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*Parramatta Toastmasters Club No 2274, Area 13, Western Div
, Dist. 90*

**MEETING No : 1306
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New year

Our last meeting of the year was our Christmas meeting and was aptly themed the true spirit of Christmas. As always it was a special meeting with Santa, gifts and presents.

The newsletter for the Christmas meeting comes to you on the eve of new year . It's the time when people are hopeful and making resolutions and would like to look forward rather than reminiscing of the past. Here are a few resolutions that you should have as toastmasters to help you get better out of this organisation.

- Set a goal this year to stretch yourself. Take up a role this year that you haven't done before, better still pick one that you don't want to do. You will amaze yourself with the results.**
- Toastmasters is self paced but don't let that be an excuse to slack off. Set a goal to finish a manual or get a new badge this year.**
- Live every moment to the fullest , experience it with all your senses whether it be an exotic holiday or a catchup with your colleague at lunch. Think of innovative ways to use these experiences in your TM assignments.**
- Most importantly reach out to someone who needs help. Offer to mentor even if they don't ask you for help. Live up to the unique magic embodied in the toastmasters culture. ' when you learn teach, when you get give.'**

Most importantly enjoy what you do. Make new friends and visit new clubs and do new things, offer to write an article for the newsletter or to help to coordinate an event. Remember every new experience has the potential to end up being a great speech. Nothing ever goes wasted at toastmasters. Have a great New Year.

2015 – Parramatta Toastmaster club Highlights

Great clubs don't just happen but just like every other organisation it is formed by the collective effort of committed and enthusiast members who are constantly striving for excellence, pushing the limits and helping each other to reach that collective goal. Parramatta toastmasters is one of the biggest and best clubs because of its excellent members. As 2015 comes to a close let's take a look at some of the member achievements that did the club proud.



Parramatta Toastmasters club wins the **President's Distinguished club** award for the the 16th time in a row. This award is given to clubs who achieve at least 9 of the 10 DCP goals and we have always archived all the 10 goals.

Our website was elected the best maintained website last year. Thanks to webmaster **Gary Wilson** Parramatta toastmasters always tops on google searches.

Elizabeth Wilson won the Jazzer smith award jointly with Rick Haynes It is awarded to members who exemplifies courage, overcomes adversities, has perseverance, takes pride in toastmasters, has friendliness, cheerfulness and support of other members.



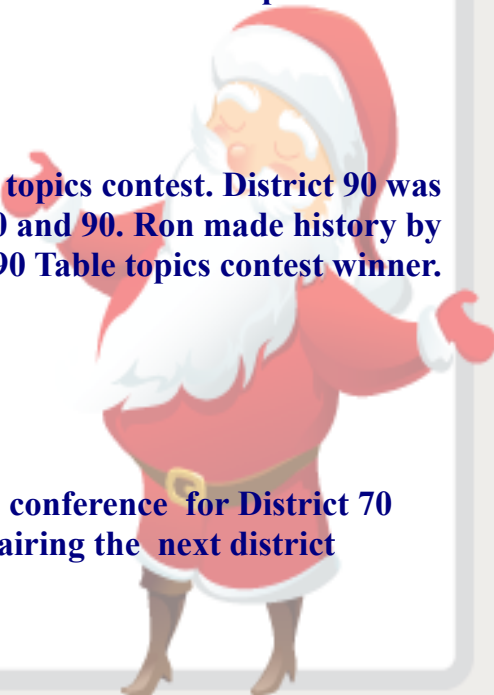
David Griffiths won the international speech contest at district level. He came second in the international semi finals held at Las Vegas this year.

Monique Tonna won both the Humorous speech contest and the table-topics contest at the Area contest. She has so far won all the club contests this year including the international speech contest.



Ron Marriott won the Dist. 90 table topics contest. District 90 was split into two districts District 70 and 90. Ron made history by being the first ever District 90 Table topics contest winner.

Monique Tonna of our club chaired and helped organise the annual conference for District 70 2014-15. Alicia Dennis and Sean Leise of our club will be jointly chairing the next district annual conference.



Christmas Social

Our club social was held at Tom and Elaine woods place on the 5th of December. It was a bring your own plate event and with a bit of planning and organisation by Robyn Peck. We had a great mix of dishes both sweet and savoury. A number of members attended and everyone had a great time. Here are some pics from the night.

