



## Tonight's Theme: "Across the Ditch"

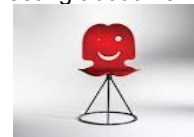


New Zealand, having been administered, through 1840 when the treaty was signed, as a part of the Australian colony of New South Wales, New Zealand became a colony in its own right on 3 May 1841. It was divided into provinces that were reorganised in 1846 and in 1853, when they acquired their own legislatures, and then abolished in 1876. The country rapidly gained some measure of self-government through the New Zealand Constitution Act 1852, which established central and provincial government.

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**Linda Snalam and Barbara Beveridge**, acted as Sergeant at Arms in place of Christine Pizzuti for the opening tonight. Barbara managed to get everyone into their places ready for tonight's fantastic meeting about New Zealand.

**We are always very pleased to welcome our guests and encourage them to come back and see us again and for some to join our Speechcraft Course (for details see our website at [www.parramattatm.org.au](http://www.parramattatm.org.au) – Short Courses) and others to join our Toastmasters Club or one nearer to your home.**



**Please take a chair.**

District 70

Parramatta Toastmasters

**Sam Ekinci**, our President did a grand Opening. Sam told us about his visit to Queenstown, Milton Sound and other places in N.Z. He said he had some trouble with the accent over there and recalled the time he had with an employee at Eurocar. The man asked Sam for ID, he produced his Passport and Drivers Licence. The employee then said 'chick, chick, chick'. Sam thought he was a bit strange and asked him what he meant. The employee was only doing his tick list – check, check, check! Sam reckons an interpreter is required in N.Z. in order to get through things.

Special thank you this week goes to all those who help set up our room and pack up after for each meeting!



**chick, chick, chick!**



**Linda Snalam**, our VPE, took us through the changes. Linda was in her element this evening as it was all about her home land. Linda's a true Kiwi through and through!



**Linda, a cute little Kiwi!**

*Welcome to our guests for Meeting No. 1201*

*15 March 2012*

**Roland Zur Ovem-Krockhaus** – First time visitor and ex-speechcrafter

**Daniel Tucker** – Frequent visitor, member of Happy Hunters Hill and Concord West  
Toastmasters

**Kan Chan** – First time visitor

**Phoebe Ko** – First time visitor

**Gabby Ord** – Fifth time visitor to our club and ex-speechcrafter

**Norm Sparks** – Second time visitor

**Daniel Young** – First time visitor and previous member of Parramatta Breakfast Club

**Camelia Pratrulescu** – First time visitor

**Pam McDonald** – Second time visitor



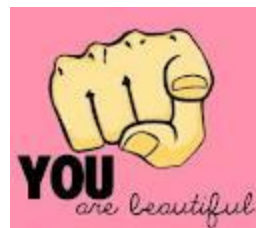
*Why don't you come along and enjoy a night at  
Parramatta Toastmasters. Where you can have a meal,  
relax and be entertained  
- you may even learn something along the way!*

## *"Across the Ditch" - we welcome visitors from N.Z.*

If you are thinking of joining Parramatta Toastmasters you will be given a warm welcome



We always enjoy having new Toastmasters join our group and extend our warmest and best wishes to all new comers –



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## *"Across the Ditch" - learn all about Kiwi country*

Don't forget to bring your **Competent Leader's Manual** with you to all meetings; you may have a role that can be signed off on.

Remember to advise us if you can't attend a meeting, call or email the VPE, **Linda Snalam** - [vpe@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:vpe@parramattatm.org.au) .

Please read our Club's Minutes go to – <http://www.parramattatm.org.au/introducingclub.htm>.



If you are interested in the Speechcraft Course run by Parramatta Toastmasters Club please go to – <http://www.parramattatm.org.au/speechcraft.htm>



Join a Speechcraft Course and learn from Toastmasters!

**PLEASE EMAIL OR RING IF YOU  
CAN'T ATTEND A MEETING!**

## *"Across the Ditch" - not all us are welcome to live in N.Z.*

**Chairman 1 – David King**, David is not from across the ditch and is in fact from England. He told us that his first choice of a country to live in was New Zealand but they didn't want him! Poor David, we took you instead and aren't you glad? You are now a great Toastmaster belonging to our very own Parramatta Club right here in N.S.W. Australia!



N.Z. didn't want David!

**Garry Wilson** then piped up and said that Australia was full of N.Z. rejects!



Oz is full of N.Z. rejects!

**Mark Pankhurst** gave tonight's **Welcome**. As usual Mark made our guests feel comfortable and very welcome.



Welcome to our guests

**N.Z. Musician** spot was presented by **Steven Cox**. Steven told us he spent lots of time finding information about N.Z. Muso's. He there is lots of great talent from N.Z. Steve got a little confused with the pronunciation of Mi Sex as it Mi Sox? Maori's are great singers when you give them a guitar.



Mi Sex in 1980

## *"Across the Ditch" - jet boats, water sprinklers & bungee jumping*

**Suben Subenthiran** gave us the **Did You Know?** Suben told us that New Zealand was part of the Territory of N.S.W. Australia gets lots of N.Z. Travellers. He said there is a huge list of famous New Zealanders, Sir Edmund Hilary, first person to climb Mt Everest. Kiwi's also invented lots of things such as the jet boat, advanced air conditioners and the water sprinkler. It was also the first country to give voting powers to women. N.Z. is truly one of the best countries to visit.

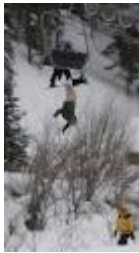


Jet Boating in New Zealand



the water sprinkler was invented in N.Z.

**N.Z. Tour Guide** was the role of **David Griffiths**. David took us across the ditch and told us about when he went skiing in Queenstown, N.Z. with two friends, Pete and Paddy. Paddy was a strange one, born in Zimbabwe, lived in England and New Zealand however, he can't bat or bowl. David said he was a cricketing tragic! Paddy also whinges like a Pom and he recalled an incident when Paddy was left hanging on a chairlift as he'd managed to clip himself to it by a thin strap. Poor Paddy was dangling in mid air 10 ft above the snow and whinging like a baby!

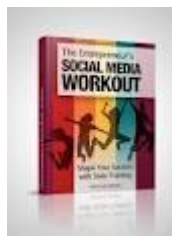


It could have been worse, Paddy could have been dangling by his pants!

**Barbara Beveridge** gave us the **Inspirational**. Her inspiration was about Natalie Sisson, a Kiwi entrepreneur and adventurer; she is passionate about helping more women get into business. She uses the social media to reach out and help them. She is referred to as the 'suitcase entrepreneur' as she has lived out of a suitcase for a long time. She is help to raise money to empower women and girls to improve their rights through sport. On 8 March 2012 she left Nairobi, Kenya and will cycle 6,445 km over 2 months to Cape town, South Africa. Check her out and join her cause, see [SuitcaseEntrepreneur.com](http://SuitcaseEntrepreneur.com). Girl Power!



Natalie Sisson



her series on Social Media Workouts



Natalie ([womanzworld.com](http://womanzworld.com))

## *"Across the Ditch" - founders of Hokey Pokey Ice Cream*

This evenings **Toast** was given by **Kim Gosper**. New Zealand is a reasonably sized country and there is a website in N.Z. that tells you the current population every hour. Kim told us that the Kiwi's have lots of great people and interesting things in their country. They have the All Blacks, the Silver Fern and lots of sheep! They claim to have invented the pavlova, Hokey Pokey Ice Cream and bungee jumping by A J Hackett. Famous people include Sir Edmund Hillary, Russell Crowe, Peter Snell and Sam Neil.



Hokey Pokey ice cream



bungee jumping



the All Blacks



Sir Edmund Hillary

## *Table Topics*

**Table Topic Master – Cheryl Piper.**

**Cheryl Piper** told us about some of New Zealand's history, it was obvious that some of her questions were based on this, along with the whole Across the Ditch theme. Cheryl is a wonderful lady and handled this role with true 'girl power!'



Cheryl Piper, a gracious lady!

**1<sup>st</sup> Table Topic speaker** tonight was **Linda Clark** telling us why she thought N.Z. should have agreed to become a State of Australia. Linda immediately told us that she was not sure how to answer this one and she might booted off the stage! Linda then got stuck into the answer and said they should have agreed as there are a lot of New Zealanders already here and, they are our great friends. No one will boo you off Linda!



Plenty of New Zealanders here already



Don't worry, we wouldn't boo you off the stage Linda!



## *"Across the Ditch" - even Cadets in N.Z. do the Haka*

**2nd Table Topic speaker** was **David Griffiths** and the question 'The Haka is used by the All Blacks side before they play a game of Rugby, tell us how you think this affects the game?' David threw himself into this one and said he has a good picture of this as he saw it done live. All N.Z. cadets perform a Haka, the senior one leads them. They are dressed in camouflage pants with boots on but wear nil up the top! They are all oiled up like body builders and do the Haka by using their rifles beaten on the ground. What a great imagination David!



Give me a chance to change into my camouflage pants, get rid of the weights and do the Haka with my rifle!

**3rd Table Topic Speaker** tonight was **Tom Woods**, who wasn't wearing his kilt, to answer "The Lord of the Rings Trilogy was filmed in N.Z. as 'Middle Earth' because the Director, Peter Jackson is a Kiwi. Where do you think the movie really should have been filmed there and why?" Tom said it should have been filmed in 'Scotland' of course! He said there are not many Aussies in Scotland and the best race horses do come from N.Z. It's so different in New Zealand and he feels people get the feeling to visit there from seeing all the ads. I think we should all check out Kiwi land!



"Hoot mon, I'm from Scotland!"



Middle Earth in Scotland? No way Tom!

**4<sup>th</sup> Table Topic Speaker - Sam Ekinici** ran across the room (or ditch) to answer his question "The first Commercial Bungee Jump took place in Queenstown N.Z. in 1988, what type of extreme sport do you prefer and why?" Sam likes doing roping and rappelling. He said he rappelled from the Harbour Bridge and he has run; face down, the side of the Warragamba Dam. It's all about the state of your mentality when you do an extreme sport. Sam said he got a buzz and excitement from it which has helped him to move forward. Way to go Sam!



Rappelling face down



Warragamba Dam



Rappelling the Sydney Harbour Bridge



## *"Across the Ditch" – Olympians, good wine & food*

**5<sup>th</sup> Table Topic Speaker** for this evening was **Barbara Beveridge** with her question "We have to acknowledge that N.Z. is a great sporting country and has won the most Olympic medals per capita. How can we do more in Australia to encourage our Olympians to achieve even more than they do now?" We can get our own Olympians to do the Haka, which will build up their arm muscles. Encourage them to get a role model from the N.Z. Olympians and work on what they do to improve themselves. Doing the Haka sounds like great exercise, maybe we should give try it!



**Practice the Haka**



**Role model – Adrian Blincoe**

**Robyn Peck** was the **6<sup>th</sup> Speaker**. Answering 'N.Z. is a land of adventure, open spaces, fun places and sheer beauty. What impresses you most about N.Z. and what would you like to see or do on a visit there?' Robyn said she's visited New Zealand before and would love to see the Gibbston Valley Winery again. She said it's such a beautiful place to see. You can eat and drink the lovely wine from there, enjoy the scenery and relax. Sounds wonderful Robyn, cheers!



**Visit Gippston Valley Winery**



**relax and enjoy the scenery**

The **7<sup>th</sup> Speaker** tonight was **Kirisha Thanapalasantheram**. Kirisha answered her question of "Popular Food in N.Z. is lamb and sea food and the place where the pavlova was allegedly first made, tell us about your favourite food?" She said she likes fatty, solid stuff to eat. She likes foods that are bad for her. She would eat lots of McDonald's, Big Mac's but make sure she had a diet coke with it or a bottle of water so it will be healthy. Kirisha did warn us to only eat fatty foods in moderation! McDonald's made healthy?



**Diet coke with that, thanks,**



**or a bottle of water – makes it healthy!**

## *"Across the Ditch" - it's a sheep and car country*

**Lyndal Eager** was the **8<sup>th</sup> Speaker**. Answering 'N.Z. has a population of 9 sheep per person, where would you keep your sheep if you lived in N.Z.?' Linda would put 9 sheep to good use as lawn mowers here in N.S.W. She would give them a real purpose and use them, 3 x 3, for Marrickville Council eating the council strips. She said we have great grass here and lots of rain. Guess they would really enjoy themselves too, Linda!



Come on girls, keep munching!



I want to work for the Council too, not fair for me!

**Ian Chick** was our **9<sup>th</sup> Speaker**. Polished Ian Chick, came up to answer 'N.Z. has one of the highest car ownership per capita than any other country. How could we encourage more car ownership in Australia to ensure that we keep up?' N.Z. is full of grey motor vehicles; they are all wrecks from Asia, he told us. They come from Japan. New Zealand has weird and wonderful cars there. We have enough trouble here with new cars and we don't need second hand grey cars here. No grey cars for us, eh Ian?



No grey Japanese cars here!



We have enough trouble with new cars!

The **10<sup>th</sup> Speaker** tonight was **Michael Said**. Michael trotted up for his question 'N.Z. is a beautiful country and is known as the land of the long white cloud. Why then do so many Kiwis live in Bondi?' When Kiwis come over from N.Z. they see the light and go to Bondi. They know good, all Aussie culture when they see it. When we pushed them away from being part of our country we thought the Kiwis that were here could be put into Bondi. That's where we keep all of them now so we can round them up and keep an eye on them. Lots of Kiwi's in Bondi!



a Kiwi at Bondi Beach



see the lights at Bondi

*"Across the Ditch" - you don't have to be from across the ditch to enjoy yourself ...*

Enjoy yourself and become a member of Parramatta RSL Club. This helps our club out and is not just for Toastmasters but for our guests too. Yearly membership is only \$5.50 for one year or \$16.50 for three years. The Club supports us by waiving room hire through CDSE. Members can also enjoy discount on purchases throughout the club and can use their card to attend Castle Hill RSL Club as well! Now that's value for your money!

*Kiwi's and Aussies send best wishes to  
who are sick  
Toastmasters*



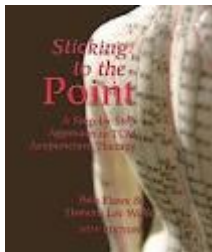
*They think of fellow Toastmasters who have seriously ill family and friends or who have lost a dear one.*



*Love to everyone who's hurting out there, we really do care and are thinking of you!*

## "Across the Ditch" - making Anchor Butter and Milk

The **odd number speakers** tonight were evaluated by **David Pasipanodya**. David made everyone feel terrific tonight. He thought **Linda Clark** did a great job, she just needs to decide on a point and stick to it. **Tom Woods** was quick to get to his point and invited us all to visit N.Z. **Barbara Beveridge** had good ideas by saying we should practice Haka and look for role models. **Kirisha Thanapalasuntheram** gave good gestures and gave us some good tips. **Ian Chick** also used good gestures but his hands were speaking more than his mouth was.



stick to the point



lets do the Haka



hands doing all the talking!

**Mark Pankhurst** was tonight's evaluator for the **even number speakers**. Mark gave a calm and confident evaluation. He said that all his speakers were very experienced and came up to speak with confidence. **David Griffiths** gave a great personal account and had great hand movement. **Sam Ekinci** had great volume in his voice and has an easy manner about him. **Robyn Peck** had a good way of handling her question by changing it around to suit herself. **Lyndal Eager** gave a really good answer, using sheep to munch the grass. **Michael Said** gave a great answer and gave us a taste of his own sense of entertainment.



great volume in voice



turn things around



a sheep shoulder deep in grass!

**Chairman 2 – Suzanne Berkeley**. Suzanne mentioned icons about New Zealand. She told us she has found memories of when she used to live in the Caribbean. One of them was eating Anchor Butter in tins and powdered milk from N.Z.



tinned anchor butter and



powdered milk!

## *"Across the Ditch" - business between N.Z. & Australia runs smoothly*

The normal business session was ran with apologies from members not attending, we had a quorum and the VPE, **Linda Snalam** told us about Winners in the Winners Circle Evaluation Contest, being **Sam Ekinci** taking 1<sup>st</sup> place and **Alicia Denis** coming in second. Sam will be going into the International Speech Contest for Parramatta.

*Congratulations to Sam and Alicia.*

Our last Speechcraft Course was co-ordinated by **Christine Pizzuti**. It was the first one Christine has ran and she did a fantastic job. Christine also thanked everyone for their assistance and help. *Go Christine, girl power!*

**Elizabeth Wilson** also congratulated **Wendy Nielsen** and **Ron Marriott** for their wins in the Area Contest. Wendy won for the Best Speech and Ron won for the Best Evaluation. *Congratulations Wendy and Ron.*

Congratulations were also given to **Daniel Tucker** by **Sam Ekinci** for winning the Area 6 Contest. **David Griffiths** and **Lyndal Eager** were also congratulated for their recent wins. *Congratulations Daniel, Lyndal and David.*

Sad news was heard from **Suben Subenthiran** who is going inactive and withdrawing from the Executive Committee. **Peter Steinhour** will be filling in for him during his time of leave. *Bye, bye for now Suben, you will be missed!*

**Robyn Peck** told us that the Western Division Contest is on the 24 March 2012 and encouraged us all to come along and support the contestants. (Refer to last page, What's Happening – Coming Events for more information).

We also just had **Kirisha Thanapalasantheram** as a Target Speaker at Bathurst Toastmasters and according to **Robyn Peck**, they loved Kirisha out there.

**Christine Pizzuti** was also a Target Speaker at Springwood Toastmasters Club; no doubt Springwood loved Christine as well! *Great work Kirisha and Christine!*



Congratulations to all recent winners and achievers!



Bye for now Suben, we will miss you!



## *"Across the Ditch" - is the Pavlova a N.Z. invention?*

**Tom Woods** put forward the frivolous motion tonight "I move that the **Parramatta Toastmasters offer on the menu a New Zealand dessert, Pavlova**". Tom told us that he has had a New Zealand experience, that of Pavlova and feels we need something on our dessert menu, at present we do not have any desserts. Anna Pavlova a famous ballet dancer inspired a N.Z. Chef to make a dessert and name it after her. Tom wants us all to share in this delight.



Pavlova



Anna Pavlova

There was lots of discussion, debating and rabble rousing. There was **Wendy Nielsen** telling us to go for dessert as life is short plus stressed spelt backwards is desserts. **Linda Snalam** absolutely supported the idea, telling us it was a healthy dessert. It had egg whites for protein, cream for calcium and lots of fruit on top, all of which made it very healthy! **Ian Chick** said No dessert on our menu thanks! **Cheryl Piper** then stood against it telling us it was a deadly dessert! Have we all forgotten it's full of sugar, and sugar has been in the news headlines as dangerous to us. She also told us it is an Australian dessert and the New Zealander's are trying to claim it. Poor **Steven Cox** tried to put in an amendment as to what **Barbara Beveridge** was saying but it was really Cheryl Piper saying pavlova was unhealthy. Steven was told time was up for an amendment. **David Griffiths** then put his two bob's worth in and early caused a full on debate. **Barbara Beveridge** then mentioned that she hadn't spoken for or against the motion it was Cheryl Piper, everyone always takes them both as twins! **Gary Wilson** saved the day and we put it to the vote.



Cheryl Piper and Barbara Beveridge are always taken for twins!



Sugar is dangerous and deadly

Needless to say the motion was lost!

A great job was done by **Suzanne Berkeley**, for her first time as Chairman 2.





## *"Across the Ditch" ... there is excellence in all of us*

**General Evaluator** was **Linda Clark**. Linda said it was certainly a packed first half. She thanked **Linda Snalam** for starting to be the stand in Sergeant at Arms and to **Barbara Beveridge**, for taking over from Linda when she handed her the Sergeant at Arms role. Barbara got us all in our seats. **Sam Ekinci** was thanked for the Opening as was **Linda Snalam** for the Program Changes. Chairman 1, **David King**, did an excellent job and kept the meeting moving. Mark Pankhurst did a great job of the welcome, just needs to remember to pronounce guests names correctly. **Steven Cox** gave us fantastic information as the NZ Musician; he just needs to slow his pace down a bit. **Suben Subenthiran** gave us a wonderful Did you Know with lots of facts. **David Griffiths** with the Did You Know presented us with many things of interest; David just needs to keep to time. **Barbara Beveridge** did a great inspirational, just needs to speak up, go girl power. **Kim Gosper** gave the toast and did a good job; he just needs to relax a bit more. **Cheryl Piper** did a wonderful job as Table Topic Master **David Pasipanodya** gave positive feedback as Evaluator of the odd numbered speakers and **Mark Pankhurst** also did a fine job as the even numbered speaker's evaluator, both just need to do a recommendation as well.



Good job everyone, Linda Clark is proud of you!

**Lyndal Eager** was **Parliamentarian**. Lyndal told us things went as smooth as Anchor butter on hot bread! She told us that Suzanne oozed with confidence. Just one point to ensure she used full vocabulary in regard to identifying Executive Members because guests may not understand the short terminology. She said Suzanne got a tough time from the rabble rousers but handled everything well. Suzanne did a fantastic job for her first time as Chairman 2.



As smooth as Anchor butter on hot bread!

*We then had a break for coffee or tea (no hot bread or Anchor butter here!)*



## *"Across the Ditch" - and now for the Haka*

**Gary Wilson** conducted the **Auckland Haka**. Gary told us he learned to do the Haka in New Zealand. Haka parties are used to cause havoc in the City. In N.Z. you had to Haka, it was part of growing up there. Gary then went nuts! He was trying to poke and prod people. He also started chanting 'he hay, he hay har' putting his hands on his knees, hands on arms, and put his arms up then jumped into the air like a Frisbee, he also poked his tongue out. I note he was joined in by other male Toastmasters and guests!



**Gary Wilson!**



**the Haka jump!**



**Frisbees**

Suzanne Berkeley said that we should start our meetings with a Haka and not a pavlova, it would be healthier!

## *Now for the speeches ...*

**John Taylor - Toastmaster**. John Taylor, one of our gentlemen Toastmasters, told us that tonight the three lady speakers were all New Zealanders and the one male, Michael Said, was almost a New Zealander as he goes there all the time because he's into N.Z. trotting horses and has bought a couple over there.



**John Taylor, one of Parramatta Toastmasters gentlemen**

**1<sup>st</sup> Speaker tonight - Linda Snalam** – and her speech titled "Kapai's Capital Visit". Get comfy said Linda. She told us about a children's bed time story written by Uncle Anzac. Three friends went to Wellington, what a 'capital idea'. They went in Uncle Slims bug yellow bus. They visit the Beehive and when they meet the Speaker on the steps a big gust of wind comes and sweeps Kapai off his feet and way out into the Cook Strait, poor Kapai is a Kiwi and can't fly. He is saved by Gooney the albatross and they land on the deck of the Cook Strait ferry, where there was much cheering and honking of hooters. When they docked in Wellington the Speaker was there to take them all to Bellamy's for kai. This was a wonderful rhyming story, full of wonderment for children and adults alike! I loved it Linda, well done!



**Kapai the Kiwi**



**Gooney the Albatross**

## *"Across the Ditch" - let's talk about New Zealand*

**Second Speaker was Elizabeth Wilson** – her speech titled “How the Kiwi Lost His Wings”. Elizabeth is a magical speaker and told us of a wonderful Moari folktale. It was a story about 2 Gods. The God of the Forest was unhappy as the forest looked diseased. He asked his brother, the God of the Birds to help him and they soon hatched a plan to ask one of the birds to lose its wings and always stay on the floor of the forest to look after it. Many birds were called forth and refused to lose their wings and ability to fly, except the Kiwi bird, who gave up his wings to help. The Gods decided that the Tui bird was selfish and a coward and would always have 2 white feathers to remind them of it. The Pukeko was scared of wet feet so would always have to live in the swamps to remind them of their selfishness and the Pipiwaharuroa was punished by never having their own nests and having to lay their eggs in those of other birds. The Gods told the Kiwi it would be one of New Zealand's most revered birds and would always be honoured and remembered. Fantastic story Elizabeth. I loved this folktale!



The Tui bird



The Pukeko



The Pipiwaharuroa



The honoured Kiwi

**Third Speaker – Wendy Nielsen** – with her speech “New Zealand, Got To Go There”. Wendy took us on an amazing journey around New Zealand. Her enthusiasm for this speech shone through as she was describing the sights and sounds of her homeland. She told us of the terrible smell of Rotorua, the fun of riding in The Zorb. The Bay of Islands and fantastic beaches. Fishing for Marlin, skiing, bungee jumping and jet boating. New Zealand is great to visit with your family, for sport, fun and adventures. You sold me Wendy, I got to go there!



Rotorua



The Zorb



Bay of Islands



Catching a Marlin

## *"Across the Ditch" - more about New Zealand*

**Speaker Four - Michael Said** with his speech called "East to South East Australia – otherwise known as North and South New Zealand". Michael has had 10 trips to New Zealand, the first in 1979 when he wore hobnail boots for climbing Fox Glacier. Second visit was in 1991. He went again in 1994 and saw Mt Eden the extinct volcano. In 1996 he managed to find a silver fern and somehow, this illegal plant, ended up in his bag back in N.S.W. In 1999 he bought Miss Isabella his N.Z. horse, he also bought her sister 2 years later. One time he had no bags with him and was only carrying a bottle of whisky at customs – for this he nearly got the rubber glove treatment! He gave us lots of hints for travelling in N.Z. one of them was to bring a napkin with you and put in your mouth so you can speak as they do, they can also you understand you! Fun speech as usual Michael, great story!



**Fox Glacier**



**Silver Fern**



**Bend over Michael!**



**Speak through a napkin**

**General Evaluator – Linda Clark.** Linda said what an exceptional night, Gary Wilson with the Haka, fantastic! John Taylor is a very experienced Toastmaster and all the speakers were great.



**Our 1st Evaluator – Melanie Wilson for Linda Snalam.** Melanie said she was really excited tonight to evaluate Linda. She said Linda's speech was fascinating. Just one point was that Linda should have checked the remote before she started. Melanie said "Thank you for teaching us about New Zealand". Thanks Melanie, you are becoming an exceptional evaluator.



**2nd Evaluator – Ron Marriott for Elizabeth Wilson.** Ron told us that Elizabeth presented a classic folktale and did it really well. It had a good story and she handled characters with a good vocal variety. She just needs to change tones for the different characters especially between the two Gods. Ron thought Elizabeth's speech was captivating. Thanks Ron, we thought it was too!



# "Across the Ditch" - New Zealand is it really New?

**3rd Evaluator Sam Ekinci for Wendy Nielsen.** Sam thought there was so much information in this speech. Wendy put her personal touch to it. Just said to make it more relevant by changing the title to "Who would like the perfect Holiday!". Well done Sam, you are getting to be a champion Evaluator.



Wendy, adds a personal touch.

**4th Evaluator – Ian Chick for Michael Said.** Ian said the name of the title of Michael's speech got his hackles up! He said Michael is Maltese, could he interpret Maori, hmm quite interesting! Michael gave long renditions but was very entertaining. Michael deserved the rubber glove. Ian believed Michael's prime objective was to annoy the Kiwi's which he achieved. There was nothing else Ian could say other than Michael could do better than the tie he was wearing! Another fun and enjoyable evaluation from Ian.



Got my hackles up!



Ouch!

**Christine Pizzuti** – Grammarian. Christine said the use of 'youse' was prevalent tonight, there is no such word, it doesn't exist. Creative English was also used tonight; the most beautiful place, little lambies. Lots of creativity, plus the ponder of the dilemma of pavlova for dessert. Thank you Christine for catching us out!



is there no such word as youse?

**Robyn Peck** – CL Evaluator. Robyn told us that she only completed 4 CL Manuals tonight. There were 17 missed opportunities for Toastmasters this evening. She told us to check what we are asked to do throughout the meeting to ensure we get a tick off on our Manuals



get your CL Manuals ticked



**Selvi Jayaganesh** – Timer. Selvi told us lots of us when overtime tonight, as usual. We need to keep to our times! Thank you Selvi, for a great job!



*"Across the Ditch" - ready to row over and win*

*And The Winners were:*

*David Griffiths - Best Table Topic Speaker*

*Elizabeth Wilson - Best Speaker*

*Sam Ekinici - Best Evaluator*

*David Griffiths - Stirrers Spoon*

David Griffiths won the stirrers spoon for giving a full on debate during the frivolous Motion.

**Sam Ekinici** asked our guests how they found tonight's meeting, and they all appeared to have enjoyed themselves. Sam invited everyone to stay for a drink and a chat afterwards and the meeting was formally closed.



Join us for a drink and a chat!



*For those of you who couldn't attend tonight-*

*You were very much missed, join us next time!*



*See you soon!*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## COMING EVENTS

22 March 2012, is our next meeting date, the theme is "King of the Road", any member not attending please email Linda Snalam, VPE at [vpe@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:vpe@parramattatm.org.au) as soon as possible.

24 March 2012, Western Division Contest at 11.15 a.m, Blacktown Workers Club, 55 Campbell Street, Blacktown NSW. Cost is \$25.00 which includes a light Autumn lunch plus tea or coffee. Come along and support our speakers at this event. If you want to attend please RSVP as soon as possible to email Robyn Peck at [robyn70@optusnet.com.au](mailto:robyn70@optusnet.com.au). Or telephone, mobile: 0408 444 572.

## PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS

Meet fortnightly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursdays of each month, in the Linden  
Room of the Parramatta RSL, O'Connell St,  
Parramatta.

6pm for a 6.30 pm start. Dinner is available  
during the meeting. Guests and visits are  
always welcome.

Come along and enjoy a great night of  
learning and entertainment.

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