

RUNNING SHEET - CLUB FINAL

CALL TO ORDER - WELCOME

Lions, Contestants, Judges, Families & Supporters

Welcome to the Lions Club of _____ NAB YOY Club Final.

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I know we are in for a very enjoyable evening and look forward to hearing from our young people - soon.

The order of events are: Impromptu speeches, the main course , Prepared speeches, Supper, Announcement of winners and we should be finished and on our way sometime after _____ pm.

At the end of the evening's events, there will be 2 announcements – a **Public Speaking winner** followed by the announcement of the **overall winner**.

It is possible that one Contestant may win the Public Speaking section and also be one on the overall winner.

I will **introduce our judges and contestants** to you, explain a little about the Quest and we will then move straight into the **Impromptu Questions**.

ONE REQUEST. Please ensure that all **mobile phones** and **paggers** are turned OFF. If you have one of these items with you, please check it and SWITCH IT OFF NOW.

JUDGES

Please make welcome (in alphabetical order):

(name) – brief outline

(name) – brief outline

(name) – brief outline

We sincerely thank all of the judges for their efforts and input to this stage of the Quest. It is not an easy task to select a winner in these events, but I am sure that the judges are enjoying their experience and we look forward to their decisions later in the evening.

CONTESTANTS

I will **briefly introduce** them now in alphabetical order now - and in a little more detail as we move through the evening.

(name) from _____ (school)

(name) from _____ (school)

(name) from _____ (school)

We congratulate all of you on your decision to enter the Lions / National Australia Bank YOY Quest. I am sure you will not regret it and the experience you have gained both through the Interview and tonight's Public Speaking Section will hold you in good stead in the future. I am sure that I speak for everyone in this room when I **wish you all well** tonight.

We know that there is a certain amount of **nervous energy** with you as you wait your turn, but let me assure you, you are all amongst friends!!

Each contestant has a group of supporter's parents & friends. Welcome & thanks for your support and attendance tonight.

OUTLINE OF QUEST

For most people here tonight, **including** some of the Lions from the Geelong Breakfast Club, this is a new experience, so I will give the **brief outline** of the YOY Quest and the program to be followed tonight.

The YOY Quest has been developed and refined since it was first instigated in Queensland in 1964. It is a **well rounded process** designed to give each participant a range of experiences:

1. Filling out the entry form. This is in effect giving each candidate the opportunity to review what they have done and achieved in life to date. It is quite an experience reading the entry forms and seeing just what these people have done in their short time on the planet!!

2. Interview experience, which is something that everyone goes through when applying for a University course or a job.

3. It also gives each participant an opportunity to **speak in public** before an audience.

For many young people, it could be the first time they have been asked their opinion, or given the opportunity, to talk to a group of adults, without fear of contradiction or correction. **This can be quite a change for some!!**

The aim of the Quest is to aid in fostering and developing the leadership potential qualities of our young people. The confidence gained by contestants as a result of their participation in the Quest is a most noticeable benefit.

The judges are asked to assess each candidate in 2 very distinct sections – the Interview, which also takes into account the information on the Entry Form accounts for 80% of the mark - and the Public Speaking section which comprises the other 20%.

Marks are allocated across a broad range of categories to determine the overall winner.

ENTRY FORM.

Prior to the interview, each contestant completed a comprehensive Entry Form. From this the judges are able to determine the leadership qualities, sporting and cultural activities, citizenship and community involvement and the academic achievements of each candidate.

INTERVIEW The Judging Panel interviewed each contestant, last Sunday afternoon. The interview was an informal process, but included 4 set questions that were asked of each student. The idea of this is to gain an insight into the knowledge and interest that each person has on issues of Local, National and International interest. During the informal format of the interview, the judges had the opportunity to assess the personality of each contestant. A set number of points are allocated for all of the areas I have outlined and the judges resolve the score for each contestant within a strict set of guidelines.

PUBLIC SPEAKING That's what tonight's event is all about and it has the other 20% of the available points.

The Impromptu Speeches come first. Each contestant will be asked to speak for a maximum of 2 minutes on each of 2 topics. The judges will be asked to assess each one on their knowledge, reasoning and expression. Each contestant will also deliver a 5 minute speech they have prepared, on a topic of their own choice. This will be judged on the logical presentation of the material and the balance of presentation. Other factors to be considered and allocated scores include manner, deportment, clarity and conviction.

I will explain the process and the timing of the impromptu and prepared speeches as we come to them.

DRAW

A ballot was held for the order of contestants for both sections tonight.

Impromptu:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Prepared:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

IMPROMPTU QUESTIONS

Each question will be read twice. After the first reading, I will place a typed copy of the topic before the candidate and I will read the topic a second time. The timing will commence on the utterance of the last word of the 2nd reading of the topic. There will be a double ring on the gong at the end of 2 minutes.

As the same topics are given to each candidate, we must send those yet to speak out of the room, so they do not gain an advantage over the others. I would now ask all contestants, **except** _____ to accompany the chaperone to the soundproof/bulletproof room until they are called.

Draw

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

DINNER

PREPARED SPEECHES

Draw

Topic

- | | | |
|----|-------|-------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ |

The timing will start at the utterance of the first word of the prepared speech. At the end of 4 minutes a single bell will sound. At the end of 5 minutes a double bell will sound.

(Introduce each candidate & their topic)

SUPPER

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER

(Call contestants to front and acknowledge their efforts – praise their fortitude in having a go and putting themselves into an unknown environment etc)

We are now at the **business end** of the evening.

The Judges have worked very hard – they have spoken to each candidate this afternoon and they have listened to their speeches tonight and have made their hard decisions.

Please make welcome _____ to make the announcements and presentations.

PRESENT ALL CERTIFICATES & PRESENTS TO CONTESTANTS.

PRESENTATION TO JUDGES

We would now like to make a small presentation to our Judges in appreciation for their magnificent efforts over the past few days. Like all umpires & referees, they are the people who are in the shadows, but without them these events just would not happen. We thank them for their invaluable input and hope they have enjoyed the experience and go home with the knowledge that they have helped to develop the personality, confidence and contributed to the experience of another 4 fine young Australians today.

THANKS TO SCHOOLS

The support that the schools give to this Quest is vital. Without this support it would be extremely difficult to get the Program going.

_____ – GGS

_____ – Newcomb SC

_____ – Bellarine SC

Present Certificates if someone is present from the schools

We look forward to their continued support of this Quest in future years.

THANKS

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Before I close the evening, I have a few people to thank.

To the members of the Lions Club of _____ for supporting this program. This is an excellent program designed to encourage the future leaders of our great country. Without programs such as this, their preparation for their future roles in society would be a little poorer.

(Any individuals that deserve a mention)

To the supporters of the contestants – family, friends and school staff. It is impossible to have a public speaking section without an audience – your support is so important, thank you for coming tonight. Hopefully you learnt something too!!!

I again repeat my thanks to the judges.

The next level for tonight’s winner _____ is the Zone Final to be held at _____ on _____

I would encourage as many of you as possible to come along and support _____ at the next level of the Quest

Finally, but by no means least, to the other **participants in tonight program** who will not proceed any further with this year’s Quest, I say **you are not losers**, you have **all won** here tonight, just by putting your hands up and participating. You have moved another step in your life’s journey and have gained a little more in experience and I am sure you have learnt a lot that will hold you in good stead in your future ventures. Thank you for entering this excellent program. I hope that you all will go back to your schools and encourage the students in this year’s Year 11 Groups to have a go at this Quest next year, because the slogan of the Quest is still well and truly relevant. **You Just Can’t Lose.**

CLUB REMINDERS

CLOSE