

## Wise shine in house of fools

With a theme like “What a fool does in the end, the wise do in the beginning”, it was always going to be an interesting evening. Statistics show (and don’t ask where these were sourced from) that for any given group of people 10% will be fools, 10% will be wise, and 80% will like milk in their coffee—it’s anyone’s guess who was who at last weeks meeting (incidentally, this author likes a little milk in his coffee), but what we can say for certain is that it was another high-octane and fun-filled evening at Parramatta Toastmasters club.

Let’s take a look at just some of what happened!

We had a visitor (a lovely lady called Dale) from Dural Toastmasters club—Dale will be competing in the District Evaluation contest, and no doubt will be well and truly in preparation mode—we wish her all the best.

We had an induction! Christine Pizutti is now officially more than just a good-looking photographer, she is also the very newest member of Parramatta Toastmasters club—we look forward to watching her development and understanding more of who she is.

Kirisha took home her first Best Speaker ribbon, for her expose on the real nature of Generation Y. We entered the room that night with our misconceptions about Generation Y intact, but left with them shaken—Kirisha peeled back the truth on this much maligned and misunderstood cohort of our population, and changed many of our views.

An Advanced Communicator Bronze was awarded—after many years of booming his way through vocal variety, making his body speak and getting to the point, John Nichols attained the prestigious level of Advanced Communicator Bronze and was awarded a new ‘fancy badge’—a big congratulations to John.

Ron Marriot in classic form, rambled on about something to do with wisdom and foolishness—he did close with a thunderbolt though, by leaving us with the following quote...”next time you do something dumb, you’re one step closer to good judgement”...never underestimate Ron Marriot.

We got a little closer to Jeeven—in the academic sense of course. Gary plucked an unsuspecting(?) Jeeven out of the crowd and proceeded to try and get to the bottom of him—Gary asked him about his life, his goals and ambitions and his predilection for hair-gel, but concluded in the end, the aspect of Jeeven that had been the biggest mystery to us, was how boring his life was. We suspect strongly that Jeeven just wasn’t letting us in on the juicy bits.

An awesome speaking line-up featured the likes of Melanie Wilson with her vivid expose of the iPhone, Barbara’s understated inspirational that put a quiet smile on everyone’s face, John Nichols dramatic reading from Arthur Miller’s crucible, and of course Kirisha’s award-winning defence of Generation Y.

If you missed this—don’t feel too bad, because next week will prove to be just as zany, crazy, kooky and loony as last—make sure you are there!



The newest member of the Parramatta family—Christine Pizutti along-side her mentor Ian Lipski and our President David Griffiths

## The Blue-Birdie, fashion tsunami on its way

Once in a while a clothing designer puts together a garment that changes the face of fashion. Who remembers when Converse sneakers hit the scene, leg-warmers, or the hyper-color t-shirt. Some fashion waves are fuelled by their novelty, whilst others are fuelled by their utility, think Blundstone boots, blue truckies singlets, or Dunlop Volleys.

Well we think we may have picked the next big wave—and this wave is building on the back of novelty AND utility. It’s been dubbed the Super-elastic Blue-Birdie shirt. With it’s unique bird like feathers and super-elastic fabric this shirt is set to become the work-horse of every modern woman’s wardrobe—good on land, good in the air, and good under-water. When not worn this garment reduces to a size that makes it a non-bulge addition to any purse, and the perfect ‘backup’ garment when you just don’t know what to wear—keep an eye on high-street.



Fashion trail-blazing—the Super-elastic Blue Birdie already being worn by the women of Parramatta Toastmasters

## Member Remember #5

*From the VPE's desk*

Parramatta Toastmasters maintains a high standard of performance and has a culture of achievement. This is made possible with implied and expressed expectations from each member to commit, communicate and contribute towards the clubs culture of Standards.

Good planning and communication is the key to the success of any voluntary organization. It is not the sole responsibility of an individual or of the Executives to manage the commitment of each member. You are the master of your own destiny and your path of development will reflect in the choices that you make as you utilize the tools available to you in our Club.

### MENTORS / MENTEES:

All new / dual members will be assigned a Mentor to help assist the assimilation into Parramatta Toastmasters Club.

Mentor/Mentee relationships – Mentors should check with their Mentee well before a meeting to ensure:

- Mentee understands the club culture.
- Mentee understands and complies with the club guidelines and expectations.
- Mentee is prepared for their assignments and have researched and obtained the assignment guidelines through the Parramatta TM website.
- Mentee has an understanding of the Toastmaster structure (Club/District) and to access web information.
- Advise VPE of any issues arising from programming assignments

### AGENDAS / ROSTERING:

The Agenda has been prepared in consultation with each member and with due courtesy and consideration. I would ask that you take every opportunity to fulfill the roles and honour the commitments you have made towards your Educational goals.

### IN SUMMARY:

It is the role of each member to take responsibility and manage their own performance – the VPE will provide the opportunity and the tools for you to achieve your goals and the partnership between the two will be reflected in your development.

Communication is the key to ensuring that we work jointly towards achieving your goals.



## Parramatta Toastmasters - Club 2274

### Meeting Details

Parramatta Toastmasters meet fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, in the Linden Room of the Parramatta RSL.

6pm for a 6:30pm start

Dinner is available during the meeting  
Guests and visitors are always welcome

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