

# What's New in 2010?

## **Age groups and new Open section eligibility**

Age groups for all school age Sections are now defined according to the School Year level of the competitor instead of the year of birth. Sections previously defined as '18 years or over' are now 'Open' Sections. Age limits do not apply to Open Sections.

In solo sections competitors are permitted to enter both the Open sections and the Sections within their own School Year level but must perform in the Open competition at a minimum of Grade 6 AMEB or equivalent.

In Choral and Instrumental ensembles competitors are permitted to enter both the Open Sections and the Sections within their own School Year level if they are performing in the open competition at a level that justifies this.

Competitors are reminded that a selection may be performed only once during the current Eisteddfod.

## **Aggregate levels**

In accordance with the changes to age grouping, Aggregates have been arranged in five levels: Open, Intermediate (Years 11 or 12), Sub-Intermediate (Years 8 to 10), Junior (Year 7) and Sub-Junior (Year 6 or under).

## **Dance**

The Dance Eisteddfod will take place at the Empire Theatre from 17 – 19 September. The Schedule will be available separately. See website for details. If you would be interested in assisting the Association with the organisation of the Dance Eisteddfod please contact the Secretary.

## **Literary**

Due to insufficient interest and support over the past few years, the literary Sections have regrettably been withdrawn from the Toowoomba Eisteddfod.

## **Own choice selections**

Revisions have been made to the procedure and regulations concerning the submission of own choice selections. Please read p. x in the Schedule carefully.

## **Piano**

The piano sight reading Sections are now defined according to examination Grade levels. Check the Schedule carefully.

## **Speech and Drama**

The novice category in the Verse Speaking Novice Sections for Primary has been revised to include entrants who have never won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in either the 2008 or 2009 Toowoomba Eisteddfod.

## **Delith Brook Memorial**

To mark the 10th anniversary of the death of Delith Brook-Johnson (acclaimed soprano and highly respected teacher), the Delith Brook-Johnson Memorial Vocal Prize (\$500) will be awarded by her family at the 2010 TS Burstow Opera Gala. The winner will be selected from the competitors in the Heats of the TS Burstow Opera Gala i.e. Sections 25, 26 and 27 and will not necessarily be a finalist in the Opera Gala. Further details available on the website.

## **Scholarships**

The Les Enchelmaier Memorial Bursaries have been discontinued. Four new Scholarships for 18 years and over in Piano, Instrumental, Vocal and Speech & Drama have been introduced to the 2010 Toowoomba Eisteddfod. See p. xii of the Schedule or the website for more details.

## **Entries for July/August Eisteddfod**

Note that the closing date for entries for the July/August Eisteddfod is **17 May**, which is much earlier than in previous years. **DON'T BE LATE!!!** Late entries will not be accepted.

## **Secondary Sections**

It is proposed to offer prize money instead of certificates to competitors in secondary Sections. This will amount to over \$3000 in additional prize money and sponsors are urgently needed to support this initiative. Please consider sponsoring a Section. Donations can be as small as \$20. The Eisteddfod Association reserves the right to replace cash prizes with certificates in any Section that does not receive sponsorship.

## **Listing of sponsors in the Schedule**

When looking through the Schedule you may see that all donors from the 2009 Schedule are no longer listed in the 2010 Schedule. This is in no way an indication that previous donors will no longer sponsor the Section they sponsored in 2009; rather this is for administrative purposes only as Section numbers frequently change from year to year.