

HOBART POWERtalkers

Report for AGM, May 2019

We commenced the term with eight members and end the term with 7 members. Unfortunately a couple will not renew this year which will affect the viability of the club.

We have had a number of visitors from Meetup but they have mainly been students and a breakfast meeting really does not suit their schedule or their budget. Meetup has given us three members in the past so we think it is still a good vehicle for gaining members, it just takes time. We may need to look at changing our meeting time and venue.

Our programs have been interesting and our visitors do take part and appear to enjoy them. We have a mix of POWERtalk assignments and some work related assignments. At each meeting we have a 10 minute conversation session so members/visitors can chat, usually while having breakfast. When visitors are present we also try to have a 10-15 minute education session. Visitors tend to arrive 10-15 minutes before members and that gives me the opportunity to do a quick education session if there is not one on the program and to talk about the association.

Being the only club in Tasmania does make it difficult but we are exploring the use of SKYPE etc

We are still meeting once a month and it is unlikely we will go back to two which is a pity as I firmly believe two meetings are of benefit to the members and makes a club stronger. We run a business meeting only when we have business to attend to but do occasionally have formal meeting education spot.

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