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VISION

To advance the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod as a leading cultural event within the arts community.

MISSION

To receive professional adjudication to enhance performance, artistic and literary skills and inspire a lifelong appreciation of the performing arts. To promote the Eisteddfod profile at local, national, and international levels. To provide opportunity for the enrichment for youth in regional and rural areas in the disciplines of Dance, Debating, Highland Dance, Music, and Speech & Drama.

2026 ALBURY WODONGA EISTEDDFOD COMMITTEE

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CALENDAR: 2 AUGUST – 13 AUGUST 2026

Note: Dates are a guide only and are subject to change. Please refer to the programme for times and venues.

DATE		DANCE	DEBATING	MUSIC	SPEECH & DRAMA	HIGHLAND DANCE
Sunday	02/08/26	AEC THEATRE				
Monday	03/08/26	AEC THEATRE				
Tuesday	04/08/26	AEC THEATRE	ALBURY LIBRARYMUSEUM	WSSC GALVIN HALL (SCHOOLS)		
Wednesday	05/08/26	AEC THEATRE	ALBURY LIBRARYMUSEUM	WSSC GALVIN HALL (SCHOOLS)		
Thursday	06/08/26	AEC THEATRE	ALBURY LIBRARYMUSEUM	ADAMSHURST BALLROOM (SOLO INSTRUMENTALS)		
Friday	07/08/26	AEC THEATRE (TROUPES)	ALBURY LIBRARYMUSEUM	ADAMSHURST BALLROOM (SOLO INSTRUMENTALS)		
Saturday	08/08/26	AEC THEATRE (TROUPES)		ADAMSHURST BALLROOM (SOLO INSTRUMENTALS)		
Sunday	09/08/26	AEC THEATRE (TROUPES)		ADAMSHURST BALLROOM (SOLO INSTRUMENTALS)		SCOTS CHAPEL
Monday	10/08/26	AEC THEATRE		THE CUBE WODONGA (VOCALS)	SS&A ALBURY	
Tuesday	11/08/26	AEC THEATRE		THE CUBE WODONGA (VOCALS)	SS&A ALBURY	
Wednesday	12/08/26	AEC THEATRE		THE CUBE WODONGA (VOCALS)	SS&A ALBURY	
Thursday	13/08/26	AEC THEATRE (SCHOOL TROUPES)			SS&A ALBURY	
Friday	14/08/26					
Saturday	15/08/26					

VOLUNTEERS

The Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod would not be possible without the generosity of those who offer their time and expertise to volunteer during the event. If you would like to discuss ways in which you can be a volunteer, please email admin@alburywodongaeisteddfod.com.au

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. DISCIPLINE RULES

- a. Please read all Rules and Notes for each discipline carefully. If you have any questions when entering, please check with the Discipline Coordinator for the event before placing your entry.
- b. Changes to the schedule and section details are made each year. The running of sections is dependent on sufficient entries being received. This document is subject to change.

2. VENUES

- a. Albury Entertainment Centre, 525 Swift Street, Albury NSW.
- b. Alistair Todd Chapel Hall, Scots School, 393 Perry Street, Albury NSW.
- c. Albury LibraryMuseum, 540 Kiewa St, Albury NSW.
- d. Galvin Hall, Wodonga Senior Secondary College, 69 Woodland St, Wodonga VIC.
- e. Adamshurst Ballroom, 603 David Street, Albury NSW.
- f. The Cube Wodonga South Auditorium, 118 Hovell St, Wodonga VIC.
- g. SS&A Albury Auditorium, 582 Olive St, Albury, NSW.

3. REGISTRATION & ENTRY

- a. Entry fees are shown in the Entrant Notes for each discipline.
- b. Closing date for entries is shown in the Entrant Notes for each discipline. Please note: Disciplines may have different closing dates.
- c. Online entry is via www.comps-online.com.au (except Highland Dance see 3 (f)).
- d. Previous users of Comps-Online can login to their account and account information is retained, including your child/student details.
- e. First time users, go to www.comps-online.com.au and click 'Register Now' to set up an account. You will be emailed a confirmation document that activates your account.
- f. Highland Dance entry is online via www.hdcomps.com
- g. Previous users of Highland Dance Comps Login to their account and account information is retained, including your child/student details.
- h. First time users, go to Highland Dance Comps and click 'Sign Up' in the top right corner to set up an account.
- i. From 1 January 2017, music and sound recordings performed at the AWE are covered under a blanket licence scheme between AESA & rights management organisations: APRA AMCOS ARIA and PCCA. This licence is based on a per entry (performance) basis and has been incorporated into the entry fee.

4. PAYMENT

- a. When entering via Comps-Online you have the option to pay for your entries by credit card or Visa/Mastercard Debit Card. When you have completed the online payment, you will be emailed an invoice confirming your entries. Please check your invoice carefully and report any errors immediately. If you do not receive an invoice, please contact:
admin@alburywodongaieisteddfod.com.au

5. LATE ENTRY

- a. NO late entries will be accepted.

6. CHANGES TO AN ENTRY

- a. NO changes or adjustments will be accepted for completed entries. This includes changing the style of the performance, changing the age group, or any other changes that are a result of incorrect registration. Please ensure you have entered the correct section before submitting your entry. Changes made by the Discipline Coordinators to combine sections and offer alternative sections are the exception.

7. REFUND

- a. Entry fees are not refundable except:
- b. If a section is cancelled for any reason other than it being a legal requirement pursuant to Covid-19 Pandemic (or any other declaration of pandemic/infectious disease/epidemic/outbreak/state of emergency) related law or regulation or any other law or regulation that may impact on or cause the cancellation of the Eisteddfod (hereinafter called “Force Majeure”).
- c. If a Doctor’s Certificate is supplied and notification of withdrawal is received by the Discipline Coordinator prior to the day of performance.

8. FORCE MAJEURE

- a. Full entry fee and/or ticket value will be refunded, less a \$4.00 administration fee, where an attendee cannot attend an event due to Force Majeure.
- b. This includes where a Force Majeure requires AWE to cancel the Eisteddfod, or any part thereof.
- c. Full entry fee and/or ticket value will also be refunded, less a \$4.00 administration fee, if a Force Majeure requires AWE to reschedule the Eisteddfod, or any part thereof, and an attendee is unable to attend the rescheduled Eisteddfod, or relevant part thereof.
- d. For the avoidance of doubt, no refund is available where an attendee chooses not to attend an event but is not legally required to make that choice.
- e. AWE is not responsible for any travel and accommodation expenses foregone by an attendee due to a Force Majeure.

9. CANCELLATION

- a. Discipline Coordinators may cancel sections due to insufficient entries. These sections may be combined with another section, or an alternative section may be offered to the entrant.

10. WITHDRAWAL

- a. Please advise the Discipline Coordinator as soon as practicable if you do not intend or are unable to perform (prior to the day of performance if possible) by email or phone.

11. SCHEDULE (RUN SHEET)

- a. Once entries have closed, the Discipline Coordinators will prepare the schedule, and it will be uploaded to the AWE website as soon as possible. This will be updated, as required, to ensure the most current information is available to entrants.

12. PROGRAMME

- a. A Programme will be available to purchase online when entering and at the event. Programmes will be available approximately 5-7 weeks after entries close.

13. TICKETS

a. SEASON TICKETS

- i. Available to purchase online and at the door.
- ii. Adult season tickets are \$50.00 each and Concession \$30.00 each (Senior, student, child).
- iii. Season tickets are valid for any session of any discipline throughout the event.
- iv. Season tickets are non-transferable.

b. ONLINE TICKETS

- i. Tickets for all AWE sessions will be available to pre-purchase online. The link for online ticketing will be emailed to all entrants once scheduling is complete. Tickets sales will also be advertised on the AWE Facebook page [@aweisteddfod](#) and on the AWE website www.aweisteddfod.com.au
- ii. Online ticket sales will close at 5pm the night before a session, i.e. online ticket sales for 1st August will close at 5pm 31st July, online ticket sales for 8th August will close at 5pm 7th August.

c. DOOR SALES

- i. All tickets will be available to purchase from the venue on the day, subject to seating availability on the day. Card payment and EFTPOS facilities are available at the venue (no cash out).

d. COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS FOR ENTRANTS AND TEACHER PASSES

- i. Entrant passes and teacher passes allow the holder to enter the auditorium providing there are sufficient seats available.
- ii. During busy performance times, i.e. Dance Troupe Weekend, seating in the auditorium may reach capacity. Once the auditorium is full, additional seating may not be available.
- iii. If the Auditorium is at capacity troupe members may be asked to give seats for patrons.
- iv. A viewing screen is available in the foyer for patrons.
- v. The Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod Ltd is not affiliated with the Albury Entertainment Centre Box Office. Tickets to the AWE sessions are NOT available through the Box Office.

14. TEACHER PASSES

- a. Teacher passes allow dance teachers access to backstage and the main auditorium (see 13 (d) for exceptions).

- b. These are issued to DANCE SCHOOL TEACHERS who have provided current WWCC information to the Eisteddfod Administration Officer by 20th July.
 - c. Further information regarding TEACHER PASSES will be provided to dance schools after entries close in May.
15. PRIZES
- a. Prizes may consist of trophies, medals, certificates, ribbons, or cash vouchers and will be awarded to the winner of each section, determined by the AWE Committee and the Discipline Coordinator based on the number of entries received.
 - b. Awarding of prizes is based on adjudicators satisfaction that the appropriate standard has been reached in the performance. Sections with two or three performers, a single prize only may be awarded. Sections with four performers, first and second prize only may be awarded. Sections with five performers, first, second and third may be awarded. Sections with six or more performers, first, second, third and highly commended(s) may be awarded.
16. PERPETUAL TROPHIES
- a. Some sections have a Perpetual Trophy for the winner's prize. Perpetual trophies from the previous year must be returned engraved (at the winner's expense), in a clean condition to the Discipline Coordinator by 1st July in the current Eisteddfod year. Failure to do so will result in the cost of replacement being invoiced to the trophy holder. If you are planning to return your trophy when you are at the event, please notify the Discipline Coordinator of your intention by the above date.
17. CASH PRIZES OR VOUCHERS
- a. Cash prizes are to be signed for by the recipient.
 - b. The Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod takes no responsibility for prizes misplaced once signed for by the recipient.

IMPORTANT:

Discipline Coordinators reserve the right to delete, combine or amalgamate sections in the event of insufficient entries.

RULES OF THE EISTEDDFOD

GENERAL RULES

These rules are to facilitate the administration and logistics required to convene several hundred sections in the event. Please read the rules in association with Entrant Notes provided in each discipline.

1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- a. Entrants perform at their own risk.
- b. Entrants must be prepared to provide proof of age.
- c. Entrants are entitled to their performance opportunity and adjudication/critique. No entrant will be “disqualified” (excludes Highland Dance).
- d. Entrants may enter only once within a designated section, unless stated elsewhere.
- e. Entrants must perform at the time allocated in the programme.
- f. Entrants must not present the same piece or dance more than once in the Eisteddfod, unless invited to participate in a special concert or display, or unless stated otherwise.
- g. No person, including teachers and parents, will accompany entrants onto the platform/stage except as an Accompanist or Conductor.
- h. By entering the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod, the entrant gives permission for the AWE to use photographs, video and/or their name for promotional and/or marketing purposes. If the entrant does NOT agree, it is the entrant’s responsibility to notify the AWE in writing.
- i. By entering the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod, the entrant agrees to abide by the General Rules and Code of Conduct as listed by the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod Committee in this publication, along with rules and conditions specific to the Discipline section entered.

2. The AWE reserves the right to:

- a. amend or refuse any entry,
- b. deny participation,
- c. alter or reduce the prizes as published,
- d. amend, cancel, or combine any event,
- e. vary any rule where such variation is deemed necessary.

3. PHOTOGRAPHY & USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- a. The AWE is the only authorised body, or its representative, to take photographs or videos during performances due to copyright restrictions and privacy legislation.
- b. Personal electronic devices must be switched off whilst in the performing venue. This includes, but is not limited to mobile phones, iPads/tablets, e-readers, iPods, cameras, video cameras, Nintendo DS, and personal computers. The use of these devices by members of the audience during competitions is strictly prohibited. Offenders will be asked to leave the venue.

4. ADJUDICATOR

- a. The decision of an Adjudicator is final, no discussion or correspondence is permitted.
- b. **NO COMMUNICATION WITH THE ADJUDICATOR** is permitted by entrants, teachers, or family members. Following a breach of this rule, or any other, the entrant may become ineligible for a placement.

- c. Medals and other special awards will only be made where performance standards satisfy the Adjudicator.
- 5. COPYRIGHT
In accordance with the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) and APRA guidelines, entrants must comply with Australian copyright legislation*
 - a. No photography or videography is permitted during performances.
 - b. AWE is covered under a blanket licence scheme between AESA & rights management organisations; APRA AMCOS ARIA and PPCA
- 6. COMPETITOR PASS
 - a. Each entrant will be eligible for a competitor pass, allowing entry into the venue, subject to availability.
- 7. VENUE REQUIREMENTS
 - a. All electrical appliances and equipment MUST be tested & tagged (includes all hair styling electrical devices, phone charging devices etc.)
 - b. Prams and/or baby strollers are not permitted in the Main Theatre.
 - c. Smoking, including vaping/e-cigarettes, is not permitted within four (4) metres of entrances and exits of the venue.

CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct applies to everyone who attends the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod.

1. ENTRANTS

- a. Standard of dress applies to all entrants and must be appropriate for the occasion.
- b. Inappropriate costuming, lyrics or choreography may result in the entrant being ineligible for a placement in that section.
- c. All costumes must be covered when in the theatre audience.

2. DRESSING ROOM ETIQUETTE

- a. Entrants are to use the allocated dressing rooms to change in.
- b. Entrants are to be modestly dressed whilst in dressing rooms and backstage.
- c. NO phones or taking photos permitted in dressing rooms.

3. THEATRE ETIQUETTE

- a. No yelling, whistling etc., before, during or after performances.
- b. Entry and Exit from the auditorium is only permitted when an entrant is NOT on stage.
- c. Further restrictions may be enforced during the event.

4. STANDARD OF BEHAVIOUR

- a. The Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod promotes fair and friendly competition and a high standard of behaviour from students, entrants, teachers, parents, and spectators is expected.

5. INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

- a. Inappropriate behaviour towards Volunteers, Committee Members, Venue Staff, Entrants, Audience Members, or others will not be tolerated.

6. SOCIAL MEDIA

- a. Defamation of character on social media towards any person involved in the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod will not be tolerated.

7. BREACH OF RULES

- a. Offenders found breaching the Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the venue.

8. COMPLAINTS

a. DANCE, DEBATING, MUSIC & SPEECH & DRAMA SECTIONS

- i. Complaints made must be in writing. The complaint must include the complainant's full name and address and be lodged with the Discipline Coordinator within 48 hours of the event. Such a complaint must be accompanied by a fee of \$20.00, which is refundable if the protest is upheld.
- ii. The Committee shall be the sole judge of disputes, and its decision shall be final.

b. HIGHLAND DANCE (as per NSWCHDI)

- i. Any complaint made by an individual against the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod Ltd or Adjudication of any event must be made in writing, giving the complainant's full name and address, and shall be lodged with the Discipline Coordinator, if possible, on the day of the event, and certainly not later than 48 hours after the event. Such complaint is to be accompanied by a fee of \$5.00 that is refundable if the protest is upheld.

- ii. If the complainant has not received satisfaction from the Discipline Coordinator within seven days, the complaint may be referred to the Honorary Secretary, State Committee of Highland Dance Inc.

DEBATING

Debating Coordinator Bridget Hosking

Tuesday 4 th August – Friday 7 th August 2026		
TIME:	Refer to programme for session times	
VENUE:	Albury LibraryMuseum	
ADJUDICATOR:	To be confirmed	
ENQUIRIES:	admin@alburywodongaeisteddfod.com.au	
ENTRY:	www.comps-online.com.au	
YEAR:	Current school year (school groups)	
AGE:	As at 1 June 2026 (community groups)	
ENTRY FEES:	Group	\$45.00
CLOSING DATE:	MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 15 TH MAY 2026 **NO LATE ENTRIES**	

SPECIAL AWARDS

Perpetual Shield – School / Community Group with most successful team in each level

Medal - For each member of the winning team in each level

Trophy - Best debater for each level

DEBATING RULES

Please read the DEBATING rules in conjunction with the *General Information* and *Rules of the Eisteddfod*

GENERAL RULES

- a. Teachers / Supervisors accompanying teams must remain at the venue with their teams and be prepared to assist on the day.
- b. No lecterns or microphones will be provided for speakers to use. Speakers will have access to a table for notes.
- c. School team members may compete in the section corresponding to the year they are competing in OR the year above.
- d. Once a speaker begins their speech the team isn't allowed to help them, and the timer will continue unless interrupted by an external factor.
- e. In the event of a draw, the Adjudicator shall decide the winning team.
- f. Schools may enter more than one (1) team in each year level.
- g. A student speaking in a debate may only belong to one team in their year level.
- h. A list of full names and year level is required for each team, to be emailed to the Debating Coordinator by 7 days prior to the competition date, described in the draw.
- i. Entrants will be emailed topics for the prepared debates and the draw by 30 days prior to the competition date.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- a. All teams in the competition will debate the HIGHEST SCORE structure.
- b. All teams debate the topics supplied.
- c. Teams in the school junior divisions and all community groups will participate in one prepared debate only. The team with the highest score is deemed the winner.
- d. School teams in the intermediate and senior divisions will participate in two debates, consisting of one prepared debate and one short preparation (unseen topic) debate. The team with the highest total score from both debates is deemed the winner.
- e. The draw for the short preparation debate will be determined by the score results from the prepared debate (the highest scoring team will debate the second highest scoring team and so on).

SHORT PREPARATION DEBATES (UNSEEN TOPICS)

- a. A general topic area will be provided to all teams by 14 days prior to the competition date. No technology will be permitted during preparation time.
- b. One single-sided A4 page of printed notes on the topic area is permitted for each team. There are no restrictions on text size or how this page is formatted.
- c. Speakers preparing for unseen topics must do so within the rooms hired for Debating by AWE.
- d. Teachers / Supervisors may not have input once the topics have been advised.
- e. Teams will have 60 minutes of preparation time without technology.
- f. 4 team members may participate in the preparation period.

DEBATE STRUCTURE

Team Structure

- i. The following structure applies to all teams:
- ii. Teams must consist of a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 members.
- iii. Three (3) of the members must be speakers. Of the 4-5 members of the team, the speakers may change from debate to debate in the intermediate and senior divisions.
- iv. A 4th team member may act as the team adviser.
- v. Teams are expected to provide at least one additional student per school to assist as team chair, timekeeper or combined chair/timekeeper throughout the competition.

Junior Divisions (Years 3/4 and Years 5/6)

- i. Each team must include a minimum of one (1) student from the lower year level (being year 3 or year 5).
- ii. In Years 3/4, each speaker is expected to speak for three (3) minutes.
- iii. In Years 5/6, each speaker is expected to speak for four (4) minutes.
- iv. A 4th student is the team adviser, helping during the debate with notes and rebuttal tips. The 4th student does not speak in the debate.

Intermediate Divisions (Years 7/8 and Years 9/10)

- i. Each team must include a minimum of one (1) student from the lower year level (being year 7 or year 9).
- ii. Each speaker is expected to speak for five (5) minutes.
- iii. A 4th student is the team adviser, helping during the short preparation period and during the debates with notes and rebuttal tips. The 4th student does not speak in the debate.

Senior Division (Years 11/12 and Open Community Groups)

- i. Each school team must include a minimum of one (1) student from year 11.
- ii. Each speaker is expected to speak for seven (7) minutes.
- iii. A 4th student is the team adviser, helping during the short preparation period and during the debates with notes and rebuttal tips. The 4th student does not speak in the debate.

DEBATING SECTIONS

SCHOOL GROUPS

D01	YEARS 3/4	HIGHEST SCORING STRUCTURE SINGLE ROUND
D02	YEARS 5/6	HIGHEST SCORING STRUCTURE SINGLE ROUND
D03	YEARS 7/8	HIGHEST SCORING STRUCTURE TWO ROUNDS
D04	YEARS 9/10	HIGHEST SCORING STRUCTURE TWO ROUNDS
D05	YEARS 11/12	HIGHEST SCORING STRUCTURE TWO ROUNDS

COMMUNITY GROUPS

D06	JUNIOR	12 YEARS AND UNDER
D07	INTERMEDIATE	13 TO 15 YEARS
D08	SENIOR/OPEN	16 YEARS AND OVER