



POWERtalk Australia February 2019 NEWSLETTER

IT IS FINALLY OFFICIAL!

It is finally official. Our name is POWERtalk Australia Incorporated. International Training in Communication Australian Region Incorporated can now be deleted from all material and POWERtalk Australia Incorporated can now be used.



TOPICS AND PRESENTERS FOR WEBINARS

A big thank you to the members who have accepted the request to present on the POWERtalk monthly coaching webinars. To ensure the training is relevant and varied, having different members from around the clubs presenting topics of their expertise, is essential. There are still a few people who haven't yet got back to me regarding their availability and there are a few spaces that need filling. If you would like to give this a go (it is easier than you might think) and willing to prepare a 10 minute session, please email me ASAP. I particularly require topics on communication and writing. Email

Janeen.vosper@speechperfect.com.au

CONTESTS

Club and Council **Speech Contest** Chairs, please ensure you forward your Speech Contest Chairperson Report and Eligibility Statements which you will find on the [POWERtalk Australia Member's Facebook Page](#) (and soon on the association website), to the Association Speech Contest Chair, Ellen Lake ellenmelba@hotmail.com

You still have 4 weeks to get your **Writing Contest** entries in to Contest Chairperson, Bernadette Knight. bernknight@hotmail.com

Why not have a go?

Attention Budding Writers
We are seeking entries for the
POWERtalk Australia Writing Contest

A copy of the rules and eligibility statement will soon be available on the POWERtalk Australia website. Or visit the association Facebook Page for details.

Fiction
500-1500 words
Non-Fiction
500-1500 words
Poetry
10-32 lines

Don't leave it till the last moment...start writing now.
You might be surprised by what you can do!

Entries must be emailed to Bernadette Knight before March 1st, 2019
bernknight@gmail.com

Every Club will soon receive the
NEW POWERtalk Australia
Marketing Flyers.
Give them away freely

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

A huge thank you to Pat Cartwright who has completed the edit and final training assignments on all levels of the Development Program. It is now available on the POWERtalk Australia Member's Facebook page and will soon be available on the www.powertalkaustralia.org.au website.

A reminder this is not an accreditation program, it is a program to develop the quality and confidence of the members who participate.

Participants of the program require evaluation not accreditation.

If the evaluator believes the speaker has met the criteria and presented at a suitable level, they will be deemed to have completed that assignment.

As the program is meant to improve the ability of the speaker, it would make sense for experienced members to be held to a higher standard with more in-depth evaluations. We all grow through evaluation and don't do members a favour with weak feedback and simply ticking off assignments.

Unlike the previous accreditation program, it isn't a rush to the end, but a Development Program that is meant to enhance speaking and training skills as a representation of what is attainable as a member of POWERtalk Australia.

Please feel free to email or call me if you have any questions on how to implement in your club.



THAT'S
Gold!

CONFERENCE

Every member will have received the 2019, 50th Anniversary Combined Conference Pack including your invitation, registration details, hotel booking information and a copy of the Program at a Glance.

If you didn't receive this please check with your club President or Secretary or visit the POWERtalk Australia Facebook page for copies.

As well as the opportunity celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the association in Australia, you will meet members from Japan and New Zealand as well as participate in a fun and education packed program. Don't miss it!

Warm wishes
President Elect
Janeen Vosper