

**GUNNEDAH EISTEDDFOD SOCIETY (INC)**

**74<sup>th</sup> GUNNEDAH EISTEDDFOD**



# **SPEECH & DRAMA**

**P R O G R A M**

**GUNNEDAH TOWN HALL & CIVIC THEATRE**

**Speech & Drama Eisteddfod**

**Monday 25th May - Thursday 28th May**

**ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per session**

**DAY PASS: \$10.00**

**EISTEDDFOD PASS: \$30.00**

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Speech & Drama 2026 Mrs. Jill Tucker

## CONVENERS:

Speech and Drama:	Mrs Lizzy Bell [Convenor]	0428 181 733
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**SCHOOL LIASON:** Mrs Judith McGowan 0407 920 910

# RULES AND GENERAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

- In all sections where fewer than three (3) entries are received, the award of first or any other prize will be left to the discretion of the adjudicator. In sections where there is only one (1) entrant, a trophy will be awarded only if the mark received is over 80. All entrants perform entirely at their own risk.
- The entrant's age is recognised as their age on the first day of May each year. Entrants in sections limited to age must be prepared to submit proof of age if required to do so.
- Open sections in Speech and Drama are open to entrants 16 years of age and over.
- Unless otherwise stated, only one item may be performed in each section by an entrant.
- An entrant **MUST NOT REPEAT ANY ITEM** with which he or she has won first place in any previous Gunnedah Eisteddfod unless it is a "Set Piece".
- No contestant may say a poem as "Own Choice" if it is a "Set Piece" in the current Eisteddfod.
- **NO ENTRANT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM THE SAME ITEM IN MORE THAN ONE SECTION.**
- No deferment of adjudication to a later session will be permitted. Deferment within a session will be at the discretion of the adjudicator.
- The committee reserves the right to appoint a substitute adjudicator.
- An adjudicator's decision is **FINAL**.
- Any protest or objection arising shall be lodged with the relevant convener in writing within thirty minutes of the cause of complaint and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$10. If the protest is upheld the deposit will be refunded.
- Sheets will be available fifteen (15) minutes after the conclusion of the session and are the responsibility of the entrant.
- Copies of "Own Choice" selections will remain the property of the Gunnedah Eisteddfod Society (Inc).
- Conveners reserve the right to ban video cameras if in breach of copyright laws.

## MRS JILL TUCKER - Adjudicator

### JILL TUCKER

Jill has gained a LTCL with Trinity College and a Dip A.S.C.A with the Australian Speech Communication Association.

Along with these qualifications, she has much experience resulting from running her own studio for over 25 years.

Her experience extends to many areas of speech and drama. As well as teaching privately, she prepared both junior and senior choirs for choral speech as well as adjudicated debates and public speaking for the NSW Dept of Education and Training and Rostrum and taught communication and self-confidence classes to adults.

Jill has adjudicated eisteddfods at Leeton, Taree, Orange, Cowra, Goulburn, Wollongong, Wellington, Eisteddfod on the Bay in Melbourne, Maryborough, Narrabri, Shoalhaven and Gaul in Sri Lanka.

She is also an Examiner for the Australian Speech & Communication Association. On a personal level she enjoys involvement with the local School of Arts performing in local productions.



# SCHOOL GROUPS

Monday 25th May 2026

Commencing 9.00am

## **DR4 - Schools - Group Mime or Play Primary (less than 15 students)**

1 Gunnedah Conservatorium A

2 Gunnedah Conservatorium B

## **DR1 - Schools - One Act Play Primary (15+ students)**

1 S3 - Gunnedah Public School

2 5 Crow

## **HS1 - Schools - Theatre Sports - High Schools**

1 Gunnedah Conservatorium

## **HS4 - Schools - Small Group Drama 2-6 students Original Entry**

1 Gunnedah Conservatorium

## **CS1 - Schools - Choral Speech Yr 5/6**

1 6 Magpie

2 Boggabri 5/6

## **CS2 - Schools - Choral Speech Yr 3/4**

1 St Xavier's Year 4

2 Boggabri 3/4

## **CS3 - Schools - Choral Speech Yr 1/2**

1 S1S - Gunnedah Public School

2 Boggabri 1/2

# PRESCHOOL AND INFANTS SECTION

Monday 26th May 2026

Commencing 12.00pm

## PF4A - Solos - Poems for One Yr 2

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Riley O'gorman | 6 Mikaela Smith |
| 2 Albie Hammond  | 7 Tahnika Smith |
| 3 Alice Groves   | 8 Ivy Hausfeld  |
| 4 Winston Hirst  | 9 Lane Golding  |
| 5 Riley Berding  |                 |

## PF4B - Solos - Poems for One Yr 2

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Brya Newton     | 6 Jaanvi Naveen       |
| 2 Liam Davis      | 7 Ivy Eddington-Atkin |
| 3 Hamish Begg     | 8 Ollie Anderson      |
| 4 Rosie Galton    | 9 Benji Hughes        |
| 5 Isobel Sheridan |                       |

## PF2 - Solos - Kindergarten Poems for One

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Fletcher Hughes  | 8 Loretta Oldfield |
| 2 Bonnie Carrigan  | 9 Elliott Crumbley |
| 3 Ettie Sheridan   | 10 Zari Ludlow     |
| 4 Jed Hausfeld     | 11 Emelia Evans    |
| 5 Beatrix Hirst    | 12 Sammy Anderson  |
| 6 Mckenna Fletcher | 13 Annie Snape     |
| 7 Havana Crowley   | 14 Evelyn Wharton  |



### PF9 - Solos - Introduce a book K-Yr2

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Poppy Carrigan      | 4 Lane Golding     |
| 2 Emilia Keynes       | 5 Henry Frend      |
| 3 Ivy Eddington-Atkin | 6 Adeline Fletcher |
|                       | 7 Evelyn Wharton   |

### PF3 - Solos - Poems for One Yr 1

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 Henry Frend     | 4 Aiden Dawson   |
| 2 Harlow Richards | 5 Poppy Carrigan |
| 3 Oliver Snape    |                  |

### PF6A - Duos - Infants Poems for Two

- 1 Adeline Fletcher, Emilia Keynes
- 2 Annie Snape, Oliver Snape
- 3 Henry Carter, Koda Smith
- 4 Mason Offerman, Carson Carter
- 5 Cliffie Hammond, Fred Chaffey
- 6 Harper Long, Mikaela Smith
- 7 Mikaela Smith, Emilia Middlebrook



### PF6B - Duos - Infants Poems for Two

- 1 Millie Cummins, Liana Middlebrook
- 2 Sonny Long, Darcy Bresac
- 3 Tahnika Smith, Willow Gardner
- 4 Tilly Roseby, Belle Sheridan
- 5 Indie Formann, Isobel Sheridan
- 6 Isla Reynolds, Bea Adams
- 7 Rosie Galton, Alice Groves

### PF5 - Solos - Infants Australian Poem

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Odette Sheridan | 5 Alice Groves     |
| 2 Emilia Keynes   | 6 Adeline Fletcher |
| 3 Isobel Sheridan | 7 Rosie Galton     |
| 4 Bonnie Carrigan | 8 Hugo Chaffey     |

# PRESCHOOL AND INFANTS SECTION

Monday 25th May 2026

Commencing at 3.45pm

## PF1 - Solos - Nursery Rhyme Preschool in Costume

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 Harry Stewart | 3 Walter Goldrick |
| 2 Lani Taylor   | 4 Nicholas Woods  |

## PF7 - Solos - Prepared Reading Yr 1/2

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1 Henry Frend  | 4 Ivy Hausfeld |
| 2 Rosie Galton | 5 Alice Groves |
| 3 Bea Adams    |                |

## PF10D - Duos - Drama Section K-Yr 2

- 1 Rosie Galton, Alice Groves

## PF10S - Solos - Drama Section K-Yr 2

- 1 Rosie Galton

# JUNIOR PRIMARY SECTION

Tuesday 26th May 2026

Commencing at 9.00am

## JP1 - Solos - Yr 3/4 Australian Poem

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Hunter Berding         | 6 Charles Beer       |
| 2 Esther Laing           | 7 Annabelle Goldrick |
| 3 Rhylie Burton          | 8 Jasmine Ford       |
| 4 Mia Taylor             | 9 Louis Rouse        |
| 5 Bonnie Eddington-Atkin | 10 Harry Bell        |

## JP2 - Solos - Yr 3 Poem for One

- |                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Lewis Barlow    | 8 Leo Jerry              |
| 2 Emma Sims       | 9 Ruby Oliver            |
| 3 Rosabella Hyatt | 10 Chace Tailby-Sheumack |
| 4 Mia Taylor      | 11 Phoebe Morley         |
| 5 Emmett Thomson  | 12 Harry Bell            |
| 6 Wyatt Oldfield  | 13 Matilda Mitchell      |
| 7 Sophie Mackay   |                          |

## JP3 - Solos - Yr 4 Poem for One

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Emerson Marshall      | 7 Isla Bunce         |
| 2 Ricky Tailby-Sheumack | 8 Lettie Watkins     |
| 3 Blake Woods           | 9 Annabelle Goldrick |
| 4 Darcy Langfield       | 10 Lincoln Harris    |
| 5 Toby Hobden           | 11 Eleanor Guest     |
| 6 Amelia Kleinschafer   |                      |

## JP6 - Solos - Year 3/4 Bible Reading (set piece)

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Rhylie Burton | 3 Jasmine Ford  |
| 2 Micah Evans   | 4 Grace Milgate |

## JP7 - Solos - Yr 3/4 Prose Reading Individual & no costume required

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Rhylie Burton  | 8 Esther Laing    |
| 2 Quentin Hirst  | 9 Millie Cummins  |
| 3 Dakota Demmery | 10 Lincoln Harris |
| 4 Sophie Mackay  | 12 Axel Rankmore  |
| 5 Emily Adams    | 13 Lacey Stone    |
| 6 Rowen Pierce   |                   |
| 7 Corde Evans    |                   |

## JP10 - Solos - Yr 3/4 Introduce a Book

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Rowen Pierce | 2 Amelia Kleinschafer |
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# JUNIOR PRIMARY SECTION

Tuesday 26th May 2026

Commencing 12.30pm

## JP09 - Solos - Yr 3/4 Indigenous Story Telling

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 Matisse Walters  | 8 Elkie Hatch    |
| 2 Poppy-lane Munro | 9 Eli Hudson     |
| 3 Sophie Rixon     | 10 Taehari Bragg |
| 4 Miellah Mckellar | 11 Hally Bush    |
| 5 Sophie Fleming   | 12 Amelyne Groth |
| 6 Reggie Stewart   | 13 Charvi Gold   |
| 7 Flinn Morris     |                  |

## JP4 - Duos - Yr 3/4 Poem for Two In Costume

- 1 Brooke Offerman, Dakota Demmery
- 2 Hunter Berding, Lokie Hobden
- 3 Thomas Beckett, Theo Dawson
- 4 Arya Middlebrook, Alice Cummins
- 5 Jake Pratten, Henry Hollis
- 6 Emily Adams, Amelia Greenaway
- 7 Heidi Barnes, Hayley Crumbley
- 8 Mia Taylor, Lewis Barlow

## JP5 - Solos - Original Literature

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 Alice Cummins | 3 Reggie Stewart |
| 2 Sophie Mackay |                  |

## JP8 - Solos - Yr 3/4 Sight Reading

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 Alice Cummins | 3 Emily Adams |
| 2 Jade Cooper   |               |

## PS2 - Solos - Yr 3/4 Impromptu Speech

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 Grace Milgate | 6 Rhylie Burton  |
| 2 Jade Cooper   | 7 Corde Evans    |
| 3 Lacey Stone   | 8 Lincoln Harris |
| 4 Rhylie Burton | 9 Jasmine Ford   |
| 5 Taehari Bragg |                  |

## PS1 - Solos - Yr 3/4 Prepared Speech

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Lincoln Harris | 7 William Mcmillan |
| 2 Grace Milgate  | 8 Rhylie Burton    |
| 3 Jasmine Ford   | 9 Jasmine Ford     |
| 4 April Bragg    | 10 Corde Evans     |
| 5 Jessica Herbu  | 11 Lacey Stone     |
| 6 Taehari Bragg  |                    |

# HIGH SCHOOL - INDIVIDUAL

Tuesday 26th May 2026 -

Commencing 4.30pm

## SH6 - Solos - Yr 10/11/12 Indigenous Storytelling

- 1 Katey Muggleton

## JH7 - Solos - Yr 7/8/9 Original Literature

- 1 Grace Groves

## JH1S - Solos - Yr 7/8/9 Drama

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 Grace Groves    | 3 Charli Wyllie  |
| 2 Benjamin Turner | 4 Georgia Hobson |

## JH5 - Solos - Yr 7/8/9 Prose Reading

- 1 Charli Wyllie

## JH2 - Solos - Yr 7/8/9 Poems for One

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Grace Groves    | 3 Charli Wyllie |
| 2 Benjamin Turner |                 |

## JH6 - Solos - Yr 7/8/9 Indigenous Storytelling

- 1 Charli Wyllie

## JH3 - Solos - Yr 7/8/9 Australian Poem

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 Charli Wyllie | 2 Grace Groves |
|-----------------|----------------|



## SP8 - Solos - Yr 5/6 Sight Reading

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 Emmett Hirst | 4 Tom Beer        |
| 2 Elsie Groves | 5 Pomeline Huddle |
| 3 Rosie Adams  | 6 Pippa Galton    |
|                | 7 Anna Bradford   |

## SP5 - Solos - Yr 5/6 Original Literature

- |                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1 Elsie Groves   | 5 Anna Beer   |
| 2 Lily Pratten   | 6 Lucy Newton |
| 3 Emmett Hirst   | 7 Ella Mackay |
| 4 Stevie Mendham |               |

## SP1 - Solos - Yr 5/6 Australian Poem

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Tom Beer       | 6 Alexandra Rankin |
| 2 Mimi Sheridan  | 7 Emily Baillie    |
| 3 Pippa Galton   | 8 Poppi Crawley    |
| 4 Georgia Wyllie | 9 Emmett Hirst     |
| 5 Elsie Groves   | 10 Rosie Adams     |

### **SP2 - Solos - Yr 5 Poem for One**

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Noah Dawson      | 8 Jerry Firth      |
| 2 Alexandra Rankin | 9 Lily Pratten     |
| 3 Elsie Groves     | 10 Emily Morris    |
| 4 Ella Mackay      | 11 Aaliyah Woodley |
| 5 Anna Bradford    | 12 Ella Smith      |
| 6 Harriet Roseby   | 13 Billie Burton   |
| 7 Isla Chetham     |                    |

### **SP3A - Solos - Yr 6 Poem for One**

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 Alice Norton  | 5 Cruze Turner    |
| 2 Mimi Sheridan | 6 Simon Watkins   |
| 3 Mia Guerrin   | 7 Kyana Brown     |
| 4 Ava Schutz    | 8 Pomeline Hoddle |

### **SP3B - Solos - Yr 6 Poem for One**

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Haylee Tailby-Sheumack | 6 Georgia Wyllie |
| 2 Atalie Harris          | 7 Rupert Frend   |
| 3 Natika Cook            | 8 Amelia Hollis  |
| 4 Jesse Franklin         | 9 Lexi Bullen    |
| 5 Pippa Galton           |                  |

### **SP7 - Solos - Yr 5/6 Prose Reading**

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1 Lexi Oliver    | 6 Atalie Harris  |
| 2 Ella Mackay    | 7 Mya Watton     |
| 3 Georgia Wyllie | 8 Rosie Adams    |
| 4 Pippa Galton   | 9 Edith Dakic    |
| 5 Emmett Hirst   | 10 Billie Burton |
|                  | 11 Anna Bradford |

### **SP6 - Solos - Yr 5/6 Bible Reading (set piece)**

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 Edith Dakic   | 4 Elsie Groves       |
| 2 Mimi Sheridan | 5 Rebecca Staniforth |
| 3 Pippa Galton  |                      |

### **HS3 - Schools - Small Group Drama 3-6 students Scripted Scenes**

- 1 Mullaley Primary

### **SP4A - Duos - Yr 5/6 Poems for Two In Costume**

- 1 Anna Bradford, Ava Schutz
- 2 Rosie Adams, Mia Guerin
- 3 Alice Norton, Haylee Tailby-Sheumack
- 4 Mimi Sheridan, Phoebe Neilson

# SENIOR PRIMARY

Wednesday 27th May 2026

Commencing 12.00pm

## SP10S - Solos - Drama Section Yr 5/6

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Mimi Sheridan             | 6 Rebecca Staniforth |
| 2 Emma Johnston             | 7 Emily Morris       |
| 3 Savannah Reeves-Creighton | 8 Marli Campbell     |
| 4 Georgia Wyllie            | 9 Lucy Newton        |
| 5 Noah Dawson               |                      |

## SP10D - Duos - Drama Section Yr 5/6

- 1 Cruze Turner, Noah Dawson
- 2 Kyana Brown, Aaliyah Woodley
- 3 Marli Campbell, Ivy Rixon

## SP9 - Solos - Yr 5/6 Indigenous Story Telling

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Sophie Mclachlan | 6 Alexandra Rankin |
| 2 Gianna Firth     | 7 Ivy Rixon        |
| 3 Mya Watton       | 8 Imogen Whitby    |
| 4 Skye Anscombe    | 9 Alumita Raitala  |
| 5 Georgia Wyllie   | 10 Carma Simpson   |

## PS3 - Solos - Yr 5/6 Prepared Speech

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 Edith Dakic      | 8 Mya Watton     |
| 2 Savannah Swanson | 9 Emily Baillie  |
| 3 Atalie Harris    | 10 Elsie Groves  |
| 4 Billie Burton    | 11 Anna Beer     |
| 5 Emma Johnston    | 12 Eva Ford      |
| 6 Alexandra Rankin | 13 Poppi Crawley |
| 7 Mimi Sheridan    | 14 Pippa Galton  |

## PS4 - Solos - Yr 5/6 Impromptu Speech

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Poppi Crawley    | 8 Alexandra Rankin |
| 2 Savannah Swanson | 9 Billie Burton    |
| 3 Pippa Galton     | 10 Pomeline Huddle |
| 4 Atalie Harris    | 11 Elsie Groves    |
| 5 Emma Johnston    | 12 Eva Ford        |
| 6 Edith Dakic      | 13 Emily Baillie   |
| 7 Mimi Sheridan    | 14 Rosie Adams     |

## SP12 - Duos - Yr 5/6 Duologues (Scene for 2 actors memorised) Optional costume

- 1 Elsie Groves, Pippa Galton
- 2 Mimi Sheridan, Pom Huddle

# POEMS FOR TWO YR5/6

Thursday 28th May 2026

Commencing 9.30am

## SP4A - Duos - Yr 5/6 Poems for Two In Costume

- 1 Hugo Bradford, Lewis Mainey
- 2 Lexie Martin, Elodie Warren
- 3 Emili Perera, Savannah Berges
- 4 Henry Pope, Georgie Duff
- 5 Frances Boyce, Emma Gander
- 6 Kate Evans, Georgina Grimm
- 7 Banjo Fitzgerald, Jock Mainey
- 8 Annabelle Crawter, Lily Judd
- 9 Mason Insch, Lewy Seach

## SP4B - Duos - Yr 5/6 Poems for Two In Costume

- 1 Savannah Campbell, Sophia Baker
- 2 Lokie Jolliffe, Ari Mallon
- 3 Oscar Sheridan, Zac Tunbridge
- 4 Acaysha Mccumstie, Lily Scales
- 5 Cody Mather, Cooper Braithwaite
- 6 Harry Leys, Thomas Beer
- 7 Rose Scales, Pippa Wark
- 8 Jack Jolliffe, Wyatt Shorter
- 9 Pippa Galton, Ivy Walshe

## SP4C - Duos - Yr 5/6 Poems for Two In Costume

- 1 Ashton Buck, Tyrone Syphers
- 2 Rupert Frend, Harry Blake
- 3 Cecilia Dilly, Amelia Dunkey
- 4 Rafe Denovan, Ryder Jolliffe
- 5 Alex Byron, Jake Barrow
- 6 Jake Grace, Sophie Jacobs
- 7 Eli Russell, Nicholas Martin
- 8 Ashley Ross, Eloise Launderers
- 9 Sophie Martin, Evie Swain
- 10 Leila Ainsworth, Pippa Galton



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