

What is the Queensland Eisteddfod?

The Queensland Eisteddfod is a week-long celebration of the performing arts. Each Easter, the Queensland Eisteddfod is hosted by a different major Queensland provincial city.

As a minimum, each eisteddfod features a wide programme of Choral, Vocal, Instrumental, Speech and Drama sections. It may also include Dance, Art and/or Literature sections. To the best of our knowledge, it is the ONLY eisteddfod in southern Queensland to feature adult Choral sections.

The Queensland Eisteddfod movement has exhibited a loyal following over many years of competition. At least 10 adult and junior choirs (comprising in excess of 500 individuals) compete each year. It provides a means of showcasing some of the best amateur talent in Queensland. In fact, a number of past competitors are now tenured with professional opera companies throughout Australia and abroad.

Who is the Eisteddfod Council of Queensland?

The Eisteddfod Council of Queensland Inc. (ECQ) is a not-for-profit association, with members consisting of community choirs, eisteddfod associations and municipal councils throughout Queensland. The ECQ is made up entirely of volunteers.

What does the Eisteddfod Council of Queensland do?

The ECQ oversees each Local Organising Committee that convenes the annual Queensland Eisteddfod. By hosting the eisteddfod in a different city each year, the ECQ continues to meet its charter of "fostering the performing arts in Queensland Communities". The Queensland Eisteddfod is the second-longest running eisteddfod in Australia, being first convened in Limestone (now Ipswich) in 1887.

Which cities host the Queensland Eisteddfod?

A number of municipal councils recognise the value that the performing arts contribute to building communities through maintaining membership of the ECQ. Accordingly, the ECQ periodically invites these councils to host a Queensland Eisteddfod. As a result of loyal competitors and supporters, the Queensland Eisteddfod provides significant economic and cultural benefits to the businesses and wider community of the host city.

What is a Local Organising Committee?

Each host city establishes a committee of volunteers to organise and run their respective Queensland Eisteddfod. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) operates under the auspices of the ECQ, but is a separate incorporated association. Through an LOC, volunteers from the local community are afforded the opportunity to be actively involved in the planning and execution of the Queensland Eisteddfod. Members of a local eisteddfod association can use this involvement as a means to facilitate the transfer of knowledge between similar associations.

I have a query - who do I contact?

If you have a query about an upcoming Queensland Eisteddfod, you should contact the secretary of that Local Organising Committee. All other queries should be submitted to the ECQ Secretary / Treasurer.