many as 24 sections during the year. Riley was awarded many placings across classical, jazz and pop genres.

"The Eisteddfod has been the best opportunity for practicing my performance skills and learning to cope with the demands of playing as a soloist. It encourages a competitor to explore music of different genres and to play also as an ensemble member."

Riley's three Smile Scholarship funds were invested into his music studies including master classes, attendance at music camps and lessons with Sydney Conservatorium Tutors, opening doors to opportunities on even larger stages.

"The confidence and skills I learnt across 10 years at the Eisteddfod prepared me for my yearly music exams, and helped me achieve positions in ensembles that performed at a number of concert venues around Australia including the Sydney Opera House."

"I would encourage any young musician to compete as much as they can at the Eisteddfod. The more you do the better you become at handling the anxieties that come with performing. It doesn't get easier, but you learn how to cope with it, and you are less likely to do a performance that is affected by your nerves."

"But the best part is sharing your music with other musicians your age who live around you, and sometime making connections with people from outside the area. We learn from each other. It's a safe and supportive place to practice performance craft."

After winning his Piano Championship last year and taking home the Roma Liggins Perpetual Scholarship, Riley has decided to not compete in 2024 and focus on his HSC studies and change his focus to playing bass guitar across the local live music scene.

"I'm ready to explore some new avenues of performance. But I'll miss the Eisteddfod. The friendships I made were with people who loved music in the same way I did. Thank you to everyone involved in putting the Eisteddfod together not just for the last 10 years but forever. My mum, and my brothers and sisters grew up performing in this event also. It takes a great deal of effort and sponsorship, and a year of preparation. You're all amazing."

Thank you,
Riley Brown"



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Special Awards

THE DENVA BIRD MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE MOST PROMISING PERFORMER.

A \$250 cash award will be awarded to the competitor judged by the adjudicator to be the most promising performer in the Speech and Drama Section of this year's eisteddfod.

ROMA LIGGINS SCHOLARSHIP

A \$2500 scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding competitor in the 2024 eisteddfod. One competitor will be chosen by the adjudicator from each of the six sections. The committee will then choose the successful competitor. Their name will be announced at the Grand Concert.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship of \$500 will be given to a talented competitor in the Speech and Drama section who has been nominated by the adjudicator but has not won the Roma Liggins Scholarship.

TAREE ARTS COUNCIL AWARD FOR A PROMISING PERFORMER 12 YRS & UNDER

A \$50 cash award and trophy will be awarded to a competitor 12 years or under judged by the adjudicator to be showing potential as a Speech and Drama performer. This award is funded by Taree Arts Council.

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

An eisteddfod award of two \$50 cash prizes is given to one female and one male performer who are judged to be outstanding in a duologue or group.

Encouragement awards of \$20 for each age group will be made available throughout this year's Speech and Drama Section donated by McDonalds.

Mid Coast Council donates a \$50 encouragement award.

A \$20 award for the Most Memorable Performance donated by Charlotte Wilkins

All special awards are made by the adjudicator.

SMILE SCHOLARSHIPS

These will be available throughout the sections of the eisteddfod to be used for further tuition or workshops. They will be awarded by the adjudicator.

Monday 20th May

10.00am

PRELIMINARY DEBATING ROUNDS

YEARS 9 & 10

- 1 Manning Valley Anglican College A vs Manning Valley Anglican College B
Prep: 10.00 am – 11.00 am Debate: 11.00am – 11.45 am
Manning Valley Anglican College C – bye

15 MINUTE BREAK

YEAR 7

- 3 Manning Valley Anglican College A vs Manning Valley Anglican College B
Prep 11.00 am – 12.00 pm Debate 12.00 pm – 12.30 pm.
4 Manning Valley Anglican College C vs Mid Coast Christian College
Prep 11.30 pm – 12.30 pm Debate 12,30 pm – 1.00 pm

YEARS 9 & 10 SEMI FINAL


- 5 Winner of 1 vs Manning Valley Anglican College C
Prep: 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm Debate: 1.00 pm – 1.45 pm

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Section 824 DRAMATIC DUOLOGUE

Years 9 & 10

- 1 Summer Brookes and Madeleine Saggars-Paniague (T)
- 2 Lauryn Coulson and Maya Gardner (T)
- 3 Eden Harrison and Willow McNeil (T)
- 4 Matilda Hurst and Emily Prior (T)
- 5 Isabella Pecnik and Lara Griffen (T)
- 6 Emery Ingram and Amelia-Jane Brady (T)
- 7 Lara Griffen and Indah Pattern (T)

Section 809 INTERMEDIATE HIGH PLAY BUILDING

Years 9 & 10

Time limit 10 minutes

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| 1 Stagemites C | 2 Stagemites D |
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PRIMARY PRELIMINARY DEBATING ROUND

(Coach is allowed to be with the team for 30 minutes)

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| 1 Manning Valley Anglican College A
Prep 10.00 am – 11.00 am
Manning Valley Anglican College C -bye | vs Manning Valley Anglican College B
Debate 11.00 am – 11.30 am. |
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YEAR 7 FINAL

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| 2 Winner of 3 on Monday
Prep 10.00 am – 11.00 am | vs Winner of 4 on Monday
Debate 11.00am – 11.30.am |
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15 MINUTE BREAK

YEAR 8 FINAL

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| 3 Mid Coast Christian College
Prep: 10.45 am – 11.45 am | vs Manning Valley Anglican College
Debate: 11.45 am – 12.15 pm |
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YEARS 9 & 10 FINAL

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| 4 Winner of 1 on Monday
Prep 11.15 am – 12.15 pm | vs Winner of 5 on Monday
Debate 12,15 – 1.00 pm. |
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PRIMARY FINAL

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| 5 Winner of 1
Prep 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm | vs Manning Valley Anglican College C
Debate 1.00 pm – 1.30 pm |
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Section 808 HIGH PLAY BUILDING

Years 7 & 8

Time limit 10 minutes A

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| 1 Stagemites E | 3 Stagemites G |
| 2 Stagemites F | |

Section 814 JUNIOR HIGH UNSCRIPTED DRAMA

Years 7 & 8

Time limit 2 minutes

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| 1 Stagemites H | 3 Stagemites J |
| 2 Stagemites I | 4 Stagemites K |

Section 806 ONE ACT PLAY INTERMEDIATE HIGH**Years 9 & 10****Time limit 10 minutes**

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| 1 Wingham High Y9 | 2 Stagemites 7/8 |
| 3 Stagemites B 11/12 | |

Section 810 SENIOR HIGH PLAY BUILDING**Years 11 & 12****Time limit 10 minutes**

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Wingham High A | 3 Bulahdelah Central |
| 2 Wingham High B | 4 Wingham High C |

Section 816 SENIOR HIGH UNSCRIPTED DRAMA**Years 11 & 12****Time limit 2 minutes**

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| 1 Taree High A | 7 Taree High E |
| 2 Wingham High 11A | 8 Bulahdelah Central |
| 3 Taree High B | 9 Wingham High 11C |
| 4 Taree High C | 10 Taree High F |
| 5 Wingham High 11B | 11 Wingham High Y12 |
| 6 Taree High D | |

Section 907 NOVICE DRAMATIC EXCERPT**Years 11 & 12****Time limit 6 minutes**

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Lorelei Genner (BCS) | 5 Simone Miller (BCS) |
| 2 Taree High A | 6 Cally Aberhart (BCS) |
| 3 Hannah Bailie-angeles (BCS) | 7 Kaylan O'Keefe (T) |
| 4 Taree High B | |

Section 906 NOVICE DRAMATIC EXCERPT**Years 9 & 10****Time limit 5 minutes**

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| 1 Anwar Alj (WHS) | 5 Finn Loretan (WHS) |
| 2 Annabelle Ross (WHS) | 6 Alicia Goodlad (WHS) |
| 3 Emma Letheran (WHS) | 7 Bonnie Macdonald (WHS) |
| 4 Joshua Masters (WHS) | 8 Liam Hoare (WHS) |
| 5 Annabelle Starr (THS) | 9 Samanyha Hollis (THS) |

Section 815 INTERMEDIATE HIGH UNSCRIPTED DRAMA**Years 9 & 10****Time limit 2 minutes**

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| 1 Taree High A | 7 Wingham High Y10C |
| 2 Wingham High Y10 A | 8 Wingham High Y9B |
| 3 Taree High B | 9 Stagemites L |
| 4 Wingham High Y9A | 10 Stagemites M |
| 5 Taree High C | 11 Stagemites N |
| 6 Wingham High Y10B | |

Section 904 DRAMATIC EXCERPT
Time limit 3 minutes

12 years & under

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Charlee Wilson (MIPS) | 2 Esme Jones (MIPS) |
| 3 Isla Ruttley (T) | 4 Olivia Hockham (T) |

Section 905 DRAMATIC EXCERPT
Time limit 3 minutes

14 years & under

- 1 Amelia-Jane Bradie (T)

Section 902 CHARACTER RECITAL IN COSTUME
Time limit 3 minutes

10 years & under

- 1 Charlotte Wilkins (PM)

Section 822 DRAMATIC DUOLOGUE
Time limit 3 minutes

12 years & under

- 1 Charlee Wilson and Esme Jones (MIPS)
- 2 Zachary Fernance and Elliot Johnston (T)
- 3 Elijah Chambers-Browning and Nadia Chambers-Browning (T)
- 4 Emma Liefting and Sienna Lapu-an (T)



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Section 823 DRAMATIC DUOLOGUE**Years 7 & 8**

- 1 Riley Mc Connell and Thomas Jobson (T)
 - 2 Heidi Webb and Abbey William- Currie (T)
 - 3 Sebastian Williamson-Currie and Adam Rees (T)
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Section 921 VERSE SPEAKING**10/12 years & under****Time limit 3 minutes**

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Charlotte Wilkins (PM) | 3 Isla Ruttley (T) |
| 2 Saxon Seach (MIPS) | 4 Olivia Hockham (T) |
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Section 922 VERSE SPEAKING**14 years & under****Time limit 3 minutes**

- 1 Amelia-Jane Bradie (T)
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Section 935 AUSTRALIAN VERSE SOLO**14 years & under****Time limit 3 minutes**

- 1 Amelia-Jane Bradie (T)
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Section 934 AUSTRALIAN VERSE SOLO**10/12 years & under****Time limit 3 minutes**

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Charlotte Wilkins (PM) | 3 Isla Ruttley (T) |
| 2 Saxon Seach (MIPS) | 4 Olivia Hockham (T) |
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Section 957 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**12 years & under****(A) Section 921 VERSE SPEAKING 10/12 years & under (as above)****Time limit 3 minutes****(B) Section 921 AUSTRALIAN VERSE SOLO 10/12 years & under (as above)****Time limit 3 minutes**

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Charlotte Wilkins (PM) | 3 Isla Ruttley (T) |
| 2 Saxon Seach (MIPS) | 4 Olivia Hockham (T) |
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Section 932 HUMOROUS RECITATION**18 years & under****Time limit 3 minutes**

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|---|------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Amelia-Jane Bradie (T) | 2 | Kaylan O'Keefe (T) |
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Section 924 VERSE SPEAKING SOLO**18 years & under****Time 3 minutes**

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|---|------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Darcy Seach (MI) | 2 | Kaylan O'Keefe (T) |
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Section 907 DRAMATIC EXCERPT**18 years & under****Time limit 6 minutes**

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| 1 | Myarh Kesby (WHS) | 4 | Darcy Seach (MI) |
| 2 | Erik Waldron (WHS) | 5 | Kaylan O'Keefe (T) (Shakespearean) |
| 3 | Amelia Paton (WHS) | | |

Section 936 AUSTRALIAN VERSE SOLO**18 years & under**

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|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Amelia Paton (WHS) | 3 | Darcy Seach (MI) |
| 2 | Erik Waldron (WHS) | 4 | Kaylan O'Keefe (T) |

Section 960 SENIOR DRAMATIC CHAMPIONSHIP**18 years & under****(A) Section 907 DRAMATIC EXCERPT 18 years & under (as above)****Time limit 6 minutes****(B) Section 936 AUSTRALIAN VERSE SOLO 18 years & under (as above)**

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|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Amelia Paton (WHS) | 3 | Darcy Seach (MI) |
| 2 | Erik Waldron (WHS) | 4 | Kaylan O'Keefe (T) |

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