

# NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES - MEETING 170

Club No: 609136

Area 8 Hawkesbury Division

District 90

**Held on:** Tuesday 19 January 2016

**Held at:** Brookvale Chinese  
676 Pittwater Road  
Brookvale

**Commenced:** 7.00 pm

**Theme:** **Considering 'Your  
life highlights and  
achievements so  
far'...What will be  
'Your Next Biggie'...?**



## SERGEANT AT ARMS

Brian Paull – opened the meeting.

## PRESENT

Sharon Austin, Beverley Barber, Luke Donabauer, John Inglis, Muriel Jones, Sue Loucks, June McKimmie, Deanna Morpurgo, Brian Paull, Kathy Stewart, Reg Stewart, David Tomlinson, Denise Tomlinson, Jan Vecchio (14)

## APOLOGIES

Steve Barber, *Graham Blandy, Keren Snell, Antonio Vescio, Errol Byrnes (resigned)* (5)

## GUESTS

Mandie Spooner, Ellis Spooner, Talal Rossi, Christine Irving, Carol Woods (5)

## QUORUM

Yes (financial members 19 less 4 inactive/resigned = quorum 9)

## PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Sue Loucks – explained the program and welcomed the guests.

- The club Speechcraft Course commences on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Sharon, David, Denise, Jan and Reg have offered assistance – club members benefit from Speechcraft (as well as course participants).

- “Learn Winning Techniques of the World Champions of Public Speaking” event on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 10 am to 4pm at Manly Citizen’s Hall, Manly – prepayment \$13 - including lunch – June McKimmie is attending.

**CHAIRMAN**

Brian Paull - While overseas viewed a TV interview with Jean-Claude Killy (world champion skier in the 1960s and 1970s) who won 3 gold medals at Grenoble in 1968 and most races in that period, including being clocked at 160 kph during the World Championships. Jean-Claude has been a very successful business and community person since and at 72 he is about to open a new restaurant in Moscow!

When asked, “of all your achievements in life, what one do you consider the highlight, or most important?”, he replied “the next one!!”

This is our theme for the meeting. Of all your considerable achievements, what do you consider as the highlight or your best? And as you look forward into 2016 and beyond, what will be... your ‘Next One’?

Our guests – Talal, Ellis, Mandie, Christine and Carol were warmly welcomed to the meeting.

**APOLOGIES AND PROGRAM ALTERATIONS**

Brian Paull – noted that 3 members had officially apologised – moved **THAT the apologies as listed be accepted**. Seconded Jan Vecchio. Motion carried.

Program alterations –  
Denise Tomlinson – TT even evaluator

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**

Jan Vecchio –

**ECLIPSE**

To outshine, surpass, make pale by comparison. E.g. His skills in impromptu speaking were so good, he eclipsed his boss. Jean-Claude Killy’s skilful starts in downhill racing and slalom allowed him to eclipse all other racers.

Advised that during the meeting she would be noting incorrect grammar usage, members employing creative language usage and noting members who used the word of the evening.

**TOAST**

Muriel Jones – spoke about the people who help others in times of crises such as fires, floods, rescue.

**VOLUNTEERS**

**ROUND ROBIN**

Kathy Stewart –  
Share what you will achieve or dream to achieve in 2016.

Responses included tweeting, eliminating credit cards debt, crossing Pittwater in a canoe, learning a new language, following your heart, running, staying happy – staying healthy – staying strong, meeting a fugitive, learning to sail, setting up a new business.

We need to work hard to fulfil our dreams.

#### TABLE TOPICS

Luke Donabauer – why we have ended up where we are.

Brian, David, Talal, Reg, Beverley, Jan, Mandie, Ellis (8)

Odd number Evaluator – Reg Stewart

Even number Evaluator – Denise Tomlinson

#### BUSINESS SESSION

President – Sue Loucks – conducted the business session.

Secretary – Jan Vecchio

Moved **THAT the minutes of meeting numbers 170 and 171, as circulated be confirmed as read.** Seconded Reg Stewart. Motion carried.

Moved **THAT the minutes of Club Executive Committee Meeting #2 held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015, be confirmed.** Seconded by Sharon Austin. Motion carried.

Treasurer – Jan Vecchio

Advised that the club had collected dues of \$816 for the October dues renewals and transferred \$1,045 to WHQ. The difference is the exchange rate and the impact of the declining value of the Australian dollar over a period of time. The semi-annual dues have been \$48 since formation of the club (12 years).

Moved **THAT the club dues be increased to \$54 effective for the April dues renewal period.** Seconded Reg Stewart. Motion carried.

President – Sue Loucks

Announced the resignation of Errol Byrnes from the position of Vice-President Education and as a member of the club. There is now a casual vacancy for this role, nominations are open and the election will take place at the February meeting.

Deanna Morpurgo is Chairman for the February meeting – this is our club contest meeting and our Speechcrafters will also be attending this meeting. Noted that David Tomlinson is a contestant in the International Speech Contest.

Kathy Stewart is Chairman for the March meeting – our Speechcrafters will be attending this meeting as their graduation.

#### MEAL BREAK

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sue Loucks wished charter member, John Inglis a HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday – 90 years!!! Congratulations!!!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN!!

### PREPARED SPEECHES

Speaker	Manual Reference	Speech Title	Evaluator
June McKimmie	#2 CC	Woodturning – An inspirational Hobby	Denise Tomlinson
David Tomlinson	#5 Speaking to Inform	Life Is Not Like A Box Of Chocolates	Sharon Austin

### GRAMMARIAN

Jan Vecchio -  
Reported on the use of the word ECLIPSE – noted interesting a colourful word usage and phrases which created images in our minds – noted the use of ums/ahs – suggested that ‘well done’ is an overdone phrase that is unnecessarily tagged on to the end of sentences. Suggested that we think of others words to substitute for ‘great’ and ‘good’.

### TIMER’S REPORT

Sue Loucks –  
Reported that only one person was marginally beyond the 30 seconds allowed in the Round Robin – Table Topics ranged from 38 seconds to 76 seconds.  
David – 9.01  
June – 7.44

### GENERAL EVALUATOR

Deanna Morpurgo –

- Liked that the SAA gave a 5-minute warning.
- Felt the opening remarks from the President were uplifting and positive.
- Enjoyed the gracious welcome by our Chairman.
- The Toast was relevant.
- The Round Robin was excellent.
- The Table Topics Master devised diverse and challenging topics.
- Evaluators should focus on the PIP method of evaluating (whether for Table Topics or Speeches) – evaluate in the third person and direct eye contact to the audience generally
- Grammarian report was comprehensive.
- Timer kept us to schedule.

### AWARDS

Brian Paull –  
Speech of the Night – David Tomlinson  
Excellence – Luke Donabauer - Table Topics Master

### GUEST/MEMBER COMMENTS

Brian Paull –

- Carol – informative and interesting – everyone seems very confident.

- Christine – second time to visit – interesting – a valuable exercise.
- Mandie – meetings ran well – is way out of her comfort zone.
- Ellis – surprised with the ‘ceremony’ -enjoyed the openness and sharing of experiences.
- Talal – plenty of life-experience – has signed up!!

#### **PRESIDENT’S CLOSING**

Sue Loucks –

Invited the VPM to move a motion to vote in our new member.

Moved **THAT Talal Rossi, be accepted into membership of Northern Beaches Toastmasters Club.** Seconded Jan Vecchio. Motion carried.

Noted that Talal had completed his membership application, paid his dues. His sponsor is Sharon Austin.

Next meeting will be held at Tup Tip Siam Thai on Pittwater Road in Manly.

An explanation of the eligibility requirements for the International Speech contest was given – financial and active member of the club and completed 6 speeches prior to the contest.

Advised that the winner of the club contest will proceed to the Area 8 contest, the Hawkesbury Division Contest, the District 90 finals, the Semi-finals of the World Championship of Public Speaking and ultimately, the finals of the WCOPS to be held in Washington DC in August.

#### **MEETING CLOSED**

Brian Paull closed the meeting.

FAIL = First Attempt in Learning

NO = Next Opportunity

Secretary

**Jan Vecchio**

Chairman

*Brian Paull*