



## Ararat Legacy Club Inc

### **High Standard at Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards**

A very high standard was set by the seventeen students who presented at last Friday's Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards held at the Midland Theatre Complex in Ararat.

Year 7 and 8 students representing Ararat, Marian, Beaufort, Lake Bolac and Stawell Secondary Colleges all presented a five minute prepared speech and then a two minute impromptu speech. For the prepared speech the topics chosen were of a broad range, well researched and of a very high standard.

The Public Speaking Awards attracted a good crowd of supporters including teachers, family and fellow students to the Midland Complex and what they heard on the day gave everyone a great appreciation of our youth and their feelings to issues that affect them and the community.

There were two winners on the day Madeline Meek and Caitlyn Hamence both from Lake Bolac College and they will now progress to the Preliminary Final to be held at Bendigo on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Runner up was Tess McGee from Ararat College.

First time MC Legatee Gordon Archer from Melbourne Legacy chaired the proceedings, while the panel of judges including Mr Lester Harris from Beaufort as chief judge, Mr Frank Kitchen and Mrs Lee Albert, both from Ararat had the difficult task of selecting the two winners.

This is the fourth year of the Junior Public Speaking Awards in Ararat, and each year the interest and standard of presentations has gone up a notch to this year being outstanding.

Chief Judge Lester Harris in giving an overview of the presentations and announcing the winners said: "All students are to be congratulated on their high standard of presentations, with very interesting topics and the way in which they presented to the audience. It is not easy to stand up in front of a group of people and all students presented well. They are all winners for participating and we are all rewarded by listening to the wide range of topics they presented. Well done to all the students and particularly the teachers for supporting them."

Ararat Legacy, with financial support from the Victorians Veterans Fund Grants Program are proud that they have been able to offer the annual awards in conjunction with Melbourne Legacy and will be supporting the two winners to the Preliminary Final next month