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2009 Speaker of the Year - Who will it be?

Rostrum WA's most prestigious speaking contest, the Arthur Garvey Speaker of the Year competition, comes to its conclusion in the evening of Saturday 14th November.

23 Rostrum members signed up the challenge this year, and following the recent semi-finals, we are now down to 4 finalists:

- Amy Hardick (Club 19)
- Maggie Kennedy-Piper (Club 23)
- Terry O'Meara (Club 15)
- Dan Soanes (Club 19)

The semi-finals were both hard-fought affairs, and people that attended the competition regularly over the years have noted what a high standard they were – each worthy of a final. The attendances were also very high – 38 turned up at Club 30 (Dianella) to watch Maggie and Terry pull through, and a huge 48 at Club 15 (South Perth) witnessed Amy and Dan triumph. A big 'thank you' is in order, not just to the clubs who hosted the semis, but also to Club 11 (Kenwick), Club 15 (South Perth), Club 22 (Duncraig) and Club 50 (Riverton) for hosting the heats. I would also like to give a special thanks to Tony Lightman (Director of Training) for running proceedings each night.

What a spectacle the final promises to be! This year, final speeches are back to 10 minutes each – so the speakers have to work harder to win the audience over in the time available. With over seven weeks between the semi-finals and the final, there is also more time for the finalists to put the finishing touches to their masterpieces. Last year's winner, Amber Anderson, seems to have inspired many others from Club 19 to have a go, and two of them have reached the last hurdle! Previous winner, Terry O'Meara, is also ready to take on the challengers again. And it's great to have Country WA represented in the final this year – Bunbury Club's Maggie Kennedy-Piper.

Finalists have to prepare their speech to one of four probing topics:

- Bridging the Abyss
- A Dream Run
- Who Pays the Piper?
- A Drastic Solution

This year, there is a brand new event format, with the Final following the new Spring Convention. This opens up the competition to a wider audience, sitting back and relaxing to some great speaking following a day of exercising the mind and the voice during the Convention.

I hope to see many of you there on the evening of 14th November!



Peter Humphreys
Director of Special Events

Diary of Events August/September/October '09

**SPEAKING UP AND SPEAKING OUT:
A SHORT COURSE IN COMMUNICATION
SKILLS
6 OCTOBER/3 NOVEMBER/1 DECEMBER 2009**

- Want to get off to a flying start with your Rostrum membership?
- Need a refresher?
- Want to introduce a friend or work colleague to presentation skills and a confidence boost?

Answering "Yes" to any of these will take you to Rostrum's Short Course – Speaking Up and Speaking Out

WHEN: Tuesday 6 Oct/3 Nov 1 Dec 2009

WHERE: Rostrum Information Centre

36 Brisbane Street, Perth WA 6000

TIME: 6.30PM – 9.30PM

COST: Members FREE,

Non-Members *\$60

Refreshments: tea, coffee & biscuits are provided

Also provided: fun, encouragement, things to think about, and notes to take away.

*Place numbers are limited so booking is essential

If you're an 'old hand' please pass this information on to someone who can use it. *Note: If you join a Rostrum Club within one month from the date of this course you will receive a \$50 credit off the joining fee.

**Rostrum DAIS Representatives Meeting
Election of Office Bearers**

WHEN: Friday November 13th, 2009

TIME: 6.30pm for 7pm start, finish at 9.00pm

WHERE: Wembley Community Centre

40 Alexander Street, Wembley

Refreshments provided.

Rostrum Spring Convention 2009

WHEN: Saturday November 14th

TIME: 7.30am to 5.00pm

WHERE: Wollaston Conference Centre

Wollaston Rd (off Rochdale Rd) Mount Claremont

(See over for booking details)

Arthur Garvey Speaker of the Year 2009

WHEN: Saturday 14 November 2009

TIME: 7.00pm

WHERE: Wollaston Conference Centre

Wollaston Rd (off Rochdale Rd) Mount Claremont

(See over for booking details)

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"I've developed into quite a swan. I'm one of those people that will probably look better and better as I get older - until I drop dead of beauty."

-Rufus Wainwright

ROSTRUM SPRING CONVENTION 2009

The Rostrum Spring Convention will be held on Saturday, November 14th. Please mark it in your diary now!

It will be followed by the Arthur Garvey Speaker of the Year final. The venue will be Wollaston Conference Centre in Mount Claremont.

The convention will be a mixture of fun and learning events and will include a Critics Idol. - A speaker will give a speech and then a number of critics will leave the room and come back in one at a time and offer a critique of the speech and the audience will decide the winner - it should be fun!

There will be 3 main plenary sessions and a number of breakout sessions on a range of

topics around speaking and meetings as well as some of the usual novelty events and the impromptu speaking competitions.

There will also be a voice workshop like you have never seen before as well as a high level "using PowerPoint" workshop. There will be panels on speech preparation, using notes, gesture, and a workshop on using Google for researching your speech! And lots more!

The day will start with breakfast at 7.30am and the convention will run until 5.00pm. Then dinner will be served at 7.00pm for the main event - the Arthur Garvey Speaker of the Year Final which will be held at 8.00pm at the same venue.

There will be plenty of rooms for people to change into their fancy clothes for the dinner and showers for those who want one if you've been a bit active during the day at the convention.

The convention cost will be \$80 per person. The Arthur Garvey Final with dinner will be \$47. Attendance at the convention AND the Speaking final will be \$110 - a saving of \$17. Attendance at the convention AND the dinner PLUS one guest at the dinner will be \$150 - a saving of \$24!

Bookings are open now and all payments can be made by credit card online (<http://www.stickytickets.com.au/2142> - online bookings will attract a small fee) or by cheque (see the form below) - clubs will not have to process payments at all.

So please spread the word and start organising your club team - maybe get a club T shirt printed - be creative!!

See you on Saturday, November 14th.

Freeman David Price & Speaker Karen Reid
Convention Conveners

Rostrum Vacancy – Informer Editor

We are looking for expressions of interest for the position of Rostrum Informer Editor from January 2010. Mat Lane, who has been the Editor for the past three years is hanging up his editing boots due to work commitments.

The position is responsible for collecting Rostrum related articles and arranging them appropriately in the bi-monthly newsletter to all members. Articles should focus on showcasing and marketing Rostrum membership by celebrating Club successes and supporting Rostrum Events. It should not be used to publish material which could harm Rostrum's reputation or discourage participation in events.

Interested applicants should have:

- Excellent Microsoft Office skills, particularly Microsoft Publisher (or some other publishing software).
- Excellent English/Journalistic/Communication skills
- A good eye for detail
- Access to a reliable email/internet source
- Ability to attend major Rostrum Events and/or source articles and photos from a proxy attendee

If you have any questions regarding the position, please contact Mat on informer@rostrumwa.com.au

Regards,

Mat Lane
Editor
Rostrum Informer
Rostrum WA Inc



Rostrum Spring Convention and Arthur Garvey Speaker of the Year Final Saturday, November 14th, Wollaston Conference Centre, Mount Claremont

Cheque Payment Booking Form

Please print this form and send with cheque payments

Type of Booking	Price	Name/s for ticket	Number of tickets	Total Amount
Attendance at the convention only	\$80.00			
Attendance at Speaker of the Year Final with dinner	\$47.00			
Attendance by the same person at the convention AND the Speaker of the Year Final with dinner	\$110.00 Save \$17			
Attendance at the convention AND the Speaker of the Year Final with dinner PLUS one guest for the Final with dinner (not the convention)	\$150.00 Save \$24			

Your Name:

Address:

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Phone: Mobile:

Club Number: Email Address:

Cheques should be made payable to Rostrum WA Inc

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42 Newry Street
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"It has often and confidently been asserted, that man's origin can never be known: Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge: it is those who know little, not those who know much, who so positively assert that this or that problem will never be solved by science."
-Charles Darwin (1809-1882), from *The Descent of Man* (1871)