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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.
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