23rd ANNUAL LIONS CLUB ORATORY COMPETITION
Wednesday 4 October 2017

Information about judging

Judges will to listen to all the orations and rate them according to the subject matter, the method of delivery, and the manner of delivery. Each speaker must speak for only five minutes, if they exceed this time points will be deducted from their final score.

Basis for Judges and guidelines for contestants

1) The subject matter must conform to nominated theme “The most important lesson of my life so far…”

2) The speaker embraces a captivating introduction and impressionable conclusion that leaves a good impression on the audience, as do the three elements of matter, manner and method:

- **Matter** is the content of the speech, written and prepared for oration. It must be relevant to the speech.

- **Manner** is the way the speaker presents the material to the audience with a variety of communication skills. It commands the attention and interest of the audience and the matter is presented in an attractive package.

- **Manner includes**; eye contact; limited/no use of notes; good syntax; articulation and voice projection; variation in vocal pitch; pace, tone and volume with planned pauses; natural and controlled gestures; projection of personality; dress sense; easy stance and a good sense of humour.

- **Method** is the logical order in which the matter is organised and structured. It is the way the speaker presents that material, with an orderly progression of ideas and allotment of time to various items in proportion to the significance attached to it.

Matter and method will be closely linked to each other, and manner will cover all personal qualities employed by the speaker to win and hold audience appeal.
3) The Judges will award marks taking into account the three elements as follows:

- Matter  40
- Manner  30
- Method  30
- Total   100

4) Judges will be briefed on the procedure of awarding marks; and will be issued with marking sheets containing names of speaker and details for recording marks covering the set aspects of judging.

5) Time penalties

There will be a penalty of:

- 2 points will be deducted for being more than 30 seconds outside the allocated time
- 5 points will be deducted for being more than 60 seconds outside the allocated time