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Queensland Women's Forum Clubs (Chermside Forum)

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Born 1 January, 1960, Brisbane Queensland Australia

Occupation Public Speaking Club

Summary

On July 22nd, 1941, a number of prominent Brisbane women called a public meeting of women to discuss the possibility of forming a club for women who were interested in learning public speaking skills. The idea was received enthusiastically by the assembled group, and the first Queensland Women's Forum Club was established on July 30th, 1941. The first ordinary meeting of the new forum club was held on August 20th, 1941 in the blue room at the hotel Canberra. The Chermside Forum was established in the 1960s.

Details

The objects of the Chermside Women's Forum Club were:

7. To improve the standard of speaking among women,
8. To provide opportunities for women to learn and practice meeting procedure and duties of office-bearers of clubs and organizations,
9. To maintain freedom of speech,
10. To encourage a continued interest in education,
11. To demonstrate to the community the value of loyalty and truth, clarity of thought and the love of the English tongue
12. To promote loyal fellowship.

1945 was a year that saw massive growth in the number of clubs across Queensland and the first regional club was established in Mackay. Many clubs began a series of luncheon meetings, as well as the traditional evening meetings, to assist members who found it difficult to get away from home in the evenings. As the number of clubs grew, so did the need for a central administrative body. The Association of Queensland Women's Forum Clubs, known as the Dais, was formed as were, eventually, regional councils.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

John Oxley Library, Manuscripts and Business Records Collection

[OM68-19 Association of Queensland Women's Forum Clubs Records 1943-1968](#)

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