



POWERtalk Australia

Newsletter

August 2018

TREASURERS

The new term began on August 1st. What you need to do?

1. Send POWERtalk Australia Treasurer, Margaret Sutherland the form listing the continuing members and the dues of \$45 ASAP so that the new roster can be compiled.
2. As soon as a new member joins please send the New Member form with all the details and appropriate dues to Margaret Sutherland so that the new members receive their welcome letter from the POWERtalk Australia President, be added to the roster and email list in a timely manner.

50th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE UPDATE – 17-19 May, 2019



The venue for the 2019 POWERtalk Australia Conference has changed. The Brighton Le Sands venue costs skyrocketed and to benefit members, it was decided to source a new venue. The new venue, Liverpool Catholic Club, will ensure the conference is much more affordable as well as providing excellent services for all our needs to host a quality conference. More details in the September newsletter.

INVITATION TO PRESENT A WORKSHOP/EDUCATION AT CONFERENCE 2019

Members are asked to submit expressions of interest in presenting workshop or education session at conference 2019 to Conference Education Chairperson, Janeen Vosper to be considered for the Education program.

BOARD CYBER MEETINGS

Your board is working hard for you and to this end we meet each month on-line following the Member's Coaching Webinar to keep abreast of the needs of members. We also have 'in person' meetings several times a year and spent a full day together in Sydney on August 4th working on innovative ideas to assist the clubs in gaining more members and supporting current members in ensuring all are achieving their speaking goals.

We invite all members to get in touch with any of the board if you have any questions or topics you would like their board to discuss at these meetings.

WRITING CONTEST

The rules for the writing contest remain the same for 2019 but we are considering changes for the future. Members will have opportunity to offer input on this and many other topics in a survey that will be sent to all members before the end of August.

CHANGE TO SPEECH CONTEST RULES

Club and Council Speech Contest organisers please note that **all speeches can now be in the form of a NARRATIVE**. For many years now, NARRATIVE speeches have been presented (and won) even though our rules state NARRATIVE speeches are not permitted. To this end the board has decided to avoid any future controversy, that any of the speech categories can be provided in the form of a NARRATIVE.

Also, EVALUATORS will not now be required for the speech contests. We understand many clubs have low numbers and difficulty filling the required assignments. We would encourage speech contest participants speak with judges and ask for feedback and evaluation of their speeches.



WEBINARS

A personal invitation is sent a week ahead to **all members** to join the POWERtalk Australia Coaching Webinar each month. And a reminder to join the day before. If you are not receiving your invitation, please check your SPAM files. Alternatively, you will be able to find the link to the webinar on the POWERtalk Australia Member's Facebook page. If you are having any issues finding the link or logging on, contact Janeen Vosper.

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IS OUR PLEDGE STILL RELEVANT?

Council 7 has decided to use the POWERtalk MISSION STATEMENT rather than the PLEDGE at their meetings as it was felt it wasn't relevant as we are no longer members of ITC. Our current MISSION STATEMENT typifies what we do and what we are about when the word 'globally' is removed. We feel this is relevant to current and future members. What do members think of using the MISSION STATEMENT for all formal events in the future? Please provide comment.

Mission Statement: To provide opportunities for self-improvement through progressive quality training in communication and leadership skills.

CYBER MEETINGS FOR MAL'S

Your board has been discussing the best method of providing more access to meetings for our MAL's (Members at Large) and members who are remote from clubs and councils and considering launching a cyber club. The question/option will be put to our many MAL's for consideration.



Warm wishes
Marie Cooke
Secretary
POWERtalk Australia