



Australian National **Eisteddfod**

SPEECH AND DRAMA

19-20 September 2026

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2026 Adjudicator BRENDAN ATKINS



Brendan Atkins is an experienced Speech & Drama practitioner and improviser with extensive performance and teaching credentials. He holds a Performers Diploma and Teachers Licentiate in Speech & Drama and serves as an Examiner for the IMEB. A NSW Theatresports Cranston Cup Finalist (2016), Brendan is also a two-time Improv Comedy Cagefight Champion (2023, 2024) and has performed in Impro Australia's Celebrity Theatre Sports (2024, 2025). He recently performed in the original production Kingdom of Fools, which enjoyed sold-out seasons at the Sydney Fringe Festival (2025) and Adelaide Fringe (2026)

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

POETRY

9:30 AM P01 6 Years and Under Poetry Recital Solo

Own choice memorised verse/poem recital

Time limit: 02:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM Certificate

- 1 Augustus Hutchinson

P02 8 Years and Under Poetry Recital Solo

Own choice memorised verse/poem recital

Time limit: 02:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM Certificate

- 1 Ronit Harjai
- 2 Kanhaee Bhide
- 3 Arnav Venkat
- 4 Emmeline Le
- 5 Anaisha Gulati-Maurya

P03 10 years and under Poetry Recital Solo

Own choice memorised verse/poem recital

Time limit: 03:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM Certificate

- 1 Natalie Harjai
- 2 Harriet Roantree
- 3 Frankie Strahorn
- 4 Mabel Hutchinson
- 5 Vani Pala
- 6 Ava Saldi
- 7 Myrah Yadav

P04 12 years and under Poetry Recital Solo

Own choice memorised verse/poem recital

Time limit: 04:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$25, 2nd Certificate & \$15, 3rd Certificate & \$10, HM Certificate

- 1 Amelia Khan
- 2 Aerin Varley
- 3 Leena Kermali
- 4 Abigail Chan
- 5 Abbie Nunes
- 6 Matisse Miles
- 7 Rachael Nguyen

P05 14 years and under Poetry Recital Solo

Own choice memorised verse/poem recital



Time limit: 04:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$40, 2nd Certificates & \$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Isabella Campbell
- 2 Molly Mackenzie

P06 16 years and under Poetry Recital Solo

Own choice memorised verse/poem recital

Time limit: 05:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$40, 2nd Certificates & \$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Tabitha Campbell
- 2 Simran Pala

P07 10 years and under Poetry Recital Duet

Own choice memorised verse/poem recital - 2 performers

Time limit: 03:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM Certificate

- 1 Ava Saldi & Liyana Basnayake

P08 12 years and under Poetry Recital Duet

Own choice memorised verse/poetry recital by 2 performers together

Time limit: 04:00

Awards: 1st Certificate, 2nd Certificate, 3rd Certificate, HC Certificate

- 1 Leena Kermali & Vani Pala
- 2 Abbie Nunes & Rachael Nguyen

MORNING TEA • 11:20 AM–11:40 AM (20 minutes)

PROSE

11:40 AM P10 8 Years and under Prose Recital Solo

Own choice memorised prose recital

Time limit: 02:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM Certificate

- 1 Ronit Harjai
- 2 Kanhaee Bhide
- 3 Arnav Venkat
- 4 William Tippetts
- 5 Emmeline Le

P11 10 years and under Prose Recital Solo

Own choice memorised prose recital

Time limit: 03:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM Certificate

- 1 Natalie Harjai
- 2 Vani Pala
- 3 Ava Saldi

P12 12 years and under Prose Recital Solo

Own choice memorised prose recital

Time limit: 04:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$25, 2nd Certificate & \$15, 3rd Certificate & \$10, HM Certificate

- 1 Daniel Phillips
- 2 Aerin Varley
- 3 Abigail Chan
- 4 Abbie Nunes
- 5 Matisse Miles



P13 14 years and under Prose Recital Solo

Own choice memorised prose recital

Time limit: 04:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$40, 2nd Certificates & \$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Olivia Phillips
- 2 Isabella Campbell
- 3 Molly Mackenzie
- 4 Maya Cottle
- 5 Elke Williams
- 6 Isabella Jiao

P14 16 years and under Prose Recital Solo

a. prose reading memorised from any work of fiction

Time limit: 06:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$40, 2nd Certificates & \$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Tabitha Campbell
- 2 Simran Pala

READING AT SIGHT

1:10 PM R01 10 years and under Reading at Sight Solo

A reading at sight from a piece given by the Adjudicator

Time limit: 02:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM Certificate

- 1 Natalie Harjai
- 2 Kanhaee Bhide
- 3 Mabel Hutchinson
- 4 Emmeline Le
- 5 Ava Saldi

R02 12 years and under Reading at Sight Solo

A reading at sight from a piece given by the Adjudicator

Time limit: 02:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$25, 2nd Certificate & \$15, 3rd Certificate & \$10, HM Certificate

- 1 Aerin Varley
- 2 Leena Kermali
- 3 Abigail Chan

R03 14 years and under Reading at Sight Solo

A reading at sight from a piece given by the Adjudicator

Time limit: 03:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$40, 2nd Certificates & \$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Olivia Phillips
- 2 Tabitha Paige

LUNCH • 1:30 PM–2:30 PM (60 minutes)

RELIGIOUS READING

2:30 PM R05 10 years and under Religious Reading Solo

Reading from a religious text

Time limit: 02:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM Certificate

- 1 Natalie Harjai
- 2 Frankie Strahorn



R06 12 years and under Religious Reading Solo

Reading from a religious text

Time limit: 03:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$25, 2nd Certificate & \$15, 3rd Certificate & \$10, HM Certificate

- 1 Leena Kermali

R07 14 years and under Religious Reading Solo

Reading from a religious text

Time limit: 03:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$40, 2nd Certificates & \$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Olivia Phillips

R08 16 years and under Religious Reading Solo

Reading from a religious text

Time limit: 04:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$40, 2nd Certificates & \$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Simran Pala

NEWS READING

R09 14 years and under News Reading Solo

A reading appropriate for radio of current news and events. Script to be self-devised

Time limit: 03:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$40, 2nd Certificates & \$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Olivia Phillips
- 2 Aerin Varley
- 3 Leena Kermali
- 4 Abigail Chan
- 5 Isabella Jiao

DRAMA

D01 8 Years and under Drama Solo

Character Solo - A memorised solo performance from an existing or a self-devised script, with appropriate movement. Props are to be kept to a minimum. Costumes are optional.

Time limit: 02:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medals, 3rd Medals

- 1 Kanhaee Bhide
- 2 Arnav Venkat
- 3 Emmeline Le

D02 10 years and under Drama Solo

Character Solo - A memorised solo performance from an existing or a self-devised script, with appropriate movement. Props are to be kept to a minimum. Costumes are optional.

Time limit: 03:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM Certificate

- 1 Natalie Harjai
- 2 Vani Pala

D03 12 years and under Drama Solo

Character Solo - A memorised solo performance from an existing or a self-devised script, with appropriate movement. Props are to be kept to a minimum. Costumes are optional.



Time limit: 04:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$25, 2nd Certificate & \$15, 3rd Certificate & \$10, HM Certificate

- 1 Daniel Phillips
- 2 Amelia Khan
- 3 Aerin Varley
- 4 Leena Kermali

AFTERNOON TEA • 3:50 PM–4:10 PM (20 minutes)

4:10 PM D04 14 years and under Drama Solo

Character Solo - A memorised solo performance from an existing or a self-devised script, with appropriate movement. Props are to be kept to a minimum. Costumes are optional.

Time limit: 04:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$40, 2nd Certificates & \$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Olivia Phillips
- 2 Charlotte Eurell
- 3 Elke Williams
- 4 Tabitha Paige

D05 16 years and under Drama Solo

Character Solo - A memorised solo performance from an existing or a self-devised script, with appropriate movement. Props are to be kept to a minimum. Costumes are optional.

Time limit: 06:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$40, 2nd Certificates & \$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Harper Warmerdam

D06 14 years and under Drama Group

A memorised group performance of a piece from an existing script or poem or self-devised script or poem. Time limit 8 minutes including setting and striking of basic props

Time limit: 07:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM Certificate

- 1 Tilly Thomas-Crewdson & Liv Smith
- 2 Trunchbull and Student

D08 10 years and under Drama - Improvisation Solo

A solo improvisation from an idea given by the Adjudicator. 1 minute preparation time allowed

Time limit: 03:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM Certificate

- 1 Emmeline Le
- 2 Kabeesh Bag

D09 12 years and under Drama - Improvisation Solo

A solo improvisation from an idea given by the Adjudicator. 1 minute preparation time allowed

Time limit: 03:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$25, 2nd Certificate & \$15, 3rd Certificate & \$10, HM Certificate

- 1 Daniel Phillips
- 2 Aerin Varley
- 3 Sebastian Whitmore

D12 8 Years and Under Drama - Mime Solo

Own choice prepared mime



Time limit: 02:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal,
HM Certificate

- 1 Arnav Venkat
- 2 Emmeline Le

D13 10 years and under Drama - Mime Solo

Own choice prepared mime

Time limit: 02:00

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM
Certificate

- 1 Vani Pala

D14 12 years and under Drama - Mime Solo

Own choice prepared mime

Time limit: 03:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$25, 2nd Certificate &
\$15, 3rd Certificate & \$10, HM Certificate

- 1 Amelia Khan
- 2 Leena Kermali

D27 17 years and over Open Drama Group

A memorised group performing of a piece from an existing script or self-devised script.

Time limit: 10:00

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$50, 2nd Certificate &
\$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Drama Stars

Day end
5:30pm.

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

PUBLIC SPEAKING

9:30 AM D17 10 years and under Public Speech Solo

A self-devised speech on a topic of own choice. The speaker should provide the adjudicator with a topic, the type of speech (eg informative, persuasive, amusing), and a description of the target audience (eg primary school children, teenagers).

Time limit: 03:30

Awards: 1st Medal, 2nd Medal, 3rd Medal, HM
Certificate

- 1 Natalie Harjai
- 2 Chelsea Comb
- 3 Oliver Gamble
- 4 Mabel Hutchinson
- 5 Emmeline Le
- 6 Kabeesh Bag
- 7 Myrah Yadav

D18 12 years and under Public Speech Solo

A self-devised speech on a topic of own choice. The speaker should provide the adjudicator with a topic, the type of speech (eg informative, persuasive, amusing), and a description of the target audience (eg primary school children, teenagers).

Time limit: 03:30

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$25, 2nd Certificate &
\$15, 3rd Certificate & \$10, HM Certificate

- 1 Elliott Roantree
- 2 Abigail Chan
- 3 Seraphina Benedictos
- 4 Sebastian Whitmore

D19 14 years and under Public Speech Solo



A self-devised speech on a topic of own choice. The speaker should provide the adjudicator with a topic, the type of speech (eg informative, persuasive, amusing), and a description of the target audience (eg primary school children, teenagers).

Time limit: 03:30

Awards: 1st Certificate & \$40, 2nd Certificates & \$20, 3rd Certificate & \$15, HM Certificate

- 1 Olivia Phillips
- 2 Charlotte Eurell

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