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# RINGWOOD EISTEDDFOD

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## THE EISTEDDFOD 50 YEARS ON.

The Ringwood Eisteddfod was established in 1954, as the brainchild of Mrs. E.M. Taylor and her daughter, Mrs Ruth Hawkins. Music and the Eisteddfod has been a big part of Ruth's family life, with the music tradition carried on by her Daughters and Grandchildren. Fifty years on and four generations later with Ruth at the Helm we hope to celebrate a very special Eisteddfod.

Mrs. Taylor was at the time, President of the Ringwood Arts and Craft Society. The Eisteddfod was organised by the society until 1965, when Mrs Hawkins as President formed an Eisteddfod Committee, which continues to organise successful Eisteddfods to this day.

The Eisteddfod is by far the largest and longest running cultural event in this area and over the years, has assisted thousands of students to perform in public and to receive a critique from top adjudicators in Australia. Originally, held in the former Ringwood Town Hall, then moved to the Ringwood Lutheran Church Hall and is now held at the North Ringwood Senior Citizen's Hall.

The Grand Final of the Ringwood Aria is held at the Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood.

The competition has catered for a wide variety of disciplines including Dancing-Classical, Modern and Highland; Pianoforte; Strings; Classical Guitar; Woodwind and Brass; Speech and Drama and Vocal, with each discipline providing competition for junior and senior performers.

Names of some recent performers who are recognized as top achievers and highly successful in their chosen careers are - Rosalie Carpio, Entrepreneur and Entertainer. (Hong Kong.)

Andrew Day-Flautist, who won the ABC Young Performer's Award of 1996.

David Tong and Rebecca Chambers - brilliant young pianists currently performing here and overseas.

Bernadette Conlon - Piano Accordionist, who has won all awards in Australia and New Zealand and now playing professionally.

Heath Wooster - Organist, won top awards both here and in the USA and now resident organist at the Dendy Theatre.

Slava Grigoryan - Classical Guitar, most successful guitarist now recording.

Joanne Wallwork - Violinist, has studied in Australia, Japan, London and Moscow, now Concert Master of the Monash Sinfonia and the new Monash Orchestra.

Past winners of the Ringwood Aria who are now with the Australian Opera or singing abroad include - Ian Vayne, Liane Keegan, Francesco Fabris, Lucya Jurkiw, Suzanne Ward, John Wegner, Ian Cousins, John Pringle.

Many others are now teachers, adjudicators etc.

Dancers who have performed in the Ringwood Eisteddfod are now with the Australian Ballet or performing in live theatre both here and overseas.

Competitors come to Ringwood Eisteddfod from all over Victoria and Interstate. The competitions have greatly assisted these artists and many more to further their careers.

We look forward to your interest and support in the future.

Lyn Lynch

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