

# NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES - MEETING 170

Club No: 609136

Area 8 Hawkesbury Division

District 90

**Held On:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
**Held At:** Hamro Aangan Nepalese  
Restaurant  
334 Sydney Road Balgowlah  
**Commenced:** 7.00 pm



## SERGEANT AT ARMS

Steve Barber – opened the meeting and invited John Inglis to read the Club Mission.

## PRESENT

Sharon Austin, Beverley Barber, Steve Barber, Errol Byrnes, Luke Donabauer, John Inglis, Muriel Jones, June McKimmie, Deanna Morpurgo, Kathy Stewart, Reg Stewart, Jan Vecchio (12)

## APOLOGIES

*Graham Blandy, Francis Elmes, Kevin Huang, Guy Loucks, Sue Loucks, Brian Paull, Keren Snell, David Tomlinson, Denise Tomlinson, Antonio Vescio* (10)

## GUESTS

Mandie Spooner, Anne McKeown and Suzanne Kutra (3)

## QUORUM

Yes (12 present – 6 inactive – quorum 9) – total membership (inc. graced members) = 22

## PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Errol Byrnes (in the absence of the President) -

Advised that Sue was ill and unable to attend the meeting.  
Welcomed our 3 guests.

Advised that educational awards have now been submitted – 2 CC awards (Sue and Errol), ALB for Sue and CL for Sharon. The club now has 4 goals (1, 5, 6, 10) completed in the Distinguished Club Program. It is anticipated that the dues will increase for the April dues period – the exchange rate is being monitored – with the rate below 75 cents, we are submitting more than \$48 AU to WHQ for the dues.

Called for the secretary to confirm the minutes of the last meeting – Moved **THAT the minutes of meeting #169 held as circulated, be confirmed as read.** Seconded by Reg Stewart. Motion carried.

## CHAIRMAN

Reg Stewart – welcomed everyone to the newest restaurant in Balgowlah – Manro Aangan - Nepalese – advised the timing of the entrée and the main course – and introduced the theme of **MOUNTAINS** since the world famous Mount Everest is in Nepal.

## APOLOGIES AND PROGRAM ALTERATIONS

Reg Stewart – noted that 8 members had officially apologised – moved **THAT the apologies as listed be accepted**. Seconded Steve Barber. Motion carried.

Program alterations –  
Errol Byrnes – acting President  
Steve Barber – acting SAA  
John Inglis - Toast  
Deanna Morpurgo – evaluator #3  
Steve Barber – grammarian’s report  
John Inglis – timer’s report

Members were asked to exchange both speech and leadership manuals. Assignments which can be evaluated in the CL manual are indicated on the agenda with an asterisk.

## WORD OF THE EVENING

Steve Barber –  
**ASPIRATIONAL** – a strong desire to achieve something higher or great.

## TOAST

John Inglis – we are half way through the year – we had aspirations at the beginning of the year – need to think about how to make the second half better – **THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR**

## ROUND ROBIN

Muriel Jones –  
**WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?**  
Responses were short and to the point ranging from an Apple television to giving gifts to Matthew Talbot Home to fun, food, fellowship and love.

## TABLE TOPICS

Deanna Morpurgo –  
Explained the role and the purpose of the Table Topics session.

1. Sharon – one wish asked of the genie out of the bottle
2. Steve – advice to a friend on his marriage situation
3. Reg – walking on hot coals
4. Kathy – what do you do when the back seam splits
5. Jan – lions not obeying the lion tamer
6. Errol – a seafood cook who could not cook seafood
7. Beverley – planted seeds and they came up as....
8. John – vivid images of Kathmandu

Odd number Evaluator – Reg Stewart  
Even number Evaluator – Steve Barber

**PREPARED SPEECHES**

Kathy Stewart -

Speaker	Manual Reference	Speech Title	Evaluator
June McKimmie	#1 CC	If	Errol Byrnes
Luke Donabauer	#4 CC	Friends?	Jan Vecchio

**MEAL BREAK**

8.15 pm to 8.45 pm

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Reg Stewart	#6 CC	Shand Strand	Deanna Morpurgo

**GRAMMARIAN**

Steve Barber –

Reported on the use of the word, noting who had used the word during the meeting – not many ums/ahs – quoted interesting word phrases.

**LISTENING POST**

Beverley Barber –

Posed some challenging questions providing an excellent cross section of what happened during the meeting.

**TIMER'S REPORT**

John Inglis –

Table topics responses ranged from 52 second to 1 minute and 5 seconds.

Speakers –

June – 6 minutes

Luke – 8 minutes and 11 seconds

Reg – 8 minutes and 5 seconds

**GENERAL EVALUATOR**

Sharon Austin –

Praised everyone who had speaking roles during the meeting – especially those who had stepped up to undertake roles on short notice.

Areas of improvement –

1. Provide an explanation and expectation of the Round Robin
2. Shorter questions for the Table Topics
3. Remember to invite the evaluators to deliver their feedback
4. Provide information on the timing requirements for the speakers and note the position of the timing lights
5. Evaluators to focus on the delivery of the speech and avoid a recount of the content

**AWARDS**

Reg Stewart –

Best Speech – June McKimmie

Excellence Award – Steve Barber

**GUEST/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mandy – well organised meeting – liked the idea of a set agenda

Suzanne – welcoming and organised

Anne – educational – especially the evaluations

Sharon – thanked our guests for attending – noting the difference it makes to our meeting to have guests.

**PRESIDENT'S CLOSING**

Errol Byrnes –

Advised that the Christmas meeting could not be at the home of Steve and Beverley Barber – June offered her home in Palm Beach (Barrenjoey Road) – members will bring food and a glass (for wine).

**MEETING CLOSED**

9.25 pm

Secretary

*Jan Vecchio*

Chairman

*Reg Stewart*