



SPEECH CONTESTS

In fairness to all members and clubs, it has been decided that every club is eligible to send one representative to compete in the Regular Speech Contest and one representative to compete in the Cosmopolitan Speech Contest at the Australian level. Two separate contests will be held at the Association Conference in May 2020. To be eligible to enter the Cosmopolitan Speech Contest, the mother tongue of the member must not be English.

There are no changes as to how each club selects their representative, either in contest or by appointment. There are no changes to the contest rules.

While the two Councils may still wish to conduct some form of speech contest, ideas have been floated to conduct an impromptu contest or provide a practice contest for the club representatives.

MEMBER SURVEY

Mention has been made of the member survey in previous correspondence and will be sent to all members in mid-October. Keep an eye out for it and please respond. Your answers are important to the future direction of the Association.

INSURANCE DOCUMENTS

The board has received several requests for updated insurance documents. These will be forwarded as soon as they are available. As the insurance doesn't expire until October 31st, 2019, the forms for renewal aren't usually received until mid-month. We understand the need for clubs to have the documents for hire purposes and as soon as they are available, they will be sent to all clubs.

ROSTER

Due to a few clubs sending dues and membership lists late, and the fact that some monies banked was not identified, the roster is still being compiled and will be sent to club Presidents and Secretaries shortly. A reminder that the information on this list is not to be shared outside the organisation.

2020 CONFERENCE – MT TAMBORINE, GOLD COAST HINTERLAND



Preparations are well underway for the 2020 POWERTalk Australia Conference with members planning on attending from all around Australia, Japan and New Zealand. As the theme is 'Share the Experience', the committee are planning on activities and a program that will have members joining in the fun and learning together.

What is different than usual...the AGM will be conducted on Friday night and the Speech Contests will be held on Sunday. Saturday is going to be a day of learning and participating. There won't be any concurrent sessions but extensive group work activities. The Education team will be in touch with clubs and councils regarding presenting workshop themes as there won't be a call for individual presenters. Remember to get in quickly to confirm your accommodation and register your attendance. We look forward to seeing you at this destination conference.

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