

POWERtalk Australia

June 2020 Newsletter



Congratulations to the Association Board, the Delegates and the Members who participated in the virtual AGM on May 22. The practise session for the delegates the week prior was certainly worth the time and effort. We now know what is possible. Well done all participants.

Mary Wong went to a great deal of effort in ensuring the gifts for the incoming board arrived in time (nearly all) for her most unique installation. The chocolates were perfect for quiet lockdown nights. Thank you Mary. 😊

I wish to personally congratulate my 2020-2021 board for stepping up. The commitment of Marie Cooke and Margaret Sutherland is quite extraordinary this being their fourth year and I do really appreciate the work they have done and will do in the next term. Welcome to Pat Cartwright for stepping into the Treasurer's position. Thank you to Mary Wong who has done an admirable job as Treasurer over the past term spending hours and hours organising banking changes with the name POWERtalk Australia Inc. Your new Association board for the 2020-2021 term is President - Janeen Vosper, President Elect – Marie Cooke, Secretary – Margaret Sutherland & Treasurer – Pat Cartwright.



100% Cyber Club

I am always looking for willing participants to fill the 100% Cyber club programs. Any member who would like to present please let me know. Meetings are on the 3rd Monday night and 1st Tuesday morning of each month.

Although the links to meetings are on all Meetup Group pages, I regularly receive requests for the links. Please go to the Meetup page to locate in the first instance, or log into the POWERtalk Australia Zoom Page to find. It is exactly what I do to send to you. Sign in email for Zoom is powertalkaus@gmail.com Password is POWERAust20

IMPORTANT

All club treasurers will soon receive the list of club members as per the current member register from Association Treasurer, Mary Wong. Please update with any corrections; ensure membership status is entered (new discontinued or continuing); and note if dual or joined in June or July 2020 (payment not required). **DO NOT remove people from the list.** Membership payments are due on or before August 1st (\$45 per member), as per the standing rules. Membership is to be paid directly into the Association bank account. **DO NOT send a cheque.** If your club is not able to do direct transfers, please deposit your cheque directly into the association account at any ANZ branch.

Account name: POWERtalk Australia Inc.

BSB: 016 270 Account number: 4994 99444

Please also ensure club meeting info is up to date.

A reminder that any new members joining in June or July will receive 14 or 13 months of membership for the \$45 yearly fee. This is a great opportunity to encourage the visitors to your cyber meetings to join NOW!

Welcome to the newest member of POWERtalk Australia...Myrtle Hacon – Diamond Valley Communicators

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I want to take this opportunity again to congratulate the winners of the President Award, the Alex Applebaum award, and Writing Contests for the 2019-2020 term.

President's Award: Marie Cooke who certainly went above and beyond in her commitment to the organisation over the past 12 months.

Alex Applebaum Award for the Club of the Year: Diamond Valley Communicators (Victoria)

And in case you have been wondering about the criteria for this award.

This nomination for the Alex Applebaum Award should be based on assessment of the criteria set out below.

1. The evaluation criteria to be used are:
 - a. Hospitality to all visitors and members
 - b. Club atmosphere – enthusiasm, friendliness
 - c. Club functioning
 - Organization of meetings
 - Evidence of teamwork of club board members
 - Effective club programming
 - Participation of club members
 - d. Participation of club members in Council/Combined Club activities
 - e. Effective reporting to Council where required
 - f. Promotion of POWERtalk Australia in the community
 - g. Linkage to Council & National goals.

Ellen wrote her winning poem after treating an elderly lady in hospital who was in for cancer management. Unexpectedly her husband was admitted for acute abdominal pain and required surgery. He was so worried about his wife that post operatively the staff organised for both of them to be moved into a shared room. The husband cried when they wheeled his wife in.

Two People

Here we are
Us, two people
Lying, together
Side by Side
In a room
Him and Her

Here we are
Us, married
Fifty years, so golden
Fifty years, so golden, and my how they fly, seems like only
Yesterday

Remember when?

Him
Black suit, rented of course, white shirt, crisp and clean, bow tie, black
what else?
One carnation, left buttonhole, top
Matching

Her
White dress, little bit off, ivory not quite
Traditional
Train, veil, short sleeves, soft neck, with pearls

Polished
Shiny
Bright
Each pearl a hope, a dream, for what this life could be, should be
Like, for us, two people

Here
Lying, together
Side by Side
In a room, in a hospital
Room

Here we are

Congratulations to our writing contest winners. A few familiar names here.

Writing Non-Fiction Contest Winners

- 1st – Judith Mayell
2nd – Mary Wong

Writing Fiction Contest Winner

- 1st – Mary Wong
2nd – Helen Hawkins

Writing Poetry Contest Winners

- 1st – Ellen Lake
2nd – Judith Mayell

Janeen Vosper
President
POWERtalk Australia
'Guiding the Way'