

THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

Western Australia Branch



2017 CONTEST FACT SHEET

Executive Chair of the Speech and Leadership Committee is Professor Lyn Beazley AO, FTSE, West Australian of the Year (2015), and former Chief Scientist of Western Australia.

The Contest promotes a sense of self confidence, self-reliance and community involvement and seeks to promote and develop leadership among young people, particularly those who may not presently see themselves as leaders.

THEME FOR THE CONTEST

The Commonwealth Theme for 2017: **“A Peace-building Commonwealth”**

Further information, is available at the link below:

<http://thecommonwealth.org/theme>

FORMAT FOR THE CONTEST

There are two (2) Entry Divisions:

Junior Division - Years 9 and 10

Senior Division - Years 11 and 12.

To enter the Contest, simply send in your Entry Form with a video presentation of the ‘Prepared’ speech on this year’s topic: “A Peace-building Commonwealth” of no more than 6 minutes duration. The video can be sent via email, Jumpdrive, Facebook, YouTube, or contact the RCS office for more information. Entries to be forwarded to the RCS office by 5pm Friday 9 June 2017.

AWARDS and CASH PRIZES

3 Awards are given in each division:

Overall Winner - receives the Governor’s Award

Speech Winner - receives the Dr Ken Michael Award

Leadership Winner - receives the Malcolm McCusker Award

CASH PRIZES

\$500

\$250

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ENTRY DEADLINE:

Deadline for receiving Entry Form and Video Presentation is 5pm Friday 9 June 2017.

To be sent via email, Facebook, YouTube, Jumpdrive, etc, hand delivered or posted to the address below.

LEADERSHIP FORUM:

All Entrants are eligible and encouraged to take up the opportunity to attend the Leadership Forum under the direction of Major (AAC) Bill Collidge RFD to be held: Saturday 24 June 9.30am to 12noon at The Constitutional Centre of WA.

FINALS will be held on Friday 21 July, 2017 *(Time to be advised)*

At the Constitutional Centre of Western Australia, Havelock Street, West Perth

There are 3 parts to the Finals:

1. Prepared Speech (6 minutes): Topic - 2017 Theme “A Peace-building Commonwealth”

You may choose your speech to be the one already presented on your Video, with refinement if you see fit, or it may be an entirely new speech on the Theme.

2. Impromptu Speech (3 Minutes): SENIORS ONLY - Topic selected at random by Finalists on the day (choice of 3 options) and presented live to the Panel of Judges and in front of an audience.

3. Interview with the Leadership Panel (10 minutes)

FINAL RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED ON THE DAY