



## **CLUB REPORT to POWERtalk Australia Incorporated**

Diamond Valley members support the Association by taking on some management roles and by participation, including eight members attending conference. Trips to conferences are treated almost as "club outings" and bind our members in friendship. We miss the "good old days" when we travelled en-masse to country clubs in Victoria; sadly, now all gone.

During the term, each of the three clubs in Victoria hosts a meeting and invites members from the other clubs. This keeps the clubs "in touch" and enables members to present to, and interact with, a wider audience. The clubs have the advantage of being quite close geographically, making these meetings possible on normal meeting nights. Pre-meeting dinner is usually arranged for those who can attend. For supper, the host club provides drinks and those attending provide the supper. Meetings include workshops, presentations, guest speakers, debates, club reports and other assignments that used to be presented at council meetings, but without formalities.

Participation in the monthly Webinars is encouraged and some members have been able to set themselves up to join in.

A request has been for all business items to be sent to our long-standing official club contact, [dvcommunicators@gmail.com](mailto:dvcommunicators@gmail.com), with copies to president and secretary and with documents attached to the emails themselves for downloading. This club strongly feels that the social network, Facebook, is not the optimal method of dealing with the business of the Association. Clubs shouldn't have to rely on members accessing Facebook.

With two new members, club membership has been raised to sixteen; a former member has rejoined plus a member who found the club via *Meetup* and is very keen to further his speaking skills. The new members are using the Development Program and assignments from the Program will be introduced for all members. All members are active members, even if meetings do have to fit in around travels! Most members also attend our monthly Book Group, where lively discussions on the nominated book take place. The club has purchased new name badges for all members and Board members, with the POWERtalk Australia logo.

Diamond Valley Communicators – nearly 40 years young – and still going strong.

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