

# Thirroul Toastmasters Times

## President's Report



It has been encouraging to see so many new faces at Toasties of late. Fresh faces mean fresh speeches, invigorated discussions and renewed energy. If there is anything you need or are concerned about please ask. We want toasties to be a fun and rewarding experience and will strive to make it so. We need you all. I hope the Easter break is kind to you and look forward to seeing you after the break.

As a previous President was fond of saying, "The ships running straight, she's well provisioned - full steam ahead".

Luke Yewen

## Diary Dates

Monday 27 April club meeting at Woonona Bulli RSL

Monday 11 May club meeting at Woonona Bulli RSL

Thursday 21 May - Southern Division International Speech and Evaluation contest featuring Luke!

## Welcome



Welcome to our new members Catherine McGrath, Vibeke Henriksen, Faye DalGLISH-Jones and Janis Gale.

# Getting to Know Luke Yewen



Luke is currently the President of the club, a role which he has taken on with great gusto. He is always entertaining and is the first member of the club to represent Area 3 in the International Speech contest at Southern Division.

When did you join Toastmasters and why did you join - I joined in 2006, I thought it would be fun

The thing I fear most is - My wife (Ed - Tina is an ex-member and well known to many members)

The famous person I most admire is - Peter Russell Clarke

One thing I would like to change about the world - I'd like to be in charge

My most enduring childhood memory was - Playing, always playing.

I often wonder - When our next holiday will be

If I could start again my career I would be - A professional sportsman or rockstar.

The next book I intend to read is - The Weathermakers, Tim Flannery

Always in my fridge pantry is - Large voids where yummy things once lived



Luke's fridge

If I could be present as a detached observer at any event in history it would be at - I'd like to look at the site of Sydney Pre 1788.

My favourite piece of music is - At the moment it is Billy Bragg, The great leap forward but that may change tomorrow.

The proudest moment of my life was - The birth of my kids.

What are your hobbies - Now that stamps have plunged in popularity, Toasties, Swimming and hopefully travel.

Your favourite film - Shrek.

My last meal would be - Beef Pho at Trangs.

If I had a magic wand I'd - Be corrupted absolutely.

# March Meetings

## 2 March

A well attended meeting with 10 members present. It was good to see Helen back after a few weeks absent. There were 4 visitors on the night. Good to see Janis back again. We also had visits from Faye Dalglish-Jones, Catherine McGrath and Rod Blanche.



Table topics was run by mark Haken on the general theme of weight loss - which produced some good responses. Note that swimming with Luke is not one of the methods you are likely to see recommended by your Doctor. There was 1 speech on the night by Robert Ollis, "Time and Tide" and an educational by Jim Ollis "Take the Terror Out of Talk".

## 16 March

Another well attended meeting well run by Belinda stepping into the Chairman's role at short notice. There were 9 members in attendance and 3 visitors, Vibeke Henriksen, Catherine McGrath and Faye Dalglish-Jones. Two of the visitors Catherina and Faye became members on the night. Luke was the Table Topics Master with topics based on the speeches from the Area International Speech contest. The moral to the story for members is to think about attending the contest as they were quite tricky topics.



William of Orange

There were 3 speeches on the night, 1 by Sabine Mascarenhas from the Storytelling manual, "The History of the Netherlands", 1 by Iain McDonald (Vocal Variety) "Time Well Spent".

David Abernethy gave his Icebreaker (again) "Everything Else Stamp Collecting".

(The highlight of the night was the number of physicists referred to during the meeting - Ed)



## 30 March

Another well attended meeting with 12 members present. The feature of the night was the induction of the new members. The Chairman was Brian Smith. Robert Ollis was Table Topics Master on the general theme of climate change.

## March Meetings etc

There were 3 speakers for the night. Faye Dalglish-Jones convinced members that a trip to ski in Japan was a wonderful experience with her speech "Japan is a great place to ski"



Mark Haken gave a speech "Childhood Remembrances" from the Competent Communicator Manual (using visual aids) and Jim Ollis reviewed the current status and the effect of OHS Legislation in his speech "OHS Legislation".

## Weather Forecast



And here is the weather forecast. Tomorrow will be muggy, followed by Toogy, Weggy, Thurgy and Frigy.  
Anon

## Club Executive Positions

May sees the annual elections for the Club Executive Positions. A brief summary of the positions follows. To take on a role requires no prior experience, in fact it is desirable to rotate roles where possible. Training is provided for all roles while there are also a number of experienced members to assist. Names of the current member in that role are provided.

**President:** (Luke Yewen) Serves as the club's chief executive officer (without the golden handshake at the end - Sorry Luke). Responsible for general supervision and operation of the club.

**Vice President Education:** (Jim Ollis) Responsible for planning club meetings.

**Vice President Membership:** (Jim Ollis) Promote membership of the club.

**Vice President Public Relations:** (David Abernethy) Promote the club to local media. May produce a newsletter and to seek contributions from members to the newsletter (still waiting on that one).

**Secretary:** (filled by rotation) Records meeting minutes and to handle incoming and outgoing mail.

**Treasurer:** (Mark Haken) Collects dues from new members and semi-annuals dues in September and March.

**Sergeant at Arms:** (Belinda Leonard) Sets up room prior to meetings and packs equipment away at end of meetings.

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