



The English-Speaking Union (Victoria Branch)

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MEDIA RELEASE

Speech & Drama Teachers win grant to support their annual Performance Festival

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The English-Speaking Union Victoria Branch (ESU) is delighted to announce its sponsorship of the **Speech and Drama Teachers Association of Victoria (SDTAV)**.

The SDTAV is a not-for-profit organisation that represents qualified teachers across Victoria in the disciplines of voice and communication, drama and public speaking skills. The association also facilitates and promotes informative and interactive professional development and networking opportunities for its members.

The SDTAV hosts the annual event - the SDTAV Performance Festival - as a competition between the students of SDTAV members.

The grant of \$1,730 will support the implementation costs and prizes for the SDTAV's next Performance Festival in late August 2021.

Comments attributable to ESU Branch President, Robert Furlan, a member of the award judging panel:

"The ESU acknowledges the SDTAV's commitment to encouraging and promoting the highest standard of teaching within the area of voice and communication, drama, public speaking and presentation techniques."

"The ESU recognises that training in speaking skills can help to build self-confidence in individuals and groups."

"The ESU is pleased to support the SDTAV's annual Performance Festival, and its encouragement of excellence amongst students in a range of categories."

"The ESU congratulates SDTAV and wishes all teachers and competitors a successful Performance Festival, later this year."

The Role of the English-Speaking Union (Victoria Branch)

The ESU's mission is to promote the heritage, culture, identity and fellowship of the English-speaking peoples. Via a range of competitive awards, the ESU provides funding for activities that align with this mission.

The ESU is a registered Australian charity that has been active in supporting educational and cultural projects by Australians for over 100 years.

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Further information

Details of the ESU Awards Program can be found at esuvic.org.au/content/awards.

For information about the ESU, please contact the President, Robert Furlan, on 0419 559 608.

To arrange an interview with a representative of the Speech and Drama Teachers Association of Victoria, please contact awards@esuvic.org.au.