

THE AINGER PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD 2007



From right: First, Second, Third,
& Encouragement Awardees

On Monday 14th May over 100 guests assembled to hear the ten finalists. The finalists were chosen from nearly one hundred contestants who contested the heats held over several days a fortnight before. The finalists spoke during courses at the dinner held from 7.00 pm to 9.45 pm.

The ten finalists created a very tight competition. The standard was excellent. It was probably the most even final since the Ainger Award was commenced eighteen years ago. Don Kinsey, who with his wife Margot judged the event, spoke of the great improvements the speakers had made since their heats at the N.H.P. Auditorium.

Our speakers were expected to speak for 4 minutes or less on any subject they chose, and all showed mastery of the microphone and all captured the hearers full attention.

The finalists spoke in the order below:

1. Stephanie Batsakis, Wesley College
2. Anthony Wishart, Trinity Grammar School
3. Laura John, Kilbreda College
4. Eve Hupert, Lauriston Girls' School
5. Xavier Hildebrand, Xavier College
6. Finlay Charleson, St Kevin's College
7. James Garrick, Scotch College

8. Anna Lane, Camberwell High School
9. Sharon Flitman, Mentone Girls' S.C.
10. Lauren Waugh, Wesley College

- Our Treatment of Aboriginal People**
- John Curtin in World War II**
- Un-Australianism**
- iPods**
- My Home is My Community**
- Effects of Violence in the Media**
- My experiences in Africa at my school's Kapumfi Project**
- My birth**
- Physical Attraction is a valuable trait**
- Feminism is dead as women degrade themselves**

In a closely contested final, the winners were:

1st Prize : James Garrick who received	\$350.00
An Inscribed Winner's Medallion	
His Name on Perpetual Trophy	
The Runner-up : Anthony Austen Wishart received	\$250.00
The Third place-getter : Anna Lane received.....	\$175.00
The Encouragement Award goes to: Laura John.....	\$100.00



Mrs Nancye Ainger
congratulates James Garrick



Finalists with David Ainger



David Ainger presents the
Perpetual Trophy

ERN AINGER AWARD — PAST WINNERS

YEAR	NAME	SCHOOL
1990	Aleksandra Zdravkovic	Richmond Girls' Secondary College
1991	Rebecca Patena	Vauluse College
1992	Lana Jenkins	Genazzano College
1993	Neva Hay	St Catherine's School
1994	Nicole Demarchi(ae)	Siena College
	Natalie Siegel (ae)	Wesley College
1995	Patrick Noonan	St Kevin's College
1996	Alex Browne	Melbourne High School
1997	George Liakatos	Melbourne High School
1998	Megan Byrne	Methodist Ladies' College
1999	Chris Gartner	Melbourne High School
2000	Simon Atkinson	Brighton Grammar School
2001	Jacob Ko	Camberwell Grammar School
2002	Sanmati Verma	MacRobertson Girls' High School
2003	Emma Foster	MacRobertson Girls' High School
2004	Lee Quitt	Camberwell Grammar School
2005	Joel Douth	Mentone Grammar School
2006	Sharon Flitman	Mentone Girls' Secondary College
2007	James Garrick	Scotch College



Don Kinsey - Joint Adjudicator



Margot Kinsey - Joint Adjudicator