



Parra Natta

Theme

All I Want for Christmas

Welcome - Guests

- Rita Banwait
- Summer Flores
- Allie Kelly
- Tone Dunn
- Clare Walker
- Jan Vecchio
- Joan & Nick Rinaldi
- David & Margrit Fisher
- Allan Davies
- Sue & Rick Haynes
- Helen Kennedy
- Rejene Joseph
- Rhonda Hookham
- Sarah Liu
- Tom Bright
- Manaja Bordelli
- John Brophy
- Sally Lai
- Michelle Xiang
- Helen Wright
- Crystal Jacobs

We look forward to your next visit.

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Do you have goals that you would like to achieve? Contact Kirisha, VPE to discuss your targets at VPE@parramattatm.org.au

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If 'All You Wanted for Christmas', was your 2 front teeth, you would have been in for a big surprise at our Christmas meeting.



Peter S took the stage with grace and poise as MC for the night.



Gary W presented his Christmas message, in



which he related to the giving of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh during the birth of Jesus. For more details, [click here](#)

Kim G then gave a toast to our charities and volunteers that help those in need during these festive season.

Next-up; Santa's little helpers came on stage to present the Table Topics session. A room full of



people and being handy little helpers that they are, they presented 20 table topics questions; allowing the nicest people to present their topics at their seats.

Following tradition, we reflected upon our wish list written 1-year ago.



There were many giggles and smiles during these moments of reflection.

Santa decided to drop by with Mrs. Claus and showered everyone with



presents For more details, [click here](#)

In the 2nd half, Alicia D, brought on more Christmas cheer and words of wisdom.

Next were couple of pranksters, who brought on some fun and games. Their aim was to get the audience to guess, which of the 3 speakers were telling the truth in a given scenario.

During the prepared speech section, Julie J presented her ice-breaker speech, followed by Monique T speech titled 'Before the Reality, Comes the Dream', and finally 2012/13 District 70 funny-man Allan Davies with his speech titled 'Dumb Questions'.

Our District Governor, Jan Vecchio presented the District 70 Christmas message themed, 'Find the courage, take the challenge, make the change.'

Memorable Comments

1. Gary W: 'Why wasn't Jesus born in Australia? Probably because God couldn't find 3-wise men.'
2. Michael S: 'I know my family so I wouldn't invite them over for Christmas this year.'
3. Tom C: 'When I heard Lapland, I don't think I was thinking of the same place they had in mind.'
4. Santa: 'You are still all my children, you are growing older.'
5. Simon C: 'Because I'm an accountant; I never lie.'

D70 Announcement

Issue 2 of the 2012/2013 District 70 Directory has been released

[Click here](#) to download from D70 website. You will need to have both your member number and your club number available to start the download process.

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A Night to Remember—Picture Gallery



For more Parramatta Toastmasters Christmas meeting photos, [click here](#)

A December Summer Poem— by Greg North

In his recent email to Parramatta TM, Greg sent his warmest wishes to all of us and shared with us a poem (eepurl.com/sVjA5);

*"The beginning of Summer starts here.
There'll be insects, humidity, cleavage and heat,
fervent calls to serve icy-cold beer and a yearning
to barbecue onions and meat.
Most TV screens will flicker and blare with the
groaning of tennis and cricket bat 'tock's and
you'll think how you haven't a care, then some
fat sweaty bloke will appear in his jocks!"*

Greg North only got interested in poetry in 2003 well after being part of Parramatta TM. Take the time to listen to some of his many writings at gregorynorth.com.au

Greg North—**Australian Bush Poetry Champion 2008, 2009 and 2010**



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3 January 2012—Too Much of a Good Thing