



# Rostrum Club 10 Report- 2020

To the QRMC and Freeman's Council - 30th March 2020

## **Our Rostrum Club 10 Rostrum Tradition:**

*Friendship, learning and succession.*

## **Rostrum Club 10's 2020 story**

Our most successful achievement in 2020 was the preservation of Rostrum Club 10 during the Covid outcomes. Club 10 members had ZOOM Meetings for Club and Committee and Hybrid Meetings seeking to involve members unable to attend our venue.

Our focus is sustaining Club 10 membership through building fellowship and good coaching. Rostrum Club 10 is financial and contributes financial and in-kind support for Queensland Rostrum, membership of QRMC (4 members), many years of support for RVoY, involvement in Freeman's Council, guest coaching, adjudication and attendance at significant events at other Rostrum Clubs (3, 17, 6 and Online Rostrum Club #1 (Vic)). Significant attendance at the end of year Queensland Rostrum Conference (6 members in 2020).

Our initial meetings in January 2020 showed enthusiasm, induction of new Member Shelley Haughton and our Christmas party was well attended. Succession reflected in transition of Club Presidency from Keith Greenwood to Paul Halliday. Our program was varied. A Club 10 member (Paul Halliday) has been Editor of the national Newsletter Rostrum Taking ACTION for past 4 years and supported the Editor of StepUP. Our Coaches became re-accredited in 2020. Fmn Rosalie Roberts inducted as a Freeman of Australian Rostrum.

Our journey continues from 1952 (68 years ago). Come and visit us on Thursdays at 1.10pm at the ground floor auditorium, BCC Library, George Street, Brisbane City, out by 1.50pm.

**Club 10 inducted 2 new members in 2020.** Family and business caused 3 members to resign. Our Rostrum Club is healthy, exemplified by the continuation of two (2) new members on the Club 10 Committee (Siska Tiauw and Bin Yao).

We did well with ZOOM meetings. It seems ZOOM suits the full-time workers better while face-to-face meetings suit the retired members better. One of the problems with being a lunchtime club is that it is geared more to attracting those in the workforce but also meetings held in the city centre attract retired people from all parts of the city, that don't have nearby Rostrum clubs and don't want to drive at night to attend meetings.

Our approach in 2020 has developed confidence in our new members to think on their feet, join the 2020 Club 10 Committee and encouraged 4 members to join the 2020 QRMC. Our coaches were re-accredited and have in place the basis for encouraging Trainee Coaches.

Our Rostrum Club 10 includes members with English as a second language.

Our program is varied and includes training and promoting impromptu speaking and debating capability. As of 31 December 2020, we are 15 members.

**Paul Halliday (President), Rostrum Club 10 2020** - Authorised by Club 10 Members' March 2020.