



# Parra Natta

## Theme

Great Leaders of the World

## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome our guests

- Lucas Attery
- Omar
- Abdul
- Tom Cummings
- Ahmad
- Julie Jurczyluk
- Natasha
- Clare
- Felix
- Ping
- Shauna
- Socheat
- Rejene Thomas-Joseph

We look forward to your next visit.

## Frivolous Motion

by John Nichols

“That for all future Parramatta Toastmasters meetings where a member is making their ‘Icebreaker’ will do so in front of a naked panel of 4 members. The naked panel will comprise of volunteers and or individuals drawn out of a hat on the evening.”

The motion was voted against by the club.

## Contact

Do you have goals that you would like to achieve? Contact Kirisha, VPE to discuss your targets at [VPE@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:VPE@parramattatm.org.au)

Meeting No: 1217

Parramatta Toastmasters Club 2274

## Five Traits of an Effective Leader

The first half of the night started off with a bang when Pam McDonald stood up as Chairman 1 for the first time and said to the club that ‘Everyone here is a great leader’, and supported her statement with 5 traits that make an effective leader.

The first trait that she believe a leader has is the ability the persuade. Pam believes that this

trait can help facilitate change.

The second trait a leader should have is the ability to be thorough because for change to benefit any organisation; all possible actions must be considered.

Next every leader needs confidence because with any change, the leader would need to convince its audience to support their view point.

The fourth trait a leader should have is the ability to communicate effectively to its audience; as this will help reduce any potential disruptions.

Lastly, Pam believes that fifth trait a leader should poses is the ability of being firm in their decisions because a good leader needs to stick to the guidelines of change and see it through as planned.

## A Parramatta Induction Speech—by Julie Jurczyluk

I am excited by this opportunity to join Parramatta Toastmasters; it is a privilege and an honour.

Hopefully I will be able to take the skills that I have learned in Speechcraft along with the encouragement and mentorship that I receive here so that in time I may develop and transform into a more confident speaker.

I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone in this room for making me feel so welcome in this club and a special thanks to Michael Said who played a big part in getting me to this stage. Thank you Michael for your encouragement, enthusiasm and belief in me.

Ok with that said I would like to thank you all again for your warm wel-



Newest Member Julie Jurczyluk

come and I look forward to this exciting journey.

## Have some fun and test your memory—from our Quizmaster

1. Who won the Western Division Table Topics contest?
2. Which Parramatta Toastmasters got recently married?
3. Which Parramatta Toastmasters got re-

cently engaged?

4. What book does the club uses as a guide for the business session?
5. What award did John Bright receive?
6. Who said ‘Ask not

what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country’?

7. What is Parramatta Toastmaster club number?

(1) David Griffiths, (2) Malkit Banwait, Lyndal Eager and Nish Shakyra, (3) Ron Marriott, (4) Renton's, (5)ACB, (6) John F Kennedy, (7) 2274

## Memorable Comments

1. Malkit B: 'Someone asked me once, do Indians fall in love? I replied, that can be arranged.'
2. Michael S: 'That's he timers report and I'm dead on 2 minutes.'  
Joan A: 'But the assignment was for 1 minute.'
3. John B: Receiving his ACB badge 'Tonight's speech will give me my next badge.'  
Elizabeth W: 'Oh, what a waste of money!'
4. John N: 'I'm a very old Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) and a proud old SAA to see the stand-in SAA did so well.'
5. Linda S: 'Gosh, I think I want a baby.'
6. Michael S: During the business session, 'Mr. Chairman, in 3 minutes we will be out of time.'

## Award Winners

### Best Table Topics

Elizabeth Wilson

### Best Speech

Malkit Banwait

### Best Evaluator

Damien Coorey

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## Contact

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## A General Evaluator's role— by Lyndal Tucker

If you think of a club meeting as a project, then you can see the General Evaluator role as a kind of project manager. In a nutshell, a General Evaluator responsibilities are to make sure that each activity is performed correctly.

Being a General Evaluator is a big responsibility and it is integral to the success of Toastmasters club. People join Toastmasters because they have a goal – they want to learn something. Your observations and suggestions help ensure the club is meeting the goals and needs of each member.

Therefore the General Evaluator can be considered as the "glue and review" role of a Toastmasters meeting. The General Evaluator provides inclusion and flow to the proceedings as well as acknowledgement and appreciation of all those presentations evaluated – being any that have not been evaluated by someone else (e.g. Table Topics and prepared speeches); that leaves quite a lot for the General Evaluator to cover in a short time frame.

To evaluate those roles – be precise and concise. Use your skills of observation and analysis to assess the speaker's performance, as well as preparation and rehearsal that will be obviously on display. Keep your comments simple. Compliment their presentation and provide recommendation for improvement of the performance and finish with a final commendation of the role completed.

Here are some simple DO's and DON'Ts that can help you perform your next General Evaluator role.

### DON'T

1. Try to avoid dragging on , as it only waste time.
2. Using the word GOOD to grade a presentation. Try to find a more descriptive word.
3. Sugar-coating a mediocre performance – give tips for the presenter to apply for a better presentation next time.

### DO

1. Give appropriate praise to acknowledge effort and preparation devoted by each presenter.

2. Identify "Time Bandits" who go overtime, suggest they view the timing lights as their "friend".
3. Concentrate your areas of review to include evaluation of the Structure and Word Choice (Language used), and the speaker's Voice, Gestures and Body Language.

Everyone has the capacity to take on the role and give a Toastmasters meeting "The X Factor" that makes a meeting shine! If the learning environment isn't focused and fun, members won't learn what they joined to learn.

And what do *you* get out of the deal? You get the chance to practice and improve your skills in critical thinking, planning, preparation and organisation, time management, motivation and team building!

For more information and guidelines on how to conduct the role as a General Evaluator, visit the General Evaluator online assignment guide on [Parramatta Toastmasters website](#) or [District 70 Toastmasters website](#).

## Announcements

Congratulation to John Taylor, DTM for achieving his 20 years of commitment to Parramatta Toastmasters and Toastmaster International.

We at Parramatta Toastmaster salute you for dedication and unparallel support that you have given Parramatta Toastmaster over the years.



## Join Us For Our Next Meeting

## 18 October 2012 – Fight or Flight