



# WAGGA WAGGA TOASTMASTERS NEWSLETTER...

## *Something to Crow About*

*14 November 2006*

### MEETING NO 412 (14 November)

**President's Address:** President Colin Davis welcomed guests Setchen Brimson and Ken Clark. He also got everyone excited about the up and coming Christmas party for the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is welcome to Peter Chenoweth's house at 16 McCollough Drive at 6:30, please BYO knives, forks, plates, cups, spoons and drinks.

Dallace Hunt was our **Toastmaster of the Evening.**

**Word of the Day:** Joan Veerhuis' word **extension** also had an underlying message for us all. Joan demonstrated how a piece of string could be extended quite easily and that we should all try to extend our abilities as toastmasters each time we attend a meeting.

**Humour Spot:** Colin Davis equipped with an Irish accent and a cheery smile drove us crazy with the Irish joke about two seemingly identical pigs and how Pat and Mike, two Irish rivals were ever going to tell the difference between the two. Finally when it came down to the crunch we realised the punch line... one pig was black, the other white.

**Thought of the Day:** Colleen Moyes and Donald Rumsfeld made us all think about the importance of telling the truth.

**Did You Know That:** Rachel Viski made us aware there are stupid people everywhere and gave these unfortunate people the collective name 'Rodney' after a stupid boy she went to school with.

**Table Topics:** Sue Lester had some fantastic table topics this evening as each speaker was able to speak about their own life experiences.

- Ian Campion spoke about the best advice in the world, 'don't worry'.
- Ken Clarke told us he wanted to be a little boy when he grew up.
- Zamman believed it was difficult to say where the best place in the world is to live.
- Setched Brimson divulged her fetish for shopping when asked what she would do with \$10 million.
- Cheryl Wallace is a true believer in 'home is where your heart is' and simple destinations when traveling can sometimes be better than the rest.
- Rachel Viski revealed her love-hate relationship with tequila after explaining if she had her life over again why she wouldn't buy a 1 litre bottle of tequila ever again.

**Table Topic Evaluations:** Evaluators Collen Moyes and Carla McCormack each had tips for the speakers. Repeating the question, tying stories together to move the story around to where you want it to be and relaxing to open your voice up, were all very important aspects to keep in mind for next time.

**Toastmaster's Toast:** Ian Campion toasted to 'the dogs'.

### **Speeches:**

Speech No8 CLP 'Add Impact to Your Speech' had Geoff Phillips demonstrating the differences between different types of saddles and why buying 'the right stuff' is imperative to horse riding. We were guided through the pros and cons of the all purpose saddle, the dressage or show saddle and the stock saddle.

Carla McCormack talked the audience through a television presentation with Colin Davis and information on the up and coming elections on March 24<sup>th</sup>. They spoke about the predicted three main issues of concern, law and order, health and education.

**Magazine Article:** Sue Lester told us all the best way to tell a joke when public speaking and more importantly what not to do.

**Grammarian:** Ian Campion made us aware of how many ums and ahs were used throughout the evening. Carla McCormack accused him of being 'trigger happy' when he told her about the 11 ums she slipped out!

Peter Veerhuis Feather Duster Award: And the award goes to... Ken Clarke.  
Congratulations Ken!

## DIARY DATES

- 28 November - next Toastmasters meeting, The Rules Club Wagga Wagga (6.50 pm)
- 28 November - Table Topics Contest
- 12 December - Christmas Party

Rachel Viski