



# THE CHAT TIMES

## Toastmaster of the Year

*David Wilkinson presents award to Carol Lear*



Congratulations Carol Lear as seen in the photo above being presented with the 2010/2011 Toastmaster of the Year Award for Chatswood Communicators Toastmasters by the outgoing president David Wilkinson. This was but the icing on the cake for Carol for she also took out the member voted awards for the Best Assignment and the Best Speaker. This was all on top of winning the Club International Speech Competition and achieving second place in the Area 34

event. Carol has made a name for herself as a very competent Sergeant at Arms and enthralled us with her opening of meeting sessions with topical and entertaining warm up speeches, which gave her great stage time to hone her many skills. Well done for all of your achievements Carol, we are all proud of you.

### EDITOR HAS HIS SAY

“Done is better than perfect.” *Scott Allen.*

That is the process by which this publication materialized and isn't that a lesson in life? Applying it to the writing of speeches for Toastmasters especially in the early stages the concern that often dominates one is, “Is it good enough?” The answer is yes and when you present it you will be surprised at how much you know and how it all hangs



together and no, it is not perfect. You will see your work through others eyes and in Toastmasters receive friendly helpful advice and before you know it, you will be producing something of which you are proud. The lesson is that if you don't have a go you will never know. and soon you will be doing it perfectly.

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6.30 light supper for 7pm  
 meeting

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the  
 Month.

**VISITORS ALWAYS  
 WELCOME!**



END OF 2010/2011 YEAR AWARDS



**Brent Plimpton** was deservedly awarded the Most Improved Peter McCarthy Trophy and must be one of the most dedicated club members ever. Brent immersed himself in every role possible when he joined and can often be seen after meetings gleaning pointers from established members. Lately he has been offering himself as a target speaker for other club competitions and his speeches reflect the hard work he has put in. We look forward to seeing Brent on the winners podium at future contests.

love of entertainment. She has represented the club at impromptu competitions several times, but has never won best in the state. 2nd place she describes as "Best of the losers". I pick her to go one better in the near future.



**Naomi Rosenthal** was awarded the trophy for the Best Evaluator. This was a well earned title as Naomi has developed the skill of evaluation to a fine art no doubt refined by her dedication in running Speechcraft courses and helping many speakers at the club to improve their speeches. Naomi will be utilizing these skill in her role as Area 34 Governor for which we wish her well.

**Brent Plimpton**, Most Improved speaker, The Peter McCarthy Trophy. **Megan Ash** presented with the Best Impromptu Speaker by David Wilkinson.

**Megan Ash** does it again in winning the Best Impromptu Speaker award as voted by members at meetings during the year. Megan can always be relied upon to turn any subject into a one or two minute gem, drawing on her quick wit, intelligence and

**REMEMBER DUES ARE DUE AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

GRAHAM STONEY 1ST PLACE IN CLUB HUMOROUS SPEECH COMP

Graham Stoney is presented award by Naomi Rosenthal  
Hair and sunnies

Notice the bling

A thoroughly funny and enjoyable performance.



How to be a Rock Star

Graham dressed by St Vinnies.

All the best for the Area Comp Graham!



SUBMIT YOUR BEST 1 OR 2 LINER JOKES TO THE CHAT TIMES

We have a competition for the best joke with a prize to be presented at the end of year Christmas Party. So come out with your best short jokes and sent to VPPR Chris Daly.



Naomi Rosenthal Best Evaluator

**Humorous and Impromptu Speech Competition 2011**

August 10th meeting was a time for laughter and quick thinking. It was a memorable night for all involved organised by our very capable Vice President of Education, Megan Ash.

Graham Stoney won the Best Humorous Speech, with "How to be a Rock Star." If you were unfortunate to miss his performance, you can see it on a link from our web site on youtube. Peter McCarthy was runner up with a delightful account of bringing up a large family of children, a theme that resonated with many of the parents in the audience.

The Impromptu Contest was on the subject "Sport is best viewed from the sofa." The winner was Peter McCarthy, with Brent Plimpton the runner up.

Peter McCarthy was awarded a plaque for his fine achievement of being in Toastmasters for 20 yrs and he is still going strong with his win and runner up successes in this contest. Congratulations Peter and I know everyone in the club will join me in thanking you for your tireless efforts in supporting novice speakers, sharing your knowledge and inspiring us all.

**Recent Meeting Awards**

Best speaker:  
13/7 Graham Stoney  
27/7 Michael Ogg  
24/8 Bob White

Best evaluator:  
13/7 Peter McCarthy  
27/7 Carol Lear  
24/8 Peter McCarthy

Best impromptu:  
13/7 Megan Ash  
27/7 Russell Hoskins  
24/8 Megan Ash

Best assignment;  
13/7 Chris Daly  
27/7 Megan Ash  
24/8 Megan Ash



**Calendar**

**Sat. Sept 3rd**

Speechcraft 1st day of 2 day course.

**Wed 14th Sept**

Club Meeting at Club Willoughby

**Sat 17th Sept**

2nd day Speechcraft course

**Tues 20th Sept**

Area 34 Humorous and Impromptu comp.

**Sept 28th**

Club meeting at Club Willoughby

**Coming Event:**

**Oct 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th**

Speechcraft course 6.45 pm Tues nights.

**The Chat Times**

COMING ARTICLES:

Wendy Pryor's South American adventures.

Educational on putting polish into your speeches by Megan Ash.

Best Joke of the Year Competition.

YOU HAVE YOUR SAY

Articles and news from members are welcome. Please send to Chris Daly VPPR



**A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, PHILIPPE GANDILET**

Welcome to the 2011/2012 Chatswood Communicators Toastmasters year and what a fine club we have as I witnessed chairing the last meeting on the 24th August. We had three Icebreaker Speeches, given by Russell Hoskins, Thuy Le and Bob White. Any one of these could have won Best Speech of the Night at any other time. Also a fascinating thought provoking analysis of the limited resources of the world by Fred Pentecost was followed by a vivid shared journey to the Great Wall of China by Tim Felstead. Tim is off to Manchester for a university exchange and will look up some of Carol Lear's family while there. Good luck Tim, we look forward to hearing of your adventures when you return. (Bob White won Best Speaker of the night, congratulations, Bob)

The new committee is shaping up well and building on the fine job done by the previous team. A special thanks to my predecessor, David Wilkinson, whose involvement in the executive

committee for a number of years is much appreciated, especially his sharing of his expertise in the accounting area. Our club is in a healthy financial position, which is essential to delivering value to all our club members.

Two other former committee members, Alison Lavick and Naomi Rosenthal have gone on to share their talents at higher levels with Alison now also the State Executive Trainer and Naomi as Area Governor of Area 34. Congratulations we are proud of you both.

I wish everyone the best in their involvement in the club this year and look forward to a year of high achievement while maintaining the fun and friendship for which our club is known.



**Welcome to Chatswood Communicators you never know just who you are going to meet.**