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Norfolk's latest hit songs unveiled

Norfolk Island has some new award-winning songs which once again showcase the depth of creative talent in our community. On a rain-soaked Saturday night last week, an enthusiastic group of music lovers turned out to hear the winning songs played and performed.

Chief Minister André Nobbs hosted the awards night, and said that he was delighted that all of the entries received had been presented in the Norfolk language. A judging panel consisting of Susan Pedel, Brent Adams and André Nobbs said that the quality of entries was very high, and commended all entrants for the work they had put into composing their tunes and lyrics. They also noted the contributions of a number of local artists who assisted entrants with vocals and technical production of entries. The judges announced that the 2009 song contest winners were:

Under 30's First Prize: Chelsea Evans – *"Lewen orn Nohfuk"*
Over 30's First Prize: Colleen Vincent – *"Wan ailen inv'tieshan"*
Over 30's Second Prize: Roy Nobbs and Donald Reynolds – *"Gwen hoem"*
Sponsors' Special Prize: Rose Saint – *"Auwas ailen"*.

Mr Nobbs thanked all of the sponsors who provided prizes, especially the Community Arts Society, Bernie Christian-Bailey and Allen Bataille. He said that as there had been no entries from school students, it had been decided to have a special song category for students at this year's A & H Show, and discussions would be held with teachers to encourage their class members to create and submit entries.

Mr Nobbs said that the organisers would be contacting all winners soon to arrange for professional production and recording of their songs. As well, it was planned that there would be a special radio broadcast of winning songs in the near future.

André Nobbs
Chief Minister

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