



Parra Natta

Theme

The End of the World?

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome our guests

- Richard Aitkins
- Jessica Laxton
- Dr Rajat Mittal
- Daniel Tucker
- Robert Tibbistimus
- Peter Knnes
- Peter Mochna
- Dilani Herath
- Tom Cummins

We look forward to your next visit.

Would you like to speak to a member about Parramatta Toastmasters?

Michael Said, the club's Vice-President of Membership is more than happy to take your calls or emails about attending a club meeting or general enquiries about the club

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or [Michael Said Email](mailto:Michael.Said@parramattatm.org.au)

Contact

Do you have goals that you would like to achieve? Contact Kirisha, VPE to discuss your targets at VPE@parramattatm.org.au

Meeting No: 1221

Parramatta Toastmasters Club 2274

The November Extra Meeting Synopsis

They say extraordinary things happen and extraordinary meetings and it is no exception at our November's extra meeting.

Melanie W. started the meeting as the new official Sergeant at Arms.

Chairman 1, John B gave a citation on specific dates out of Harold Camping book that were labelled as "end of the world" but turned out to be false alarms. He said, 'For those who watched the movie **2012**, we don't need to fear about the global cataclysm that is predicated to happen on 21 Dec 12!'



Linda S held a special presentation to honour Suzanne Berkeley's contributions to Speechcraft and inducted Tom Cummins as Parramatta's newest member.



From Left: Michael Said (VPM), Peter Steinhour (Tom's mentor), Tom Cummins and Linda Snalam (President)

Suzanne B provided members the opportunity to reminisce on some fond and some not so fond memories they had at school. There was a range of impromptu speeches ranging from dissecting rats to fond memories about a teacher that they never had, but it was Tom C, (our newest member), who followed the PREP method and took out the best Table Topics presenter of the night.

Malkit B, the Toastmaster during the 2nd half talked about the importance of speech preparation as he introduced the speakers for the night.

Cheryl P spoke about techniques & strategies for 'impromptu speaking'. Her speech was formulated on how it can have a positive impact on professional and social lives.

David K, spoke about the dreadful day in English football history in his speech titled '96', when 96 people lost their lives at the Hillsborough Stadium. He concluded by saying, 'In a night when the theme was (the end of the world), it felt like it took 23 years for a new beginning.'

Kirisha T, spoke about mental health issues and

depression in her speech titled, 'Beyond Blue'. She said, that 1 every 6 Australian might go through this scenario and the importance of seeking help.

The last speaker of the night was Michael S with his speech titled, 'Shout it out -loud.' He said, that Australians have a tendency to keep a low profile and not be vocal about our achievements.



He challenged us to share our achievements out loud when we do something great because it sends the right message across and keeps us motivated.

With time to spare, Linda S ran an impromptu session by asking, 'What would we do if we have only 24 hours to live?' With time running out, majority of the speakers said that they would spend the last 24 hours having a good time with their loved ones.



Following on from the live social media demonstration presented two weeks ago from our very own Social Media Officer (SMO),

Nirish Shakya, I decided to have a sit down with him to clarify a few more details about blogging.

I hope this will help our members embrace this phenomenon a lot easier and help our readers who could not attend understand the benefits behind the clubs social media implementation.

Where can I find this blog?

Simple, just type in your URL in your web browser (e.g.: *Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Firefox, Safari*)

blog.parramattatm.org.au

The other option is to visit [Parramatta Toastmasters](http://Parramatta Toastmasters website) website and click on the orange 'b' close to the top right of the page.

How do I read a blog post?

As soon as you get to the blog website, you will see the most recent blog posts on the homepage.

You can then click on the title of the blog post to open just that blog post.

If I want to say something about the blog post, how do I do it?

You can easily add your comments by scrolling down to the bottom of the blog post where you will see a section called 'Leave a Comment'. You can enter your details and your comments in the boxes and click 'Post this Comment.'

Leave a Comment

Name: * Want to skip this stuff? Login with any of the following:

Email: Register or Log in to Posterous

Homepage: Twitter: Sign in

Comment:

I like the blog post but I don't want to write a comment though. How can I share my sentiment?

There's an easier way to let the author know that you like their post.

If you have a Twitter account, you can click on the 'Tweet' button to share it on Twitter.

Or click 'Like' to 'Like' it on your Facebook page so that your Facebook friends know that you liked the blog post. This encourages them to read it as well.

If you don't have Twitter or Facebook, you can click on the heart-shaped symbol to like it just within the blog platform.

Most of us are busy people and would probably forget to check the blog to see if there are new posts. Is there a way to get notified every time someone posts a new blog post?

The easiest way to know if a new blog post has been made is to subscribe to the blog. You can do this by clicking on the 'Follow' button on the top-right corner of the [blog website](#) page and subscribe.



Alternatively, if you 'Like' the [Parramatta Toastmasters Facebook page](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#), you will automatically receive an update on your Facebook wall and/or Twitter feed every time a new blog post is posted.

I've uploaded some [videos on our Parramatta YouTube channel](#) which shows you how to;

1. ['Like' the Parramatta Toastmasters page](#)
2. [To follow Parramatta Toastmasters using Twitter](#)
3. [How to access and follow the blog](#)
4. [How to create a blog account and post a blog](#)

Why do we need a blog anyway?

We belong to one of the most prestigious Toastmasters Club in Australia, if not, the world. We know that but a lot of people don't.

[Blogs](#) give us the channel to reach a much wider audience. Non-members can learn about what's happening within the club as well as what the culture of the club is like. When you give a speech at a club meeting, your speech will be heard once. But when you write a blog, you will be heard again and again.

Parramatta Toastmasters are committed to providing value to the club and others through our words. We have such a rich congregation of excellent public speakers with vast knowledge and experience that many other clubs can only dream of. If we can share some of that knowledge online, it would benefit not just other clubs, but also anyone who wants to improve their public speaking. This will also help us raise the profile of our club and live up to the Toastmasters International's commitment of **'Where Leaders are Made'**.

They say, a goal not written down is just a wish. If we want to make an even bigger impact on people's lives, we need to collectively write down about our thoughts and experiences as a club and share them with the rest of the world. Blogs help us achieve our goals faster.

The best thing about blogs is they're short, casual and simple. You can write a blog anywhere - on the train home, while waiting at the dentist, at a coffee shop or even before in bed (before you fall asleep of course!).

Ooh I want to write a blog now! What do I have to do?

Great! You can write your blog on paper, email, Word, Notepad or any other medium on your choice and either email it to the SMO at eso1@parramattatm.org.au or just give it the SMO in person at the next club meeting.

D70 Announcement

Issue 2 of the 2012/2013 District 70 Directory has been released

[Click here](#) to download from D70 website. You will need to have both your member number and your club number available to start the download process.

Alternatively, speak to the Parramatta Toastmasters Club Secretary to review the club's copy .

Award Winners

Best Table Topics

Tom Cummins

Best Speech

David King

Best Evaluator

Lyndal Tucker

The Mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every individual member has the opportunity to develop oral communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

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Contact

To share any exciting news or to submit an article for Parra Natta, contact Jeeven Jayanathan VPPR vppr@parramattatm.org.au



Announcements

Parramatta Toastmasters Club

International Speech Contest

6 December 2012

Dear members,

To participate, register your details by **4 December 2012** with **Christine** by emailing her today!



Parramatta Pioneers Toastmasters Christmas Invite

Parramatta Pioneers have invited us to join their Christmas meeting. As a club sponsor to them, you will find many familiar faces from our own club so you will not feel like a stranger—so come support our newest club in Parramatta. **Join in the fun by bringing a present up to the value of \$10 as there'll be a Kris Kringle with a twist!**

When: Wednesday, 12 December 2012
Where: Linden Room, Parramatta RSL
Time: 6:45pm start
RSVP by: 7 December 2012
RSVP to: Monique Tonna on **04 00 588 557** or [email](#)



Parramatta Toastmasters Christmas Social Sun Day Invite

It is that time of the year for Parramatta Toastmasters Christmas to get together! Members & their loved-ones are invited to join us for a relaxed afternoon of social fun before the fat man arrives with our Christmas presents. For the energetic among us bring, footballs, cricket and softball gear, there is open space at our disposal.

When: Sunday, 23 December 2012
Where: Location to be provided upon RSVP
Time: 12:30pm start
RSVP by: 21 December 2012
RSVP to: Linda Snalam @ pres@parramattatm.org.au

*We will provide the meat, vegetarian options and cold soft drinks. Please bring either a salad or sweet to add to the table. **RSVP by Friday, 21 Dec to Linda Snalam with your salad or sweet option, so we don't have 15 potato salads!***



Join Us For Our Next Meeting

6 December 12—International Speech Contest