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Norfolk Song Competition: still time to win cash prizes, recognition

Chief Minister André Nobbs has announced a short extension of the closing deadline for entries in the Norfolk Song Competition. "A number of potential entrants have been involved in this week's very successful Country and Western Festival, or have found it hard to have recordings made because of the resources committed to that Festival", Mr Nobbs said. "Consequently, the organisers have extended the closing deadline to 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday 2 June. All other terms and conditions of entry remain unchanged".

Mr Nobbs said that the organisers of the competition had advised him that a number of entries have been received, and that there is keen interest from a broad range of composers, songwriters and lyricists in their endeavour to create new songs of Norfolk. Over the years a number of new songs have been born due to earlier song competitions and this competition is proving to be no exception.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there has been a change of date and venue for the announcement of the prizewinners. This will be a special evening open to the public and the winners will be announced at The Norfolk Song Awards Night, 7:00pm Saturday 6th June, to be held at Tampali Kalcha Said (Donald & Maree Reynolds' property) Rocky Point Road, Bumboras. Entry will be by donation and coffee and tea will be supplied. Those attending are welcome to bring some nibbles and their own refreshments.

Aim and Theme of the competition

To create and compose a song or songs to reflect the heart and soul of Norfolk Island and its people. Lyrics promoting culture, way of life, family, nature and places can be composed in modern, old or contemporary music styles. Entrants are encouraged to compose lyrics in the Norfolk language.

Age categories

1. Norfolk Island Central School primary students (K-6)
2. Norfolk Island Central School secondary students (Years 7-12 inclusive)
3. Persons aged under 30 years and not at school
4. Persons aged over 30 years.

Prizes

Category 1: 1st prize \$50; 2nd prize \$30.

Category 2: 1st prize \$75; 2nd prize \$50.

Category 3: 1st prize \$150; 2nd prize \$75.

Category 4: 1st prize \$150; 2nd prize \$75.

In addition, first and second prizewinners can have their songs professionally recorded in Norfolk Island at no cost to winners and will receive 20 and 10 CD copies respectively of their winning song.

Full conditions of entry are available from the Government website at www.gov.nf

André Nobbs
Chief Minister

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