



# THE FLYING TOASTER

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CHATSWOOD COMMUNICATORS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

## Competent Leadership

Leadership is a popular topic today. People complain about current leaders and point out that we need more leaders. Leaders themselves talk about the issues facing them.

The world is complex and changing. Every organization needs leaders who can influence others to achieve goals, who can rise to the challenge, bring us together and take us into the future with purpose and confidence.

Chatswood Communicators offers you the opportunity to learn some valuable leadership skills and more, enabling you to become a leader in your business and your community.

The *Competent Leadership* manual guides you through the

learning process and gives you practical leadership experience.

You can learn how to listen, think critically, plan, organize, manage time, facilitate, motivate, mentor and build a team.

Each of the 10 projects in the *Competent Leadership* manual focuses on a different leadership skill developed by serving in meeting or club roles such as evaluator, timer, Chairman, Ah-Counter and General Evaluator.

The projects do not have to be completed in order and you can complete the manual at your own pace, working in it at the same time you are working in the *Competent Communication* manual or *Advanced Communication* manuals.

### Projects At A Glance

1. *Listening and Leadership*
2. *Critical Thinking*
3. *Giving Feedback*
4. *Time Management*
5. *Planning and Implementation*
6. *Organizing and Delegating*
7. *Developing your Facilitation Skills*
8. *Motivating People*
9. *Mentoring*
10. *Team Building*

Bring your manual to the next club meeting, and where you see a page number on the Agenda next to your name, ask the person seated next to you to complete the evaluation for you on the corresponding page and task in your manual.

## Membership Building Contest

In partnership with encouraging greater use of our Club website ([www.chatswoodtm.org.au](http://www.chatswoodtm.org.au)) for both members and visitors, we are running a membership building contest to build our club's membership.

Between 01 October 2009 and 31 March 2010, invite your friends, family, colleagues and anyone else you know to visit our club

website and encourage them to come along to a meeting.

We will track how our new members have come to our club and joined up. If you were their first point of contact, you'll be in the running to win a fantastic prize and be recognized for your support.

Your participation will help our club remain strong, vibrant and growing.



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### Upcoming Events

- **Nov 3, 10, 17**— Speechcraft Course final 3 weeks
- **Nov 4**—Free Movie Night
- **Nov 11 & 25**—Club Meetings
- **Nov 13—15**—District 70 Semi Annual Conference at Ettalong.
- **Dec 2**—Xmas Meeting @ Viet Nouveau

## 6 Questions—Jo Buckman

Member Jo Buckman who joined the club in April this year after completing Speechcraft, gives us her response to our 6 questions...

### 1. What are you reading right now?

The penguin pocket book of baby names and Baby Bliss by Jo Ryan. The baby name book should hopefully inspire us to choose a name and Baby Bliss is all about what it's like to live and care for a new born. Having never changed a nappy before, I will need all the help I can get!

### 2. What are you working on right now?

Preparing for visitors, my parents arrive to stay

with us for a week tomorrow. They've just returned from a 3 month trans- Australia grey nomad caravan odyssey so we're looking forward to catching up.

### 3. When did you last leave Sydney and where did you go?

I last left Sydney in August to have a weeks break in an old farmhouse in the Southern Highlands. At the risk of sounding 85, we played board games and cooked and read.

### 4. Who is your greatest influence and why?

Ghandi because he stuck to his principles and made his point

without resorting to violence.

### 5. Why did you join Toastmasters and what keeps you coming back?

I joined to gain confidence in speaking, what keeps me coming back is the supportive environment and also learning from the more experienced Toastmasters.

### 6. What was your last Toastmasters assignment and what did you learn?

Speech 2, I learnt about using structure in a speech, it was so much easier to remember with structure.

“ ... what keeps me coming back is the supportive environment...”

## Distinguished Club Programme Update

Our Club Goal is to achieve President's Distinguished Club by completing any 9 of 10 goals by 30 June 2010.

Membership Base: 28

Membership to Date: 28

|   | GOAL | ACTUAL | ACHIEVED |
|---|------|--------|----------|
| [1] Competent Communicators   | 2    | 0      |          |
| [2] Additional Competent Communicators  | 2    | 0      |          |
| [3] Advanced Communicators  | 1    | 0      |          |
| [4] Additional Advanced Communicators   | 1    | 0      |          |
| [5] Competent Leaders, Advanced Leaders, or Distinguished Toastmasters            | 1    | 0      |          |
| [6] Additional Competent Leaders, Advanced Leaders, or Distinguished Toastmasters | 1    | 0      |          |
| [7] New Members   | 4    | 4      | *        |
| [8] Additional New Members  | 4    | 0      |          |
| [9] Officers Trained (both required)  |      |        |          |
| June-August   | 4    | 2      |          |
| and December-February   | 4    | 0      |          |
| [10] Submitted on time (both required)  |      |        |          |
| October or April Renewal  | 1    | 1      |          |
| and Officer List  | 1    | 1      | *        |
| <b>Total Goals Achieved To-Date:</b>  |      |        | <b>2</b> |

## Awards Board

### Meeting #586 14 October

Best Speaker: Megan Ash  
 Best Evaluator: Peter McCarthy  
 Best Table Topics: David Chippendale  
 Best Assignment: Terri Nixon



### Meeting # 587 28 October

Best Speaker: Graham Stoney  
 Best Evaluator: Naomi Rosenthal  
 Best Table Topics: Naomi Rosenthal  
 Best Assignment: Petros Nikoloudis

## Inspired with Feeling

By Naomi Rosenthal, CC, CL

Graham Stoney completed the 10th Project in the Competent Communication Manual (he skipped number 9, so still needs to complete 1 more speech before achieving his Competent Communication award!) with an inspiring speech "Share Your

Feelings." It was a heartfelt, humorous and honest look into his life as he shared stories with the audience about the difficulties he faced growing up in a family that didn't share their feelings, instead expressing themselves through violence and abuse. It was Graham's

sense of humour that gave his story charm and his sincerity that allowed open reflection, inspiring us to be open and expressive with our feelings towards others, as the only way to truly be a great communicator.

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## Toastmasters Turns 85

Source: Toastmasters Press Release

Eighty-five years ago today, Dr. Ralph C. Smedley held the first official Toastmasters meeting in the basement of a YMCA in Santa Ana, California. Not even Dr. Smedley could have envisioned the history he was making on that day. The organization that started as a small group of people dedicated to teaching after-dinner speeches to young men has evolved into a worldwide leader in communication and leadership development. Since that first

meeting in 1924, more than 4 million people have benefited from the Toastmasters experience.

"Toastmasters' long-term success and growth is a tribute to Dr. Smedley's vision," says Toastmasters International President Gary A. Schmidt. "He understood that communication isn't optional and leadership isn't always innate, but both can be learned through doing." Today, Toastmasters' 250,000-plus active members participate in over 12,500

clubs spanning 106 countries. Many organizations stall or even crumble during difficult economic times. Toastmasters has withstood the test of time and has even grown 5% annually since 2005 because it offers practical skills that are critical for success in today's competitive environment. Our club is now in its 26th year. Founding member, Alison Lavick says, "Toastmasters is the most awesome networking experience, connecting caring and supportive people."

## Raise Your Voice

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**Go Terri!**

### Good Luck Terri!

All the very best of luck to **Terri Nixon**, who is representing the **Hawkesbury Division** in the Table Topics contest at the District 70 Semi Annual Conference at Ettalong on Saturday, 14th November 2009 @ 10:00 AM.

Contact Alison Lavick, [vpe@chatswoodtm.org.au](mailto:vpe@chatswoodtm.org.au) if you would like to attend.

Meeting Venue: Club Willoughby, 26 Crabbes Avenue, Willoughby NSW 2068  
Meeting Dates: 7pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

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### 3 Tips for a great speech

**Speak from the heart.** What you say and how you say it are important, but why you say it is even more important. When you speak from your own conviction, you improve the possibility that your listeners will accept what you're saying.

**Have specific objectives for the speech.** An objective should target behaviour or thought. What does the speaker expect to accomplish: Convincing listeners to support a cause? Getting listeners to use a specific service? Getting listeners to modify their behaviour? Entertain the listeners with laughter? Providing information to lead them to a decision?

**Tell a story.** People don't want to sit through a dry recitation of facts, statistics, policy, etc. They want to hear how what you have to say plays out in real life. Learn to tell stories. You don't have to be clever, just share your life with your audience.