

# Australian Connections

## *A message for every member in the Region:*

### This is a further Call for Nominations to the Region Board

As of the closing date for nominations to the Region Board for the 2008-2009 term, no nominations have been received for any board position.

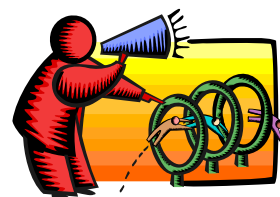
And as you will be aware from Carol Punyer's message to clubs this week, she will be unable to fulfill her role as Region President next term owing to ill health.

I know that Carol made this difficult decision with deep regret, and on behalf of the members I offer Carol our best wishes for a full recovery in the coming year.

The Region Board is seeking members with an irresistible urge to help!

We invite you to Nominate for the Region Board!

Nominations will be received from the floor at the conference AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008.



*Please give serious consideration to this matter.*

The current board will continue to plan for the next term, and will consult widely on a contingency plan in the event that some positions on the board remain vacant.

Please let the Nominations and Elections Chair, Dorothy Clarke, know whether you intend to stand for a position to help with forward planning. If you have any questions you can contact her on 02 9528 7259, or at [dorothyclarke@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dorothyclarke@optusnet.com.au).

Vera Tibbertsma

## *Have you Registered Yet?*

Come to Conference - 16th to 18th May 2008

The Australian Region Conference will be held 16-18 May 2008 at the Campbelltown Catholic Club, Campbelltown, NSW. Mollie Robinson, the Education Chair has prepared a stimulating programme filled with an eclectic mix of workshops covering tools for communication, understanding new technologies, current issues and history.

Book now - send your registration form to the Treasurer, Judy Barr-David, 1 Fischer St, Kingsford NSW 2032. Please make cheques payable to *ITC Australian Region Conference*.



### Conference Business

Just a reminder: all clubs should receive the All Club Mailing with the information regarding the Conference business meeting by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April. If you do not receive this by mid April please contact Region Secretary, Leigh Martin on 03 9386 9448 or at [dalyleigh@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dalyleigh@optusnet.com.au) and she will email or send you another copy.

### Important Notice to all Club and Council Boards, especially Treasurers!

The region bank account remains in the name of our incorporated association - please make all cheques payable to: *International Training in Communication Australian Region Incorporated.*

Do not use the POWERtalk brand for bank accounts. We are still ITC under incorporation. Please keep you by-laws and standing rules and other official documents in the name of ITC.

### Region Calendar

Region Board meetings this term will be: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2008 (Cyber Meeting); 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> July 2008 (handover)

### Region Website

Do you have any ideas on the kinds of resources you would like to see for members on the Region Website? Please let Bronwyn Ritchie ([bronwynr@powerup.com.au](mailto:bronwynr@powerup.com.au)) or Vera Tibbertsma ([vera.tibbertsma@uts.edu.au](mailto:vera.tibbertsma@uts.edu.au)) know!

### Membership Growth Continues

The Region Board is delighted to let you all know that we have achieved a 9% membership growth during this term so far. Congratulations to all the clubs who have helped achieve this. But now let us set a new goal and aim to treble this growth by the end of the 2007 - 2008 term. For those clubs who have not managed to attract a new member, don't lose heart; you still have plenty of time. Come on everyone; let's see which club can gain the most members within the term. Below is the breakdown of the new members.

Councils	Renewals	New Members	% New Members
Council 7	46	8	17%
Flinders Council	72	7	10%
Council 9	77	3	4%
Clubs at Large	0	0	
Geraldton Communicators	3	0	0%
Dalkeith Communicators	6	1	17%
Launceston Communicators	9	1	11%
Members at Large	2	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9%</b>

### Tools for your use

Just a reminder that the documents: Sustainable Growth: Starts With You, Tools for Use at Club and Council Levels; and How to Charter a Club, have been developed by the Region for your use and are available on the Web Site ([www.itcaustregion.org.au](http://www.itcaustregion.org.au))



## *Hurray! It's Awards Time!* Have you put in your nominations yet?

### **Communicator of the Year:**

All Clubs and Councils are invited to nominate a person in their community who meets the criteria for this award.

### **The nominee must:**

Be an Australian citizen;

Have achieved excellence in communication during the period 1 April 2006 - 31 March 2007;

Have achieved outstanding involvement in community activities.

Have displayed leadership skills which:

Incurred an enthusiastic response from others; and

Indicated positive ideas able to be communicated to others involved.

Have raised the community's awareness and improved understanding of the issues relating to the cause or chosen activity.

### **The nominee may:**

Be a professional media person, i.e. radio or television personality or newsprint journalist,

Be a member of *POWERtalk* but the nominated activity must not be *POWERtalk* related.

The award is NOT for long service in any area.

The period under review is from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

This is a great opportunity to gain some publicity for your Club, Council and ITC and to promote awareness of *POWERtalk* in the community.

### **Alex Applebaum:**

Council Boards are invited to nominate one of their member Clubs to be eligible for the Alex Applebaum Award. This nomination should be based on assessment of the criteria set out below.

1. One club is to be nominated by each Council.
2. The term to be considered is 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008
3. The evaluation criteria to be used by Council Board members are:
  - a. Hospitality to all visitors and members
  - b. Club atmosphere - enthusiasm, friendliness
  - c. Club functioning
    - i. Organization of meetings
    - ii. Evidence of teamwork of club board members
    - iii. Effective club programming
    - iv. Participation of club members
  - d. Participation of club members in Council activities
  - e. Effective reporting to Council as required
  - f. Promotion of ITC in the community
  - g. Linkage to Council & Region goals

Carol Punyer has sent nomination forms out to all clubs via the CLO.

She is looking forward to receiving your nominations by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

Her address is: 24 Lansdown Road, Waterford West QLD 4133, [caggle@optusnet.com.au](mailto:caggle@optusnet.com.au)

### **Gazette Education Award**

The criteria for the Gazette Education Award are that the article must consist of at least 150 words and be educational in nature. Contributors of educational articles published in the following three Gazettes are eligible - June 2007, October 2007, February 2008.