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Setting the Stage for the Lamorinda Idols

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The arts and crafts table was busy as families picnicked on the lawn at Orinda Community Park, with singers in the gazebo.

Photo Sophie Braccini

Council (formerly the Orinda Arts Council) and music teacher said that their aim was to do art and sing. She noted with great delight that more young families were joining the event and participating, a testimony to a bright future for the arts in Lamorinda, she said.

Steve Harwood, chairman of the Lamorinda Idol program, had set up his equipment. "We have more than 30 people now involved in the (Idol) committee," he said. The popularity of the singing competition is ongoing with over 130 participants this year from grades K to 12 competing either solo or in group.

"The finals will be on Sept. 4 at the Orinda Theater," said Harwood, a local businessman who volunteers his time to the organization. "It will be an all-day long event where the audience will give its feedback and professional judges will select the winners."

On the night of July 20, the singers were just there to showcase their talent and practice for the big day. Some amazing voices were heard, with all styles of music including rock and country music. The 2016 Lamorinda Idol will be a vintage one. More information at www.lamorindaarts.org.

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