

Rotary Club of Berrima District



**WINGECARRIBEE DISTRICT ROTARY
YEAR 9/10 FOUR-WAY TEST PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
Closes: Mon 17 November, 2020
Finals: Wed 26th November, 2020**

Information for Schools and Participating Students

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Rotary promotes honest and fair dealings in business and personal activities.

The Four-Way Test requires us to consider the things we Think, Say or Do:

- **Is it the TRUTH?**
- **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

AIMS OF THE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

1. To promote to young people the ideals and ethical values of Rotary by drawing attention to the wide applications and implications of Rotary's Four-Way Test.
2. To encourage and foster proficiency in the art of public speaking.
3. To develop confidence and self esteem in the young participants.
4. To provide opportunities for students to test their skills before an audience.
5. To develop relationships between Rotary and schools.

ELIGIBILITY

- Eligible students are in Year 9 and 10.
- A commitment is required of finalists that they will be available for the District finals via Video Stream
- Schools and applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary Club.
- A school may propose more than one applicant to the Rotary Club. A school that has more than three interested students will have to hold an internal contest to decide the representatives, however another Rotary may wish to sponsor the student.

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

- An application form must be completed and signed by the applicant, a parent and school representative.

TOPIC

Participants may choose their own topic which they feel is current, interesting and important. The speech must be based on the application of **all** the elements of the Rotary Four Way Test. The theme must run clearly through the entire speech and not just be reserved for the concluding statements. Relevance of the speech to the Four-Way Test will be included in the assessment.

SPEECH LENGTH

The duration of the speech should be no less than 5:30 minutes and no more than 6:30 minutes. Penalties will apply if time varies by more than 30 seconds.

ADJUDICATION

Local rounds will be adjudicated by Rotary members.

ASSESSMENT

Points will be awarded on the following basis:

Impact on the content	50 points
Impact on the emotions	50 points
Discussion of 4 ideals of the '4 Way Test'	20 points

Impact of the content

Material:	Scope, accuracy, relevance, adequacy of substance especially reference to the Four Way Test.
Arrangement:	Introduction, body, conclusion, construction, clarity
Progression:	Cohesion, timing, logic, effective development of ideas
Language:	Rhythm, originality, appropriate use of humour.

Impact on the Emotions

Visual impact:	Stance, natural movement, eye contact, openness
Vocal Impact:	Quality, clarity, tone, pause, pace, punctuation, personality
Empathy:	Attitude, understanding, audience involvement.
Appeal:	Credible, entertaining, motivating, convincing

Palm cards are permitted but their use should not detract from the overall presentation. No other props are permitted. If presenting via video link background must be neutral and candidate must be standing.

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PRIZE

For the Winner of each Club Heat:

A certificate and a gift card or prize to the value of \$25 - provided by the sponsoring Rotary Club.

For the Winner of the Final:

A certificate and prize yet to be determined.

DETAILS:

The contest involves the following steps:

- Candidates can apply via this link.
- Candidates can upload a prerecorded video speech to be evaluated by their schools' club. Evaluation shall be returned with winning presenter moving to next round to be held on Wed 26th November 12pm at The Bowral Bowling Club.
- The winner of the Final may be invited to present their speech at the regional round and if successful will present at the District Rotary Conference in March 2021.
- Candidates may elect to present the same or different material at the successive heats and finals, however, if the winner presents at the Rotary District Conference then the same winning speech is to be given. The same guidelines will apply, as outlined under "TOPIC"

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