



Brisbane West Rostrum Club 17 annual report summary

Brisbane West Club 17 continues to attract members through our updated web page and once again had a variety fun-filled 2019. Unfortunately we lost five members, three being due to job transfers and study. However, we did manage to have four new members join about half-way through the year.

The club continues to have regular 5-10 minute training sessions and most of the members have nearly completed the Confident Speaker Program.

Use of PowerPoint presentations is a big part of Club 17 meetings both from the Chair and also through the speaking session. Members are also often encouraged to have their speeches videoed and the club has a blue-tooth microphone that connects with the video camera to improve the sound quality of the recording.

Two of our meetings through the year were Guest and Visitor nights where members were encouraged to invite family members or a guest. Other Rostrum clubs also attended these meetings.

We started the year with 18 financial members (including one associate) and lost five due to job transfers and study. However, we gained four new members during the year, as below:

Devi Indla, Wedzi Garwe, Gian Barta-Dougall and David Ng.

As at 31 December 2019 we had 16 members including one Associate.

The club has four Freemen, four Senior Coaches, two Coaches and two Trainee Coaches.

- *** Club 17 won the Alan Crook Award for the best club for 2018 ***.
- Please refer to above, where two of our club members were winners of the Arch Williams Open and the Novice speaking competitions.
- Micheal Axelsen was Emcee for the RVOY Trivia Night for the second year in a row.
(Refer photo Gallery)
- Our club also won the Trivia Night with the most points for two years in a row.
- Carmel Remphrey and Brian Korner helped with final editing of Bill Smith's History of Rostrum.
- Brian Korner updated the Confident Speaker Program and prepared it for publication.