

The Whispering Woods



Note from the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of our CFTM newsletter. This month it's all about celebrating success.



Just last week we saw Hollywood's elite get together for their big night to crown the top achievers. As I think of Toastmasters it seems like we have our own version of the Oscars coming up with our speaking contests. We will see dedicated people coming together to put on their best effort with the winner walking away with a trophy – see it's just like the Oscars!

provide their birth dates so we can wish you the best on, or around that special day!

Please email cftm@au1.ibm.com with your details ☺

Congratulations to Charmaine Wells and Peter Tohme for starting their Toastmasters career by completing Speech #1, the "Icebreaker." Both delivered incredibly interesting and well performed speeches. We can't wait for more!

Good luck to all our Toastmasters who are starting, or close to, achieving their educational goals for this year.

What's On?

Our International Speech and Evaluation Contests will be held on 14 March. Contact Darren now with your nomination to 'have a go' at winning your own 'Oscar'! On March 18 we will have the Area 37 version of the same contests at the Burning Log function centre in Dural so come along for a great night to support our Club champs.



Don't forget to bring a friend along to a Toastmasters meeting. There are lots of people out there who would like to improve their communication skills or leadership skills – do them a favour and invite them along.

A word from our President – Darren Gilchrist

Hi fellow CFTMers - look out for some exciting upcoming meetings for the rest of the year! This includes special educationals from experienced Toastmasters, PLUS themed meetings.



Lock into your diaries the "Stand Up" comedy night on the 11th April, and "The Great Debate" with another club on 23rd May. More details soon.

Distinguished Club Program (DCP)

Each Toastmasters Club strives to achieve progress on the 10 key goals. Under the leadership of our President, Darren Gilchrist, our Club is performing really well with around 3 months to go. We just need to keep the focus on to ensure that we all finish as winners. Remember that progress towards the Club goals is your own personal progress towards speaking or leadership goals.

1. Two CTMs – **1 Achieved** by Marcel, 1 to go
2. Two more CTMs – some people in progress but we need to keep focusing on speeches
3. One ATM – **Achieved** by Les
4. One more ATM – this one needs a bit of focus
5. One CL, AL or DTM – looking good with a few people on track to achieve
6. One more CL, AL or DTM – looking good
7. Four new members – **Achieved**
8. Four more members – 2 down, 2 more to go
9. Club officer training – **Achieved**

Club news

A happy Birthday to Gabrin Rajanayagam for the 27th February!
We'd love all members to



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10. Semis & club officer list - **Achieved**

Got something to say?

This is the Club's newsletter so please let Janelle, or any of the Exec. Team know, what you would like to see in future newsletters so that they add value to you. Contact Janelle directly or email cftm@au1.ibm.com.

Trivia Time

How good is your recall of Hollywood's night of nights? Try these questions to test you knowledge.

1. In which decade were the Oscars first awarded?
2. What film earned Australians Lizzie Gardiner & Tim Chappel the 1994 trophy for Best Costume Design? And what was Lizzie's dress made of?
3. Who is the youngest ever male to win the Academy Award for Best Actor?
4. One family boasts three generations of Oscar winners. Can you name it?

Answers next edition!

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