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The Balgowlah Bugle

The Newsletter of Balgowlah RSL Toastmasters Club
Club Number 2618 in District 70
Pride of the Peninsula
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Greetings from the President...

I am very honoured to be President of this great club since July 2007. Totally convinced of **the Pride of the Peninsula!** What is the secret of our success? In many respects, I think it is the showcase of the **premium blend**:

Members	17 ladies and 16 gentlemen in a wide range of ages
Experience	From Distinguished Toastmasters to our Ice Breakers
Formality and Fun	Business sessions, educationals and festive themes
Strict and Laidback	Official meetings are always closed at 9.45pm (+/- 10mins). 2 nd meetings (downstairs) are open for as long as the bar is open.

Various perspectives dramatised our communication and leadership, and lead us to superb achievements...

The Pride of the Peninsula has done it again! Congratulation on the marvellous completion!!

Contests	Jan Vecchio - H/Division 2007 Humorous Speech Contest - 2 nd place. Stephen Robertson - H/Division 2007 Humorous Speech Contest and H/Division 2008 International Speech Contest. Doug Derriman - H/Division 2008 Evaluation Contest.
Awards	11 members achieved 20 educational awards. (Please find the detail on the last page.)
Speechcraft	Doug Derriman coordinated with Richard Cook assisting (September - October 2007). John Stevenson coordinated with Stephen Trindall assisting (April - June 2008).
District Leadership	Kathy Stewart - Hawkesbury Division Governor. Diana Iles - Area 10 Governor.
THE RESULT	President's Distinguished Club (10/10) for 6 consecutive years!

What is important is not only what you have accomplished during the year but how much you have put your heart into it. I have been trying to spread enthusiasm amongst us and I feel very rewarded by you taking it to heart. Let's keep Balgowlah RSL Toastmasters Club flourishing with **YOUR enthusiasm** under the leadership of our incoming President John Stevenson.

Ty Tagami

Our 33 Members – Celebrating Years of Membership

1992 Sammi Newman ACG

1997 Jan Vecchio DTMx2

1999 Sue Terry ACS

2002 Richard Cook ACS, Graham Blandy DTM, Stephen Robertson ATMG/CL, Kathy Stewart ACG

2003 Diana Koutchavlis, Doug Derriman ACB

2004 John Mascarenhas DTM, Matt McEwan CTM, Tania Niwa CC, Peggy Ibbotson ATMS

2005 Derek McIntosh, Ty Tagami CTM/ALB, Anne Heath CTM, Jane Bond, Patricia Keenlyside CC, Diana Iles ACB, John Stevenson CC/CL

2006 Stephen Trindall CC, Connie Godwin, Lyn Savage, Rob Carr

2007 Rick Jirsch, Robin Wheatley, Ben Stone, Denise Benfield CC, Pauline Gilchrist CC, Michael Gavlik,

2008 Jacinta Ormonde, Hunter Drew, Joe Thompson

1992 - 2008

Club Contest Winners 2007-2008

Humorous Speech

Stephen Trindall
Jan Vecchio
Stephen Robertson

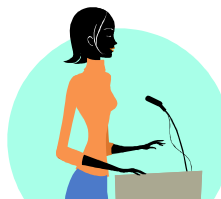


Table Topics

Stephen Robertson
Jan Vecchio
Stephen Trindall

International Speech

Stephen Robertson
Stephen Trindall
Sammi Newman



Evaluation Contest

Doug Derriman
Stephen Trindall
Richard Cook



Tall Tales Contest

Stephen Robertson
Pauline Gilchrist
Robin Wheatley

Desire is the key to motivation, but it's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal – a commitment to excellence – that will enable you to attain the success you seek.

~Mario Andretti~

Ability is what you're capable of doing.

Motivation determines what you do.

Attitude determines how well you do it.

~Lou Holtz~

Did you know...

A modern audience shows its appreciation of a performance by clapping hands. In the classical theatre, the "applause" did not follow, but preceded the show. It was initiated and directed by one of the actors. Facing the audience from the stage, he instructed them to "clap your hands". The purpose of the practice was to ensure the play's success.

Let's ensure the success of our speaker's by applauding as they approach the lectern.

Where we were and look at us today.

Thank you to all the past Executive Committees who were responsible for the fantastic transformation when we became BALGOWLAH RSL TOASTMASTERS CLUB – *The Pride of the Peninsula*. I am so proud to be a member of our club today. Sixteen years ago I was introduced to the club, known as NORTH HARBOUR TOASTMASTERS CLUB, meeting at the Manly Civic Club. The club had excellent role models, but low on mentors and guidance. The executive placed emphasis on lengthy, fussy business sessions and educationals were few. Membership was dwindling. Was this because there was only one man there? Perhaps that's why the club almost died? No, it was because we lost a number of vital experienced members and having four different venues in one year certainly added to the dilemma. There was a plus at the old Balgowlah Masonic Club - we learnt how to project our voices over the Line Dancing and we developed vital listening skills when they stamped their feet. My living room became the next venue when we plummeted to eight serious members. With the red wine flowing, we kept the banner flying. Hilarious but serious times. My dog had to be timer one night we were so short on members. We started to recover when Balgowlah RSL Club became our venue and we integrated with the club. Only full recovery began to occur when Jan Vecchio became President. Jan pledged to increase membership and was tireless in her resolve. It was because of Jan's enthusiasm and co-ordinating skills, together with Sue Terry's support and diplomatic liaison with the management, that the club survived. Tania Kanavis, Geoff Newlyn, Sue Terry and Stephen Robertson were also very special presidents and we must thank these valued members for their hard work and enthusiasm. Thanks must also go to Anne Rafferty, (current President of Manly Multilingual Toastmasters Club) for her strong support in the formative years of BALGOWLAH RSL TOASTMASTERS CLUB. I am so impressed with the present interesting mix of gender and personalities who contribute to make our club meetings so special and ENJOYABLE. Thank you and congratulations to all of you who contribute so much warmth support and vitality to our club. No wonder we are *The Pride of the Peninsula*.

Sammi Newman – Chief Tribal Elder

The President of Balgowlah RSL Toastmasters thanks the outgoing club officers for their successful leadership.

You were EXPERTS:

Enthusiastic Vice-President Education – Jan Vecchio wore many different caps to fill the vacant positions.

eXpansive Vice-President Membership – Connie Godwin facilitated new member induction procedure.

Progressive Vice-President Public Relations – Our website has been rebuilt since the first launch in 2002.

Earnest Secretary – Rick Jirsch took the position in September and updated the minutes for the previous year.

Reliable Treasurer – John Stevenson analysed the club finance and kept the membership list updated.

Tra-la-la Sergeant-at-Arms – Stephen Trindall led the greeters team as well as looking after the club assets.

Smiling Immediate Past President – We love to see Kathy Stewart's smile.

Acknowledgement is also given to Stephen Robertson for liaising with the RSL and maintaining the email mailing list.

The members thank our very special Ty Tagami for his excellence in leadership in 2007-2008.

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Balgowlah RSL Toastmasters Club

is a non-profit educational club that encourages the development of communication and leadership skills. Through attending meetings regularly, you have the opportunity to practice speaking in front of a supportive group of members...in a short time your confidence will grow and new opportunities will open up to you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS ACHIEVING EDUCATIONAL AWARDS...

Competent Communicator

Denise Benfield	Pauline Gilchrist
Stephen Robertson	John Stevenson
Stephen Trindall	Jan Vecchio x 2

Advanced Communicator Bronze

Diana Iles	Jan Vecchio
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Advanced Communicator Silver

Richard Cook	Sue Terry
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Advanced Communicator Gold

Kathy Stewart	Jan Vecchio
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Old Competent Leader

John Mascarenhas	Stephen Robertson
John Stevenson	

Competent Leader

John Mascarenhas
Jan Vecchio x 2

Advanced Leader Bronze

Jan Vecchio



SIX MONTH CLUB PROGRAM

30 June – All Speeches Meeting
07 July – The New Team
12 July – Club Officer Training - Willoughby
21 July – Table Topics Contest
04 August – Humorous Speech Contest
18 August – Myths & Legends
24 August – Club Officer Training - Bankstown
01 September – Spring Into Spring
15 September – Heroes & Heroines
29 September – All Speeches Meeting
06 October – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
17-18 October – District 70 Semi-Annual Conference – Campbelltown Catholic Club
20 October – Ghosts & Goblins
03 November – Melbourne Cup Theme
17 November – Cartoon Characters
01 December – Hot Summer
15 December – Christmas Meeting
29 December – All Speeches Meeting

