



2021 Annual Report (Summary): Queensland Rostrum Club 3

INTRODUCTION

Club 3 enthusiastically embraced the newly introduced Frontiers Program during 2021, with veteran member Fmn Bill Smith being the first Queensland, and possibly national, member to successfully complete the Launchpad Program of activities. Several others have now completed that Program and are well advanced in the Orbit Program. The Frontiers Program provides a structured program to develop and enhance all aspects of effective speaking, including critical thinking and leadership.

The Club remains on a sound financial footing with total Club assets increasing slightly over the year.

Program Coordination during the year was transitioned from experienced Fmn Paul Halliday to relatively new member Bette Inglis, with both doing a fantastic job of maintaining the momentum of Frontiers activities and balancing it with a diverse and relevant range of other activities to keep our members challenged and make the meetings fun. Underpinning the program was the long-held aim of continuing to build confidence and improve members speaking skills.

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS: Club membership at the end of 2020 was 19, a decline of one from the previous year. We continued to meet at Ithaca Hall in Red Hill. 42 club meetings were held during 2020; attendances ranged from 8 to 16.

Members continued their long tradition of engagement with and support for other Clubs and the wider Rostrum community, with one member serving as Secretary of the QRMC, and two being active members of other clubs. Fmn Paul Halliday continued as Editor of the National Newsletter *Rostrum Taking Action*.

The Club has four Accredited and two trainee Coaches. It is managed by an active and committed Committee who met 5 times in 2021.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS: Club 3 was awarded the Founder R Alan Crook Award for 2020. The award is presented each year to the Queensland club which has made the best contribution to Rostrum objectives in the previous calendar year. It was the 18th time the Club has won the award.

Fmn Bill Smith was presented with the Rostrum Gold Medal for long service to Queensland Rostrum, Rostrum Voice of Youth, and developing the Rostrum History.

Fmn Rosalie Roberts was awarded the George Sorbello Shield, for the second time, in recognition of her contributions to the development of Queensland Rostrum.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Fmn Bill Smith and Fmn Rosalie Roberts, respectively, won the Club's annual speaking competitions – the Bill Puregger Memorial Award; and the W Curtis Atkinson Award.

Club 3 finds itself in a strong position to grow and develop great speakers – and looks forward to 2022 with great enthusiasm.

SOCIAL: The Club combined its Birthday dinner with the Club 3 Speaking Competitions in September 2021, with guests invited from other clubs.

The Club's Christmas party was held at The Tibetan Kitchen. 15 members and their partners attended a fun evening.