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| **Date :** | **30th June 2019** |
| **Forum or Member :** | **State Committee** |
| **Topic for**  **Discussion :** | **Satellite Forums** to be trialled, allowing for clubs to ‘piggy back’ off another. This would enable a Forum to meet for the purpose of gaining confidence and practising public speaking in an informal way, with no need for a committee or the usual meeting procedure, whilst still under the banner of Forum Communicators. |
| **Rationale :** | Forum clubs are closing down at an alarming pace.  Recently we have lost Capricorn Coast, Mitchell, Clermont, Ermerald, St Lucia and Gympie. **Any others??**  One of the reasons cited by all of these clubs is that members either don’t have the time or the inclination to take on committee positions. |
|  | **Hypothetical:**  If ABC Forum was to piggy back off Bayside Forum:   * ABC Forum members would follow the Bayside syllabus. * ABC Forum would appoint one person per session to keep a record of attendees, speech titles, length of speech. * After each meeting these details would be sent to Bayside Forum for inclusion in Bayside’s minutes. * The minutes would be distributed to ABC Forum members to keep them in the loop. * ABC Forum members would pay Session Fees as per normal and be treated as full fee paying members. * ABC Forum members would pay their fees individually, directly to Bayside Forum * If ABC Forum’s new members were interested in learning meeting procedure, they would   (a) be invited to attend another Forum, and  (b) have visiting trainers to teach meeting procedure, maybe bi-monthly.   * This option could be offered to those clubs who have already closed down. * This option could be offered to those clubs who may be considering closing down. * This option could be offered to new clubs whose members are only interested in learning speaking skills and improving their self-confidence. * This would keep the Forum membership numbers growing, not declining. |