

NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES

Club No: 609136	Area 8 Hawkesbury Division	District 70
Meeting No: 158	On: 25 November 2014	At: Red Onion

- Meeting Opened:** 7.00 pm
- Sergeant At Arms:** Steve Barber
- Present:** Sharon Austin, Steve Barber, Beverly Barber, Errol Byrnes, John Inglis, Sue Loucks, Keren Snell, Jan Vecchio (8)
- Apologies:** Graham Blandy, Frank Elmes, Kevin Huang, Muriel Jones, Guy Loucks, Deanna Morpurgo, Brian Paull, Kathy Stewart, Reg Stewart, Denise Tomlinson, David Tomlinson, Antonio Vescio, (12)
- Absent:** none
- Guests:** None
- Quorum:** Yes
- President's Opening Remarks:** "How do you define success" - table topic at Semi-Annual Conference - spoke about a turtle –needs to stick its head out to get anywhere (to be successful)
- President's Pick award for last meeting went to Sue Loucks – forgot to announce – congratulations to Sue.
- Chairman:** John Inglis
- Program Alterations:** Jan filled in our Out of the Bag roles by everyone picking a role out of a hat as they arrived.
- Word For The Evening:** Errol Byrnes - Rambunctious - uncontrollably exuberant, boisterous
- Toast:** Beverly Barber - To Life
- Movie Review:** Steve Barber - Pulp Fiction - it is now an iconic movie - produced in such a "turned around" way to ensure you want to watch it.
- Pet Peeve:** Sue Loucks - Australian's can't merge and rules for roundabouts are almost 'fictional'.
- Round Robin:** John Inglis started a story and asked each of us to continue it on - it followed a number of twists and turns.

Table Topics: Sharon Austin - no Evaluators - Sharon gave us very interesting and challenging questions.

Tonic/Surprise: Keren Snell - duck crossing in Frenchs Forest

Business Session Jan thanked Sharon for the Newsletter - and invited members to provide her with articles.

20 members have renewed for the next 6 months – currently have 3 goals in the Distinguished Club Program –need to focus on building membership.

Club Leadership Training to be held on Sunday 7th December at Bankstown and Saturday 17th January in the Hawkesbury Division.

Dee Why birthday celebrations attended by many members. Dee Why Toastmasters sponsored our club and were appreciative of our attendance.

Christmas meeting - at Dee Why Lagoon Park at 5pm - BYO Chair, platter to share and drinks.

Minutes of meeting 158 were approved - Moved THAT the minutes for meeting dated 28 October 2014 as circulated be approved. Seconded by Sharon. Motion Carried

Club Executive Committee meeting minutes – sent to members 14 November – Moved THAT the minutes of the CEC meeting dated 11 November 2014 as circulated be approved. Seconded by Errol. Motion Carried

Dinner Break: 7.45pm-8.20pm - filled with jokes from John, Sue, Steve, Jan, Beverly and some stories by Keren

Speech Toastmaster: **John Inglis**

Speaker	Title	Manual	Evaluator
Steve Barber	Traveling with Beverley 8.34	CC Project No. 2	Keren Snell 2.33
Jan Vecchio	Stop Being Busy 7.30	CC Project No. 9	Errol Byrnes 2.46
Sue Loucks	Spirit of Christmas 9.44	CC Project NO. 10	Sharon Austin 2.30

Listening Post: John Inglis caught us out with his excellent questions that required not just listening but also distilling.

Grammarian: Errol advised the word had been used quite a few times.

Timers Report: Jan Vecchio

General Evaluator: Keren Snell - gave a very rambunctious evaluation

Excellence Award: Steve Barber

Best Speaker: Sue Loucks

Promotion Next Meeting: 23 December - 5pm at Dee Why Lagoon. BYO Chair, platter to share, own drink

Comments - Members: xx

President's Closing Remarks: John Maxwell - let failure point you to success – "Embrace your failures as blessings in disguise."

President's Pick: John Inglis

Meeting Closed: 9.25pm

Secretary: *Sue Loucks* **President:** *Jan Vecchio*

