



THE PARRA-NATTA

PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS CLUB

November Edition

Parramatta Toastmasters Club

Club Number: 00002274, District 90, Area W13

Charter Date: June 1, 1966

Parramatta Club has always been a very large and successful one and has had a major influence on the Toastmasters movement in Australia, where there are now over 750 Clubs. Through the achievements of our Club and of the Clubs we have formed, we have provided communication and leadership training directly and indirectly to over 10,000 people.

Our aim is to satisfy each member's need for friendship, recognition and respect, in a community organisation, as well as his/her need to learn and to make a creative contribution. A strong spirit

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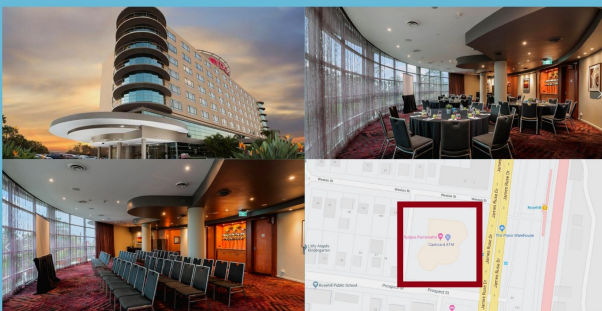
Upcoming Meeting Dates and Themes

- **November 3:** Pathways Education at the Lipski Residence
- **November 7:** Its how you use it!
- **November 21:** The winning edge—International Speech Contest
- **November 24:** Christmas Social at the Winston Hotel at 12:30pm
- **December 5:** Losing your way
- **December 19:** Caring and

IMPORTANT NEWS!

There is a lot going at Parramatta Toastmasters! We have the International Speech Contest coming up on the 21st of November! It will be our last meeting at the Parramatta RSL as we will be moving to Rydges Parramatta. This move has come about because of renovations at Parramatta RSL.. The executive have been working hard on a new location and it has been found! We will officially be moving our meetings to Rydges Parramatta from December onwards! It is a wonderful venue and there is plenty of free parking available. Public transport options are also available.

PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS IS MOVING



We are moving to **Rydges Parramatta** starting **December 2019**

Address: 116-118 James Ruse Drive, Rosehill NSW 2142

We will still meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm-9:30pm

(we will still be having an additional meeting every 4th Thursday when there are five Thursdays in a month)

Our first meeting at Rydges Parramatta will be on the 6th December 2019



This month there will also be a Pathways Educational afternoon and this will be held at the Lipski residence. Please email Wendy if you are interested pres@pattamattatm.org.au or contact her on 0439 614 214.

We also have a Christmas Social Coming up on the 24th November at The Winston Hotel from 12:30pm onwards. If you are interested more information can be found on the last page of the Nat-ta!

Let's log in to Base Camp

PATHWAYS EDUCATIONAL

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2019
3 PM

RSVP Wendy Lipski pres@pattamattatm.org.au
or 0439 614 214

Meeting 1413

During Meeting 1413 we enjoyed lots of Toastmasters Truths & Trivia during our meeting! This was led by Sabesh Sitsabesan in his Table Topics. Here are the questions he posed to our members:

1. Why did you walk through the doors for the very first time?
2. What was your first impression when you walked into the club for the first time?
3. Which is the scariest role in Toastmasters?
4. What has been your most memorable day in Toastmasters?
5. What is the best thing you have done outside of the club?
6. Who are you inspired by or look up to?
7. Who is a Toastmaster or look up to outside of this club?
8. What is the strangest thing you have done in Toastmasters?
9. There is a feeling that you get between presenting a speech at contest and then waiting for the results?
10. What is the funniest thing you have done in Toastmasters?

In the prepared section Peter Steinhour presented a eulogy to his wonderful Uncle Ernie. John Boctor practiced his wedding speech. Barbara Mifsud presented her speech Leaders least expected—she spoke about introverts and extraverts and encouraged us to think about the social bias that exists with extraverts. Peter Shen presented a speech on short notice, his subject was “Start with why?”. In this speech he encouraged us to think about our identity and fulfilment which is created by asking himself “What will grant me long term happiness?”. Wendy Lipski then presented her Icebreaker for Pathways entitled “Flying Kiwi”. She recounted running up and down one tree hill in Auckland, her flight to Sydney, and her landing in Parramatta Toastmasters. John New presented his speech “Impressions on China” which chronicled his travels which he spoke about the size, hiding in China, food and accommodation.

There were many awards on the night! Our President presented Peter Steinhour with a District 90 Award, Tom McDonald was presented with his Parramatta DTM Badge, Wendy Lipski took out best Speaker, newly returned Sam Fenton received the best Evaluator, Michael Said won Best Table Topics and Sabesh Sitasabesan was awarded the Stirrer’s Spoon by Elizabeth Wilson.



Great night at Dural Lifeboat Debate!!!

By Wendy Lipski

Thirteen members in attendance to support Blackbeard (Ian Lipski) and also Steve Jobs (Sean Leise) representing Western Gourmet). Steve Jobs did a commendable job of trying to convince the audience of the value of technology on a lifeboat. Blackbeard thought he'd be the best navigator, and bribed the audience with a promise of rum to everyone! The bribe worked, as Blackbeard progressed to the final round. Lucile Ball was the winner after convincing the audience why she should be awarded the last seat on the lifeboat. Blackbeard was voted the Best Dressed Contestant!!! Parramatta Toastmasters won Best Dressed Club! And a promise to EFT the winnings, as Blackbeard was not to be trusted with the cash prize! Really fun night, wonderful opportunity to catch up with other Toastmaster friends. Thanks Dural Toastmasters for another wonderful memory.

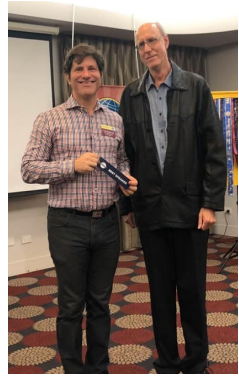


Meeting 1414

During meeting 1414 we had many awards presented! David Griffiths was presented with the Area Director Merit award presented by District 90. This was presented by Monique Tonna who awarded him with the plaque and certificate. David Griffiths and Karl Pereira were also presented the Parramatta Toastmasters DTM Badge by President Wendy Lipski. During the meeting David presented an insightful education for the International Speaking contest.



During the night there were six prepared speeches: Andrew Emerson presented "The most important thing ever purchased", Rob Tibbertsma "Kiyo Orana", Sue Ismiel "There's always a way", Mandy Chiu "Pretend you are on Shark Tank", Christine Wearne "Total eclipse of the brain" and David Griffiths "The rise of the Machines". Best Table Topics was awarded to Monique Tonna, Best Speaker David Griffiths and Stirrer's Spoon went to David Griffiths.



2019-2020 Executive Team

President

Wendy Lipski

VP Education

Sabesh Sitsabesan

VP Membership

Rob Tibberstma

VP Public Relations

Christine Huynh

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Omar Ikhras

Immediate Past President

Michael Fong

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month between 6:30pm and 9:30pm at Parramatta RSL

www.parramattatm.org.au

Club Mission

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

Contribute to the Natta!

Would you like to contribute to the Natta? Do you have a speech? Do you have an upcoming event? Please email Christine Huynh VPPR—
vppr@parramattatm.org.au

GETTING TO KNOW THE EXECUTIVE

Have you ever thought about joining the executive? Do you wonder about what the executive team do? In this section of the Natta you will find out more about one member of the executive team and what they do! This edition is about DTM John New!



My role is Executive Support Officer. It's a great role for an experienced Toastmaster in the club.

- 1. Why did you decide to take on the role?** I've had 3 club roles (Secretary, Treasurer, VPE) and a district role (Administration Manager) and felt I could offer suggestions now and again to help run the club.
- 2. What do you do in your role?** Offer suggestions. Do practical things like acting secretary, acting treasurer if asked.
- 3. What have you enjoyed the most about your role?** Staying in touch with what's needed to run the club. Brainstorming solutions to issues with the rest of the exec.
- 4. What have been the biggest challenges? How have you overcome these challenges?** No real challenges as such.
- 5. What are you looking forward to for the rest of the executive year?** Seeing the club continue to do well in a new venue.

Parramatta Toastmasters Christmas Social

24th November 2019

Join us for our social time
at The Winston Hotel
from 12:30pm-4:00pm
Address: 170 Caroline
Chisholm Drive Winston
Hills NSW 2153
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