



Pageant Participant Information Sheet

MELAM 2026



DATE:

FRIDAY
21.08.
2026



AT PERTH TOWN HALL



Dear Participant,

Thank you for participating in the Melam 2026 Pageant. We are delighted to have you take part in this exciting celebration of confidence, culture, and individuality.

This pageant is an opportunity to showcase not only your presence on stage, but also your personality, creativity, and ability to think on your feet. We encourage you to enjoy the experience, be yourself, and most importantly, have fun!

Event Details

Date: Friday, 21 August 2026

Venue: Perth Town Hall

Event Time: 6pm to 11:50pm

Pageant Time: 8:20 PM – 9:15 PM

Arrival Time: Please arrive 15 minutes prior (8:05 PM) for registration, briefing and final lineup.

All Participants must have a valid ticket for Melam 2026

PAGEANT FORMAT - 5 MINUTES TOTAL

01

RAMP WALK
(1 MINUTE)



- Walk confidently on stage.
- Take your time and enjoy the moment.
- Feel free to pose naturally before moving to centre stage.

02

INTRODUCTION
(2 MINUTES)



Introduce yourself to the audience.
This may include:

- Your name
- Where you are from
- Your profession or studies
- A special talent
- A hobby or passion
- An interesting fact about yourself
- Anything else that helps the audience get to know you

This section is designed to showcase your personality and confidence.

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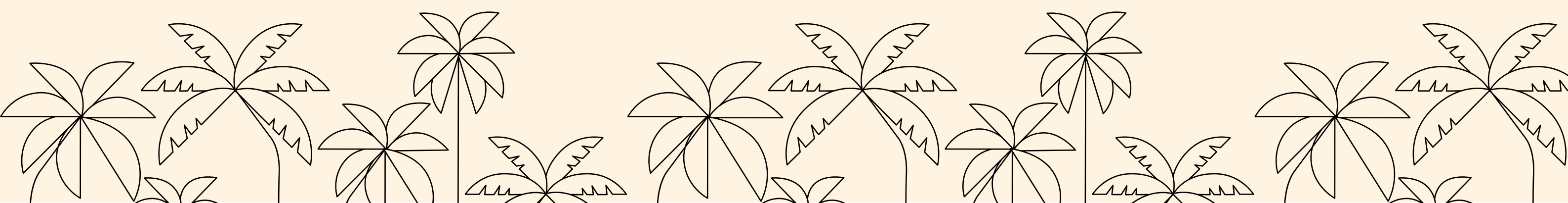
TOPIC DISCUSSION
(2 MINUTES)



Each participant will answer a topic selected at random.

- 10 minutes before the pageant begins, you will pick one topic from the bowl backstage.
- This gives you approx. 10 minutes to prepare your thoughts.
- During the pageant, the MC will invite you back to the stage and announce your topic.
- You will have 2 minutes to share your response.

There are no right or wrong answers – we are looking for authenticity, confidence, communication skills, and your unique perspective.





Stage Briefing

To ensure everyone feels comfortable and confident on stage, a short participant debrief will be held 10 minutes before the pageant begins.

During this briefing, we will cover:

- Stage entry and exit points
- Where to walk and stand during each segment
- Microphone and presentation guidance
- The overall flow of the pageant
- Any final instructions from the event team

A more detailed running order and participant information will also be shared closer to the event.

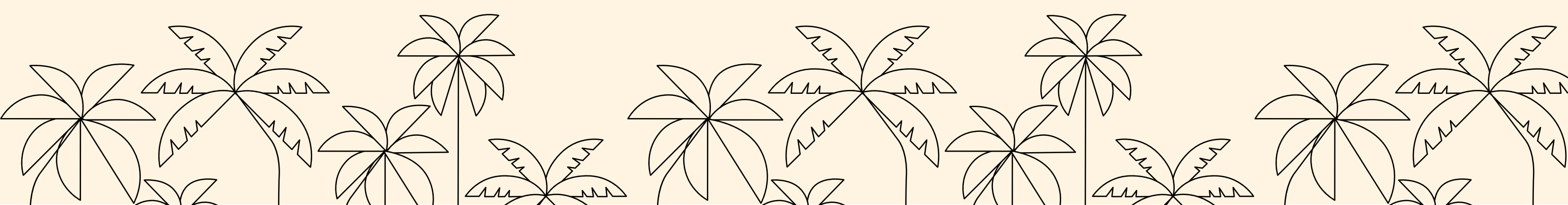
Dressing Rooms

- Limited dressing room facilities are available backstage. To ensure fair access for all performers, allocated dressing room timings will be included in the final event schedule shared closer to the date.
- Dressing room access will be managed by event organisers.
- We kindly recommend arriving performance-ready wherever possible to help ensure a smooth event flow.
- Please keep personal belongings organised and respect shared backstage spaces.

Dress Code

Participants are encouraged to embrace the festive spirit of Onam.

Traditional attire, cultural clothing, or elegant pageant attire is welcome. Please ensure your outfit allows you to walk comfortably and confidently on stage.





Judging Focus

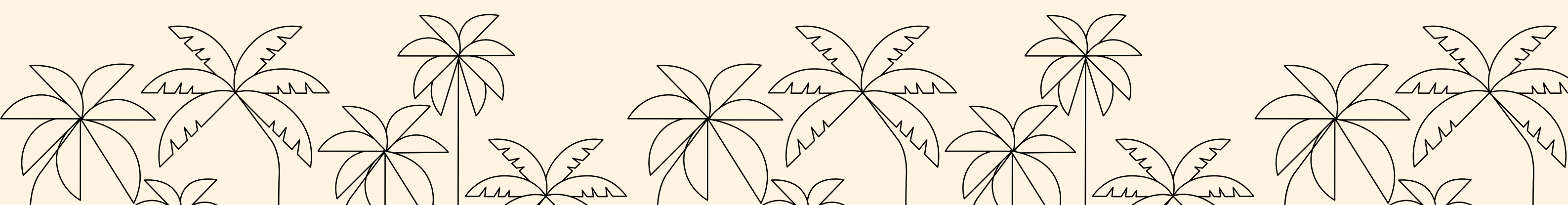
While scoring criteria will remain with the judges, participants are encouraged to demonstrate:

-  Confidence & stage presence
-  Clear communication
-  Authenticity
-  Personality
-  Creativity
-  Ability to engage with the audience
-  Thoughtfulness during the Topic Discussion

Voting will take place live during the event, allowing guests to vote for their favorite participants. Final winners for Mr. and Miss Southees will be selected based on total judges' marks combined with audience votes

Helpful Tips

- Practise your introduction and keep it within the allotted time.
- Speak clearly and confidently.
- Smile and enjoy the experience.
- Don't memorise every word – speak naturally.
- Remember that the audience wants to learn about you.

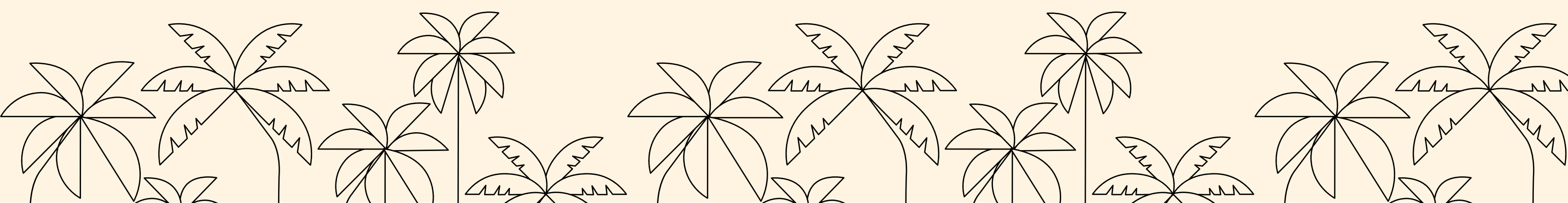
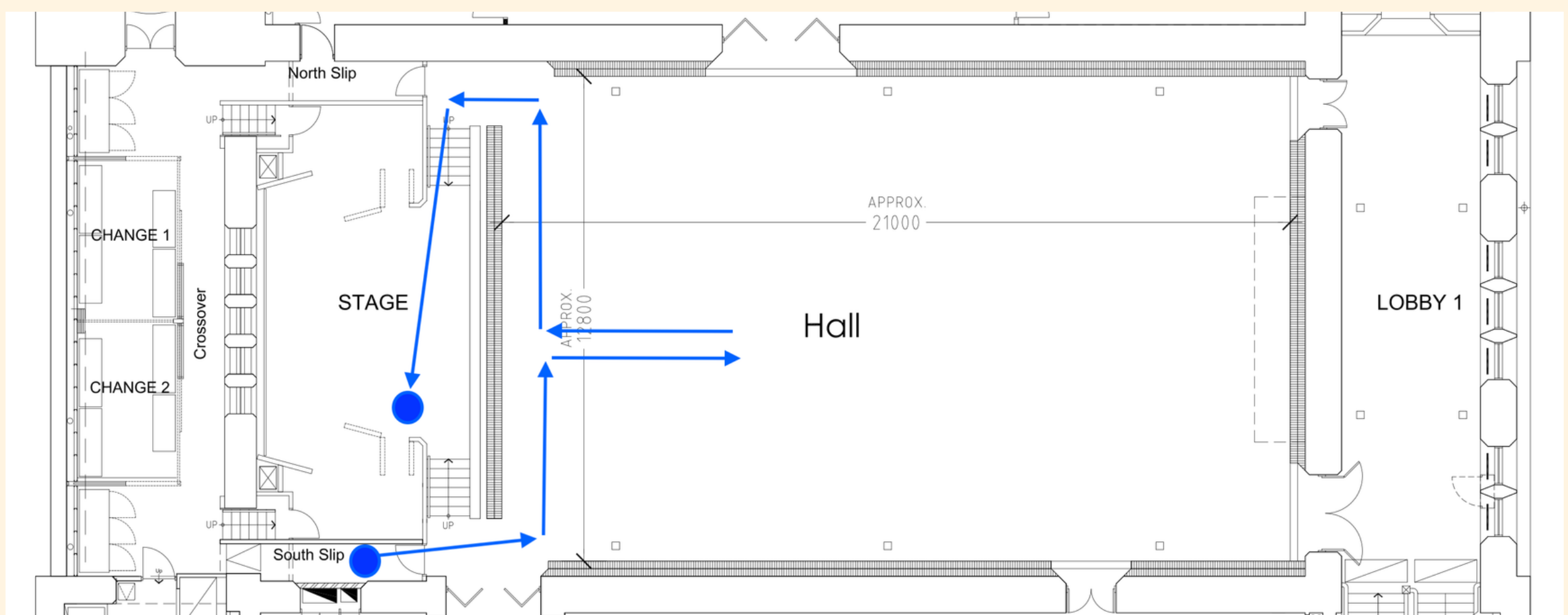
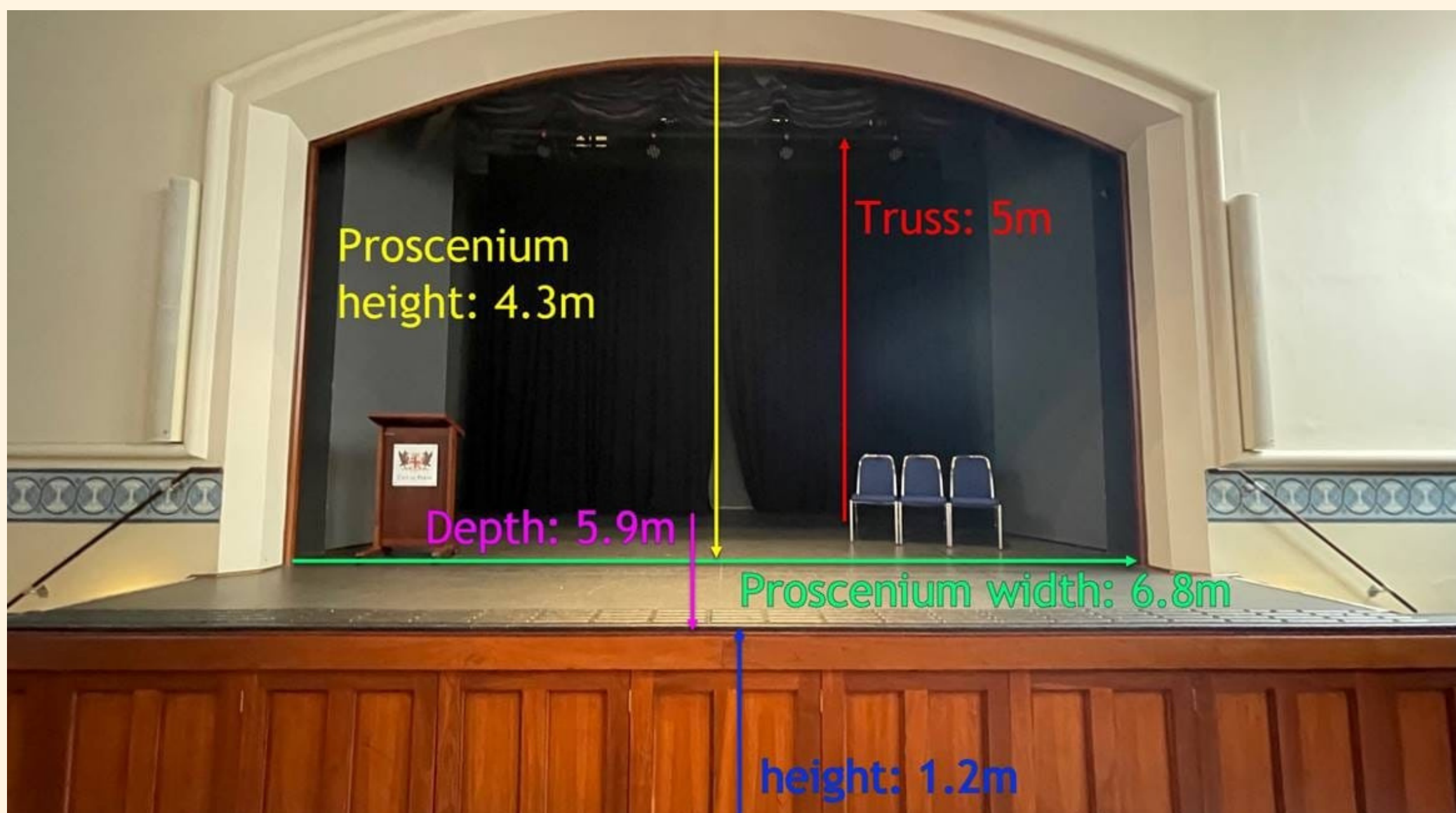




Stage Information

Attached below are a photograph of the raked stage (which is slightly sloped towards the audience) and the corresponding floor plan outlining the participant ramp walk pathway.

As the stage has a slight slope (raked stage), we kindly ask participants to take extra care while walking, particularly if wearing heels or formal footwear.





Social Media Collaboration

We would love to collaborate with you to create exciting content for Melam 2026!

Our media partner will be available throughout the event to capture:

- Professional Pageant footage
- Behind-the-scenes moments
- Collaborative social media reels and content

This is a fantastic opportunity to boost visibility and create memorable content together. If you would like to participate, please let us know and we would be delighted to collaborate with you.

We Can't Wait to See You Shine!

Melam is a celebration of culture, community, and connection. We are excited to have you join us and look forward to an enjoyable and memorable evening.

We wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing you on stage!

Questions or Support?

If you have any questions or require assistance at any stage, please feel free to contact us at hello@southees.com.au

We are always happy to help.

Warm regards,
Team Southees

