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**SPEAK UP AWARDS 2020**

Welcome to Speak Up Awards 2020, the interschool public speaking competition for Years 4, 5 and 6 students sponsored by the Grand Lodge of WA Freemasons.

This is the follow-up letter to the one sent late last year, encouraging schools to include the event in their 2020 curriculum.

All heats will be held in August, with the preliminary finals at the Scarborough Masonic Hall, 193 Hancock Street, Doubleview and the final at the Lawley Park Village Community Centre, 55 Alexander Drive, Menora.

As with last year, there are two important points to note:

* **Two closing dates, entries without names but with payment by 5pm Friday 9 May and names by Friday 3 August.**
* Up to three students per school, from Years 4, 5 or 6, at an entry fee of $20 per student.
* **The required tax invoice will be included in the Speak Up package (see below).**
* Students may discuss their heat performances with adjudicators, but individual marks will not be provided at any stage.
* Power point or similar presentations are not permitted.
* The use of microphone/amplifier equipment is not permitted UNLESS it is essential for sound effects – in which case the competitor SHALL provide his/her own equipment.

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|  | **AREA** | **DATES** | **LOCATION** |
| Heats | Peel RegionSouth-WestMetropolitan area |  August TBA August TBA10-11-12 August17-18-19 August | Furnissdale Masonic CentreFurnissdale Road FurnissdaleBusselton Masonic CentreWest Street Busselton Scarborough District Masonic Hall193 Hancock Street Doubleview |
| Preliminary Final | All districts | 31 August-1 September | Scarborough District Masonic Hall193 Hancock Street Doubleview |
| Final | All districts | 18 September | Lawley Park Village Community Centre55 Alexander Drive Menora |

A package of entry forms and all relevant information will be e-mailed to schools and colleges that register their interest. For general information, speech preparation, presentation and adjudication are the same as before. **An early indication of interest would be appreciated.** To indicate your interest or seek further information, please contact:

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