

DISTRICT 201V6 LIONS JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

"The World is waiting for YOUR

Dear Club Presidents, Secretaries and Zone Chairpersons,

I am writing to you regarding the Junior Public Speaking Program for Primary School Students from Years 3 – 6.

This program was commenced in 2004 by the Barham/Koondrook Lions Club of Victoria, where the Club wanted to do something for the younger people in their Community.

The program was made a Multiple District Category B program at the 2015 Echuca Convention and extended for a further three years at the 2019 Geelong Convention to June 2022.

Junior Public Speaking has received many positive comments from Parents, Teachers and Clubs and above all the Students – it has helped students with speech difficulties, anxiety, shyness, and the reward that the Club Members have received from listening to these amazing young people. There are 2 sections – Years 3 – 4 and Years 5 – 6. They each have different topics with Years 3 – 4 speaking for 3 minutes, and Years 5 – 6 speak for 4 minutes at the Club, Region and District Final levels, in addition these students are given 10 minutes to compose a 1 minute speech from an Impromptu Question, this is something simple eg: "Do You Think Junk Food should be Banned from School and Why"?

We would like to give all Students the opportunity to gain the experience of speaking to a large audience other than their peers, which they can take forward into their adult life. I have attached some Club and School Information and if you go to the Australian Lions or the District V6 websites there is more information and samples of Certificates, Student Entry Forms and Score Sheets.

Please consider encouraging your District Clubs to start this amazing program to give the young people in their Community the experience in public speaking. From our experience the program will be well received by the Schools, Teachers, and Parents from the students who take part in this program.

Kind Regards,

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