



# Wagga Wagga Toastmasters

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## Something to CROW About

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ian Campion



Hello fellow Toastmasters.

This year has seen several significant events for Wagga Wagga Toastmasters.

The changeover dinner on June 24 was a

successful and enjoyable evening.

Wasting no time it was straight into the Speechcraft course on Wednesday June 25. Of course, our theme nights on the International year of languages have been an interesting way to discover more about other languages and cultures. To keep us on our toes Wagga Wagga Toastmasters has agreed to sponsor the formation of a Toastmasters club in Tumut. Thanks to all those involved in making these occasions and the club a Great Toastmasters Club.

#### Toastmaster of The Year

To be eligible for toastmaster of the year the person must be a financial member and attend a meeting or part thereof to receive a score for that meeting.

Each month a member of the club's executive is assigned to provide a score for each Toastmaster present at meetings excluding themselves.

The Toastmaster of the Year coordinator tallies scores at the end of the year and the member with the highest score becomes the Toastmaster of the year.

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### TOASTMASTER OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to 2008 Toastmaster of the Year Victoria Dalglish.

Victoria was awarded the prestigious honour at the annual Changeover ceremony last month. Though surprised, Victoria was honoured to receive this year's award. Victoria said she felt that the old saying "a little bit and often" probably contributed to her gaining

sufficient points to win the award.

*"It's been a fun and rewarding time..."*

Victoria said that with so many opportunities to participate in the Club's activities and events, it had been a rewarding and fun time.



Toastmaster of the Year, Victoria Dalglish



Speechcrafters Graduation August 2008

### SPEECHCRAFTERS GRADUATION

Wagga Wagga Toastmasters ran their first Speechcraft course throughout July and August. Ten Speechcrafters, all Hume Alliance employees, graduated on Wednesday 27 August. Spurred on by 21 guests including Toastmasters, nine Speechcrafters presented their final tabletops and speeches.

Coordinator and Area Governor Colin Davis said the group had shown tremendous growth in confidence, leadership and technique over the past eight weeks.

"The Speechcrafters have learnt how to construct speeches, use vocal variety, body gestures and also how to properly introduce speakers," said Colin. "The roles of Chairman, Timekeeper, Um-Ah Counter and Evaluator were all

performed very well," he added.

Mr Davis thanked all the Toastmasters who encouraged and mentored the Speechcrafters along the way.

"I don't think they realised how much they were also going to benefit from the Course and this will help them achieve their own goals in Toastmasters."

The WWTC has benefited financially from Speechcraft and monies are now available for many educational items as determined by the Club Executive.

"We started with no Club data, borrowed from other Toastmaster Clubs and District 70, and ended up with a great bank of information that will make it much easier for the next Speechcraft Coordinator to run another course in the future."

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Members are scored according to their participation in the meeting by preparing for and performing various roles on the agenda. Consideration is given members who are performing that role for the first time and to members who put their hand up to fill a role at short notice when required. The more meetings you attend and roles you participate in the more points you can earn.

### Training Day

Club Officer training was held on Saturday 9th August at Holbrook.

Training was conducted by Monaro Division Governor Kaylene Ledger DTM. This training day was conducted in a new format by way of an open forum that enables discussion on various topics and ideas to be shared between clubs.

Also present at the meeting were representatives from District 70, Members from Albury Wodonga Club and Southern

Riverina Toastmasters. Wagga Wagga Toastmasters had five members present, four of them Club Officers. With four officers present at training we can tick off one of our Distinguished Club goals.

### Speechcraft

Speechcraft concluded on Wednesday August 27 with a graduation dinner which was well attended by speechcrafters, Toastmasters and guests. The course was run over eight 3hr sessions and was a great success. Colin Davis has done an excellent job preparing, organising and coordinating Wagga Wagga Toastmasters first speechcraft course as the Speechcraft Coordinator.

All thirteen toastmasters involved in the course are to be commended for giving up some of their time to prepare and present demonstration speeches and educational sessions and also giving evaluations to the speechcrafters.

## 2008-2009 EXECUTIVE



L-R:  
Setchen Brimson,  
Colin Davis, Joan  
Veerhuis, Ann  
Thompson, Dallace  
Hunt, Ian Campion,  
Ros Prangnell and  
Peter Veerhuis

The new club officers were sworn in to duty. Club officers for 2008 - 2009 are:

PRESIDENT: ..... Ian Campion  
Vice Presidents:  
EDUCATION..... Setchen Brimson  
MEMBERSHIP ..... Doug Conkey  
PUBLICITY ..... Dallace Hunt CT  
SECRETARY ..... Joan Veerhuis CTM  
TREASURER ..... Ann Thompson  
SGT AT ARMS ..... Colin Davis ATM-S  
B/UP SGT AT ARMS..... Roz Prangnell CTM  
IMM PAST PRESIDENT ..... Peter Veerhuis AC-B

## WHAT'S ON?

### DISTRICT DATES

- **1-8 September, 2008**  
Adult Learners Week
- **21st September, 2008**  
Monaro Division Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest
- **11-18 October, 2008**  
Toastmasters Week
- **17-18 October, 2008**  
District 70 Semi Annual Conference including District 70 Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest

### SPEECH-A-THON

Wagga Wagga Toastmasters Club will be holding a Club Speech-a-thon on **Tuesday 28th October**.

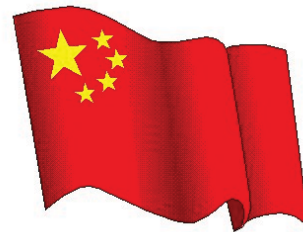
The Speech-a-thon is the perfect opportunity for you to present a speech from your manual and will help you progress through the club.

Talk to Setchen about which speech you would like to deliver.

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### CHINESE THEME NIGHT

Don't forget the 23rd September is Chinese Theme night. Ni hao



### SPANISH THEME NIGHT

Don't forget the 14th October is Spanish Theme night. Ola!



### TABLETOPICS CONTEST

Wagga Wagga Toastmasters Club will hold a Club Tabletopics contest on Tuesday 9th September. All members are encouraged to participate in the evening.

The winner will be supported by the club to compete at the Monaro Division Contest on 21st September.

From there, winners can compete at the District 70 Semi Annual Conference including District 70 Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest on 17th & 18th October.