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## Great prizes as the Norfolk Song Competition returns

Chief Minister André Nobbs has announced another phase of the Year of the Norfolk Language – the return of the Norfolk Song Competition.

“This special year of celebration of our language and culture is an ideal time to revive the quest for distinctive local music and songs”, Mr Nobbs said “In recent times, there has been keen interest from a broad range of composers, songwriters and lyricists endeavouring to create new songs in the Norfolk or English languages about people, places, and ideas from the world of Norfolk Island”.

Mr Nobbs said that there had been song competitions in 1984, 2000 and 2002, which had produced a wide range of beautiful songs, including some, which had become popular local favourites such as “Norfolk es awas hoem” and “Ai gud”.

The 2009 Norfolk Song Competition is designed to provide opportunities for all age groups in the community – primary and secondary students, those who have finished school and are under 30 year of age and those aged over 30.

A number of generous supporters have agreed to sponsor the contest, and prizes will be significant in all categories. As well as excellent cash prizes contributed by enthusiastic donors, winners will be rewarded in other ways.

“One of the most difficult hurdles for a prize-winning songwriter, composer or lyricist is to have their work professionally recorded and produced”, Mr Nobbs said. “First and second placegetters in each of the four categories will have their songs professionally reproduced and will be given multiple CD copies of their winning entries”.

Cash prizes will be awarded as follows:

Category	First Prize	Second Prize
Primary students K-6	\$50	\$30
Secondary students 7-12	\$75	\$50
Under 30 years not at school	\$150	\$75
30 years and over	\$150	\$75

Mr Nobbs encouraged all aspiring composers, songwriters and lyricists to get started on their entries. He said the competition will be open until late May and that prizewinners will be announced on Anniversary (Bounty) Day. Full details of the Norfolk Song Competition, including terms and conditions of entry, will be published next week and also made available through the Norfolk Island Government website.

André Nobbs  
**Chief Minister**

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