

THE AINGER PECK PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD 2019



The Final of the **Ainger Peck Public Speaking Award** was held at the Amora Hotel Riverwalk in Richmond on Monday 20 May 2019. At this dinner the audience of 100 people was treated to ten excellent presentations from a group of talented young speakers from years 7 to 12. The finalists were from nine schools with the winner being **Harrison Huber** a year 10 student from Mentone Grammar School who received \$400, an inscribed Winner's Medallion and his name on the perpetual Ainger Peck Trophy. Harrison is the first student to win the Trophy twice. **Mason Hose** from Footscray City College was runner up receiving \$300, and **Emma Gare** from Aliva College was third receiving \$200. **Jasmine Stern** from Lauriston Girls' School and **Nicole Hurst** from Canterbury Girls' Secondary College shared the Rotary Club of Melbourne Park's Encouragement Award prize of \$125.

This year was the 30th anniversary of the competition and it was renamed the **Ainger Peck Public Speaking Award** in recognition of the outstanding contribution made by the late Rotarian Nigel Peck AM to the development and success of the Award. Since its inception over 1,800 students have participated in this competition which concentrates on the effective delivery of the spoken word, with a lesser concentration on the argument presented or matter. It is open to students from interested schools in the Melbourne metropolitan area and this year 92 students from 38 schools contested the four heats in the Lyceum at Melbourne Girls' College. The heats were of a high standard and gave the adjudication panel a difficult task to choose the ten finalists. All entrants however benefitted from the experience of speaking in front of an unfamiliar audience on a topic of their own choice and receiving constructive feedback and guidance from our experienced adjudicators. All students who entered receive a certificate acknowledging their participation in the Award.

To the schools that entered thank you for your participation and support of the **Ainger Peck Public Speaking Award** this year. We hope your students enjoyed and benefitted from the experience. Note this competition is conducted and hosted jointly by the **Rotary Club of Richmond** and the **Rotary Club of Melbourne Park**.

We look forward to your participation in 2020 which will be the 31st **Ainger Peck Public Speaking Award**. If you require any further information please contact me on 9499 2280 or 0437 232 880 or email: bhosking@bigpond.net.au

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