

THE AINGER PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD 2017



The Final of the **Ainger Public Speaking Award** was held at the Amora Hotel Riverwalk in Richmond on Monday 22 May 2017. At this dinner the audience of 105 people were treated to ten excellent presentations from a group of talented young speakers from years 9 to 12. The finalists were from eight schools with the winner being **Marietta Stents** a year 9 student from Genazzano FCJ College who received \$400, an inscribed Winner's Medallion and her name on the perpetual Ainger Trophy. **Lilian Gonzalez** from Melbourne Girls' College was runner up receiving \$300 and **Miles Norris** from Yarra Valley Grammar was third receiving \$200. **Samuel Chilcott** from St Leonard's College won the Rotary Club of Melbourne Park's Encouragement Award receiving \$125.

This year was the **28th Ainger Public Speaking Award** and since its inception over 1,600 students have participated in this competition which has a good reputation in the secondary school community. It is open to students from interested schools in the Melbourne metropolitan area and this year 80 students from 33 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 Public Speaking Award** this year. We hope your students enjoyed 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 2018 which will be the **29th Ainger 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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The Winners



First Prize – Marietta Stents



Runner Up – Lilian Gonzalez
with President Mark Dwyer (Richmond)

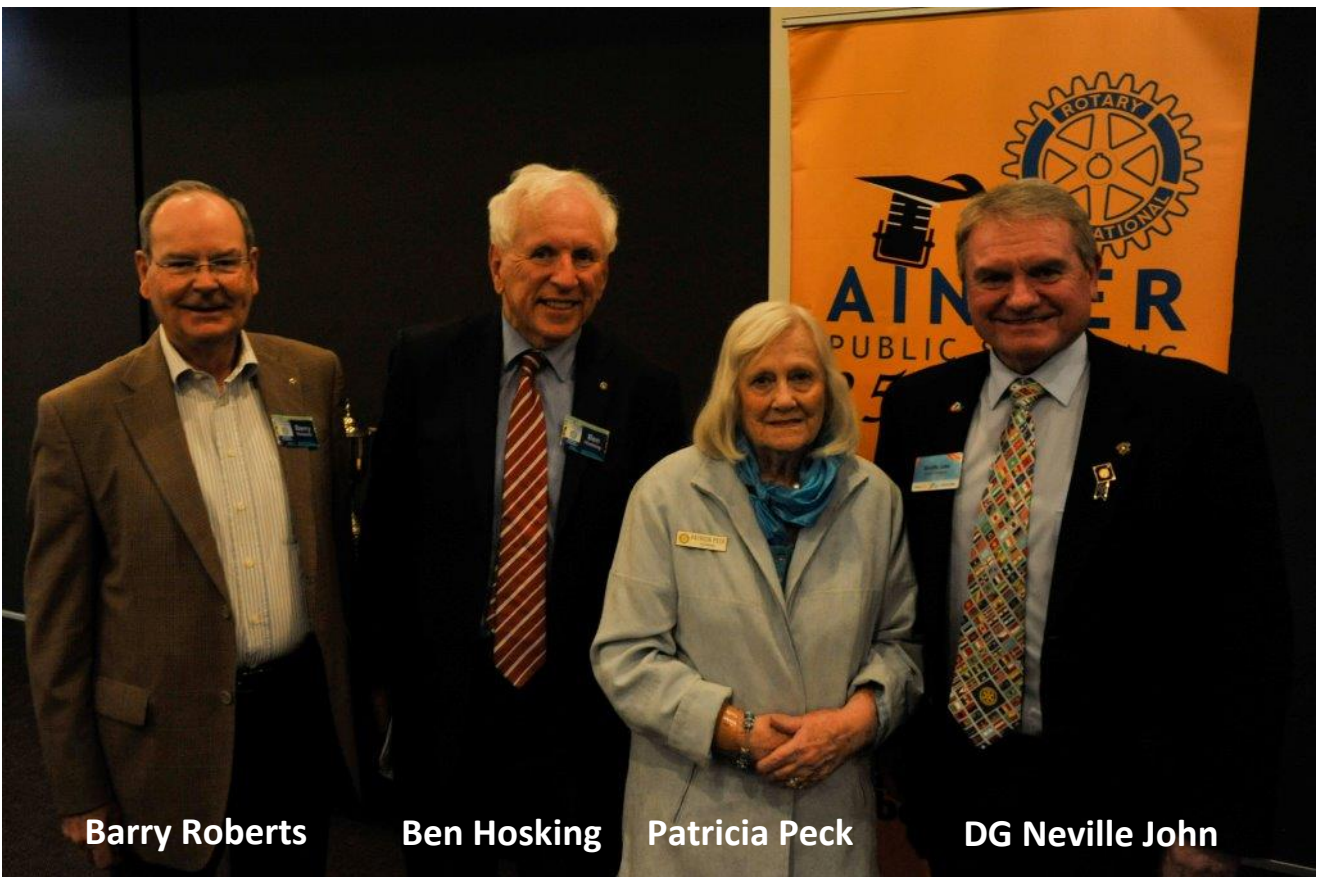


Third Prize – Miles Norris



Encouragement Award – Samuel Chilcott
with President Amanda Wendt (Melbourne Park)

The Finalists



Barry Roberts

Ben Hosking

Patricia Peck

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