

POWERtalk Australia News

Dear Members

After a busy weekend meeting of the Australian board, there is much to share with members.

This was our second face-to-face, two day meeting for the term and as you can imagine, with the changes to the organisation, there was a lot to cover.



Member update as to what is happening and what is planned.

The Survey Results

We found it interesting working through the results of the survey that was sent to members shortly after the start of term. Your input was greatly appreciated. **There was an overwhelming response to keep POWERtalk Australia name.** Over the term the board will make necessary changes to support the ideas the members presented while communicating the culture of our Australian organisation.

Elements most requested we keep are:

- Accreditation Program
- Writing & speech contests
- Master manual - Education materials
- Conferences and Council meetings
- Speech training
- Leadership training

The board will be working through each of the sections of the Master Manual over time and adapting to suit our organisation's requirements. Considering the popularity and success of the Accreditation program, we are starting there.

Writing Contest

Send your entries to **Leigh Martin**
dalyleigh@optusnet.com.au

The date for the writing contest has been extended until midnight on March 31st. Which means all the budding writers have another month to polish their short stories and poetry entries. Plus...a small change to the rules means that if you have won previously over two consecutive years, you are now still eligible to enter.

Leigh is looking forward to receiving your writing entries. Don't delay.

Not-For-Profit Status

Some concerns have been raised regarding the Not-For-Profit status of the organisation. Rest assured this will be addressed by simple changes made to our constitution at the Annual General Meeting at conference in May.

Membership

The good news is the Australian membership numbers are going strong with new members joining each week. 100 members renewed this term which included 4 MAL's (Member's At Large)

Since then, **21 new members have joined.** 11 in Council 7, 7 in Council 9, 1 in Victoria and 2 MAL's.

The results are powerful evidence that the clubs who are actively promoting on Meetup and have been using this form of marketing for a while, are enjoying club growth with new members joining.

Webinar Training for All Members

All members will soon receive a personal invitation to attend what will be a monthly training & interactive webinar that will highlight many different components of communication training, promotion ideas, new concepts, what's working around the clubs and a whole lot more.

Simply follow the instructions to attend when you receive the email.

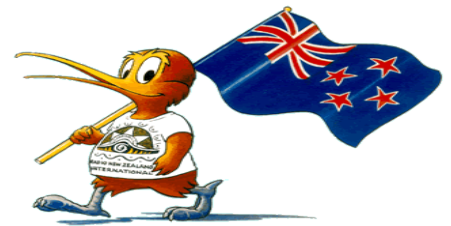
Don't worry if you aren't able to make it on line on at 8am (QLD time) March 10th as a recording will placed on the POWERtalk Australian Facebook Chat room.

To save the region thousands of \$\$\$, I'll be using my Go To Webinar account which means the invitation will come from my personal email and be sent to individuals to log on. Keep an eye out for it. @speechperfect.com.au

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Australian Region Conference

There is still plenty of time to register to attend the joint Australian and New Zealand Conference May 4-6.

With trainers from both countries presenting an interesting array of workshops, the joint conference will be a wonderful opportunity to learn from quality speakers, make new friends and maybe even take some time to explore all New Zealand has to offer.

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President Elect

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