



# THE PARRA-NATTA

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## PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Parramatta Toastmasters Club  
October Edition

Welcome to the October edition of the Parra-Natta where we revisit the highlights and club achievements that have occurred since September. We have had an exciting set of events over the last month with three great meetings!

### Arrr! Avast Me Mateys—52nd Anniversary Meeting

Arr! What a meeting! Our 52nd Anniversary Meeting crossed with International Speak like a pirate day! We had a room full mateys and of course cake, and more cake to celebrate! There were pirates from all over the place and very different looking pirates as well!

During the night we had two icebreakers—one from one of our newest members Sanea Khurana who spoke about the chapters in her life and another from Demian



Coorey who spoke about living his own script. Demian is indeed living his own script and looking at relocating so he unfortunately will not be joining us to as frequently as he/we would like! There were also two Research and Present speeches with Vivek Signal who presented on a variety of ghosts and Monique Tonna who presented on the Battle of 1565. Michael said also presented a touching eulogy for Rick Haines.

We inducted two new members—Barbara Mifsud and Edim Hudjurwho both completed the Speechcraft Course. Mike Kano-McCallum is Barbara’s mentor and Michael Said is Edim’s mentor. We wish the new members the best of luck on their Pathways journey.

The ribbon winners for the night were Matt Tonkiss for Table Topics, Monique Tonna for Best Speech, Karl Pereira for Best Evaluation and Sanea Khurana for her Icebreaker.

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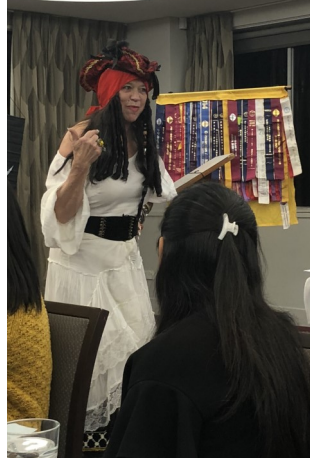
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#### Upcoming Meeting Dates and Themes

- **1 November**—  
To Meat or not to Meat
- **15 November**—  
Useless Stuff
- **22 November**—  
On Ya Bike
- **6 December**—  
The Swap Meet  
(International Speech Contest)

# ARRRRR! PIRATES ON BOARD!

Can you spot the Toastmasters in the sea of pirates? Our 52nd Meeting was a loot of fun!



# AREA 13 CONTEST

On the 20 October Parramatta Toastmasters held a fantastic Area 13 Table Topics & Humorous Speech Contest at Rosehill Bowling Club. We heard some funny stories and creative impromptu answers in the first half where the Table Topic was “A fork in the road”.

The winners of the Table Topics were:

1. Elizabeth Wilson (Western Gourmet)
2. Alicia Leise (Parramatta Toastmasters)
3. David Vicente (Parramatta pioneers)

The humorous prepared speeches had the whole crowd laughing and the winners for the contest were:  
Humorous speech contest:

1. Karl Zhao (Justice TMC)
2. Elizabeth Wilson (Western Gourmet)
3. Vicki Sheehan (Parramatta Toastmasters)

It was a fantastic turn out with 41 people attending! Congratulations to both our participants who placed in the contest and a special thank you goes Tom McDonald and his team for organising the event! Tom McDonald was our contest CEO and was responsible for the wonderful organisation on the day. A special thanks also goes out to all the Parramatta Members who took time out of their day to come and assist in the contest!



**2018-2019  
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Meeting on the  
1st and 3rd  
Thursday of the  
month between  
6:30pm and  
9:30pm at Par-  
ramatta RSL

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**Club Mission**

We provide a sup-  
portive and positive  
learning experience  
in which members are

On the 4th October we got to hear all about Best Friends in all our Table Topics to Omar’s story about his fast travels with his father to Sean’s introduction of his trumpet (and his wonderful ninth grade story of being told to play by his teacher while being disruptive...little did his teacher know that he could play)! Ron Mariott definitely summed it all up when said that all the right notes were hit! We also had an icebreaker from one of our newest members Barbara Mifsud, a history lesson about the RMS Titanic from Tom McDonald and fantastic travel advice from John New.

There were also a lot of awards that went out tonight! Mike Kano-McCallum received his fourth DTM!!! What an achievement! Mike is also the first District 90 member to receive a Distinguished Toastmasters Award in the Pathways program!!! Parramatta Toastmasters also received the 2017-2018 Bob Kirchner ribbon! Barbara Mifsud received the Ice Breaker ribbon, Monique Tonna received the ribbon for Best Table Topic, Sean Leise received Best Speech, Christine Huynh received Best Evaluator and Ron Marriot received the stirrers spoon!



Our last meeting in October was Fight or Flight! And as always we had wonderful rounds of speeches! There were three Pathways Icebreakers with Sinu Thilak presenting starting the Prepared Speeches with “My Journey”, this was followed by Edim Hudjur who spoke about “Books and stuff” and Vicki Sheehan also presented her Pathways Icebreaker “Drowning not waving”. Elizabeth Wilson completed an Interpretive Reading Project reading A.A. Milne’s poems and Matt Tonkiss completed his HPL Project Speech entitled “Sharing your vision”. We also welcomed our newest member Mandy Choi! Awards for the night went to:

- Best Table Topic: Elizabeth Wilson
- Best Evaluator: Tom McDonald
- Best Speaker: Vicki Sheehan
- Stirrer’s Spoon: John Taylor
- Icebreaker: Edim Hudjur, Sinu Thilak, Vicki Sheehan

