

The Australian Women's Register

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Forum Communicators Association Inc.

(1941 -)

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Summary

The Association of Women's Forum Club of Australia was established in 1941 with the aim fostering public speaking abilities in women. By 1988, some eighty clubs had been established although only thirty seven were currently active. In 1997 the Association, by now limited entirely to the Association of Queensland Women's Forum Clubs, was renamed the Forum Communicators Association and was no longer exclusively a women's association. The Association produces constitutions, syllabuses, newsletters and holds biennial conferences.

Details

On 22nd July 1941 a public meeting was called of women interested in the formation of a Club to foster public speaking amongst women. The first President was Miss Ruth Don OAM. The three original Founders of Forum, Lady Groom, Mrs Marjorie Puregger and Miss Ruth Don remained active members throughout their lifetime.

During 1945 a movement grew for the establishment of further clubs and the organisation grew throughout Queensland. It became apparent that a supervising committee would be necessary and in October 1947 the Association of Queensland Women's Forum Clubs was formed, known as the Dais and eventually regional councils were formed. In 1997 the name was changed to Forum Communicators Association Inc.

In 2004 there are 23 Forums in various locations in Queensland and the organisation described itself as: 'an organisation for you to increase your self esteem and gain confidence through learning specific skills; effective communication; club administration; chairing meetings; leadership; the duties of office bearers – all in an atmosphere of support and encouragement.'

Published resources

Report

Forum: 50 golden years, 1941-1991 / The Association of Women's Forum Clubs of Australia, [1991]

Secretary's report, 1965-1997

Conference Proceedings

Biennial Conference / The Association of Women's Forum Clubs of Australia, ?-1997

Conference / Forum Communicators Association Inc., 1999-

Book

Criticism: A guide for critics' circle and other members, 1977

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

Australian Historic Records Register

[The Association of Women's Forum Club of Australia](#)

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