

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
POWERtalk Australia Incorporated
ABN 055071344
FRIDAY 22nd May 2020**

1. Welcome, Introductions and Acknowledgements:

At 7.15pm, President, Janeen Vosper, welcomed officers, delegates and members to the 2019/2020 Annual General Meeting held via ZOOM.

Introductions:

President Elect:	Marie Cooke
Vice President (Finance):	Mary Wong
Secretary:	Margaret Sutherland
Parliamentarian:	Jan Patterson

The chair then introduced Janeen Vosper, President, POWERtalk Australia Inc.

Acknowledgements:

Acknowledgement was made to those with rank attending the AGM

Past International and Past Region President:

Margaret Sutherland

Past Region Presidents:

Margaret Grand

Marie Cooke

Pat Cartwright

Janeen Vosper

Mary Wong

Leigh Martin

2. Roll Call:

Roll Call and Credentials Report Form AGM 2020

10 Clubs		Delegate	Alternate
Armidale Communicators		Maria Moss	Joanna Dolan
Diamond Valley Communicators		Pat Cartwright	Belinda Willoughby
Hobart POWERtalkers		Margaret Sutherland	
Parkview Powertalkers		Jan Broe	
POWERtalk Brisbane Central		Marie Phillips	
POWERtalk Brisbane South		Vicki Gibbs	Ellen Lake
POWERtalk Gold Coast		Nadine Beveridge	Kent Jeffries
POWERtalk@theHills		Margaret Grand	
Southside Speakers		Joan Hajek	Kerrie Giles
Waverley Communicators		Pat Griffith	Annie Galiano
Number of Clubs in the Region			10
Clubs in good standing in the region			10
Delegates registered			10
Apologies received			0
Number of Delegates present at commencement of business session			10
Delegates required for a quorum			6
Votes required for a simple majority			6
Votes required for a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority (for Special Resolutions)			8

Timers: No timers appointed.

Minutes Approving: Bernadette Knight – POWERtalk Brisbane Central

3. Quorum and Opening:

The number of delegates required for a quorum was 6. There being 10 delegates present Janeen Vosper declared the 2020 Annual General Meeting of POWERtalk Australia Incorporated open.

4. Credentials Report:

MOTION: “That the Credentials Report be received”

Moved: POWERtalk Brisbane South

Seconded: Hobart POWERtalkers

Motion: Carried

5. **Apologies:**

Linda Bergman - POWERtalk Gold Coast; Judith Mayell - POWERtalk Brisbane Central;
Karen Horbach Diamond Valley Communicators.

MOTION: “That the Apologies be accepted”

Moved: Southside Speakers
Seconded: POWERtalk Gold Coast
Motion: Carried

6. **Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of POWERtalk Australia (were circulated in the April All Club Mailing)

MOTION: “That the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Region as circulated be confirmed”

Moved: POWERtalk Brisbane Central
Seconded: Armidale Communicators
Motion: Carried

6.1 **Business Arising from the Minutes.** None

7. **Board of Directors’ Report:**

The Board of Directors Report was circulated with the business papers.

MOTION: “That the Board of Directors Report for the 2019/2020 term be received”

Moved: POWERtalk Gold Coast
Seconded: Waverley Communicators
Motion: Carried

8. **Treasurer’s Report:**

The report of the Treasurer was circulated with the business papers.

MOTION: “That the report of the Treasurer for the year ended 31 March 2020 as circulated be received”

Moved: Powertalk@theHills
Seconded: Southside Speakers
Motion: Carried

9. Adopt Audited Financial Statements:

MOTION: “That the Audited Financial Statement, the Statements of Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet of the year ended 31 March 2020, as circulated be adopted”

Moved: Waverley Communicators
Seconded: POWERtalk Brisbane Central
Motion: Carried

10. Council and Club Presidents’ Reports:

MOTION: “That the reports from the Council and Club Presidents as circulated be received”

Moved: Hobart POWERtalkers
Seconded: POWERtalk Brisbane South
Carried

11. Nominations and Elections Committee Report.

Dagmar Duproy presented the Nominations and Elections Committee Report.

MOTION: “That the report from the Nominations and Elections Committee Chairman be received”

Moved: POWERtalk Brisbane Central
Seconded: Waverley Communicators
Carried.

12. ELECTIONS:

The results of the elections are as follows.

President:	Janeen Vosper
President Elect:	Marie Cooke
Treasurer:	Pat Cartwright
Secretary:	Margaret Sutherland

13. Proposed Amendments to Standing Rules

The Proposed Amendments to the Standing Rules were sent to clubs with the All Club Mailing

MOTION: “To adopt the proposed amendments to Standing Rules 1a, and b as stated in the revised wording”

Current Wording	Revised Wording
<p>a) i A cheque account shall be operated with a financial institution in the name of POWERtalk Australia Incorporated.</p> <p>ii Signatories shall be any two of</p> <p>b) i president, president-elect, secretary and treasurer.</p> <p>ii A cheque account shall be operated with a financial institution in the name of POWERtalk Australia Conference.</p> <p>Signatories for the Conference Account shall be any two of president, conference coordinator and conference treasurer.</p>	<p>a) i A bank account shall be operated with a financial institution in the name of POWERtalk Australia Incorporated.</p> <p>ii Payments shall be authorised by any two of president, president-elect, secretary and treasurer.</p> <p>b) i A bank account shall be operated with a financial institution in the name of POWERtalk Australia Incorporated Conference.</p> <p>ii Payments shall be authorised by any two of president, conference coordinator and conference treasurer.</p>

Moved: POWERtalk Brisbane South
 Seconded: POWERtalk Gold Coast
 Carried:

14. MOTION: “To adopt the proposed amendment to Standing Rule 2 as stated in the revised wording”

Current Wording	Revised Wording
An interest-bearing building society or bank account may be operated at the discretion of the Board with the same withdrawal authority to operate as for the cheque account.	An interest-bearing building society, credit union or bank account may be operated at the discretion of the Board, with transactions authorised by any two of president, president-elect, secretary and treasurer.

Moved: Waverley Communicators
 Seconded: Southside Speakers
 Carried:

15. MOTION: “To adopt the proposed amendment to Standing Rule 4 as stated in the revised wording”

Current Wording	Revised Wording
a) The Association shall receive any funds remaining in the treasury of a club which forfeits its charter and use in pursuance of the objects of the Association.	a) The Association shall receive any funds remaining in the treasury of a club which has dissolved and use in pursuance of the objects of the Association.

Moved: Powertalk@theHills
 Seconded: Armidale Communicators.

16. General Business

Awards

President’s Award: Marie Cooke
 Alex Applebaum Award: Diamond Valley

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

Speech Contest Winners

Armidale Communicators

Regular - Cherry Stewart
Cosmopolitan - Marijke Smith

Diamond Valley Communicators

Regular - Karen Horbach

Powertalk@theHills

Regular - Margaret Grand

POWERtalk Brisbane Central

Regular - Sabine Armbruster
Cosmopolitan - Tania Perez

POWERtalk Brisbane South

Regular - Julius Yeoh
Cosmopolitan - Julius Yeoh

POWERtalk Gold Coast

Regular - Brett O'Bree

Southside Speakers

Regular - Helen Hawkins

17. Incorporation Motion:

“That the Annual Statements of Incorporation for the Department of Fair Trading in New South Wales and The Australian Securities and Investment Commission, submitted to the POWERtalk Australia members at the Annual General Meeting held 22nd May 2020 by the Public Officer, Margaret Grand, be received”

Moved: Powertalk@theHills

Seconded: Southside Speakers

Carried

18. Announcements:

The next AGM and Conference will be in Queensland 21-23 May 2021

President Janeen Vosper closed the Annual General Meeting at 8.05pm

President

Date