



## What's Happening at QRMC?

**Management Committee Meeting  
Held at the offices of Hunter Solicitors,  
Level 1/50 Davenport Street, Southport**

**9:15am to 12:00pm, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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### **About the meeting**

The 2018 QRMC conducted its third meeting for the year on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – with many thanks to the hospitality of Freeman Keith Hunter at the offices of Hunter Solicitors at Southport.

We had a productive meeting. Read on for some news about our premier competitions (Rostrum Voice of Youth, the Arch Williams, and Freeman Frank Smith competitions), the strategic planning day, and a Freeman's Social event on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### **QRMC News**

We noted the passion and fire in some of our speakers in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition, and that the local competition (for which Freeman Ian Olsson is the coordinator) has exposed some extraordinary talent. Remember – the Rostrum Voice of Youth State Final is at Waterford Place, St Joseph's College – Gregory Terrace on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**Ian and Meg are still looking for some volunteers for adjudicators and timekeepers.**

An issue we noted during this year's assessment of the Club Annual Reports is that – frankly – the existing 'two page limit' is honoured in the breach. The current page limit was considered impractical, and we have resolved to update the annual report guidelines to allow clubs up to 10 pages to report on the terrific things they have done during the year.

**Given the work that goes into the annual report and the enormous positive news we saw about all of our clubs, we encourage clubs to create a 'publicly accessible' version of the annual report to upload to their club page on the Rostrum website.**

President Doug Bates has initiated a Strategic Planning Day for the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. Formal invitations will be sent out shortly, but clubs are asked to put their thinking caps on so that we can be sure that Rostrum 'gets it right'. Remember - **"If you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem!"**

President Doug took a flying visit to the Cairns region and caught up with members of the clubs there. Thanks to Freeman John Lizzio for his hospitality, and the Clubs for their generous welcome.

While talking about the Cairns region, we also resolved that, as with the Arch Williams competition, Queensland Rostrum will fund flights and accommodation for up to one competitor in the Freeman Frank Smith competition from that region. This brings the Freeman Frank Smith competition in line with our support for the Arch Williams competition.

Importantly for those considering entering the Arch Williams competition, the scope of the competition has been changed. **Specifically, you should note that, as with our talented student competitors, our Arch Williams speakers will compete on the basis of a prepared speech AND an additional three minute short notice speech (there will be five minutes preparation time).**

An updated version of the Management Manual has now been loaded onto the Rostrum Website. Major changes are the setting of a ten page maximum for club reports, the clarification of procedures for accepting new members into Rostrum clubs and clarification of the rights and privileges of Life Members of clubs.

Two final points: The Freeman's council is having a social get-together on 14<sup>th</sup> July (to align with the Strategic Planning Day on 15<sup>th</sup> July) and the Convention Planning Committee was formed and, well, they are planning the convention for 2018.

As always, please feel free to call to discuss on 0412 526 375 or by email.

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