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4th April 2019

18th April 2019

2nd May 2019

Birthdays

Fill out those surveys (check out the survey article in this edition) so we can make sure we warm up our vocal cords and sing you the birthday tunes to celebrate your big day!

Area 22

Social Day

Church on the Rise, 27
Beerwah Parade, Beerwah

Saturday 30th March 2019

Cost: \$15

District Events

48th Annual District 69 Conference

Brisbane

Friday 3rd - Monday 6th of May
2019



President's Message

Kindness is Key



Autumn is upon us and I am sure we are all enjoying the drop in temperatures after the humidity and rain over the past week. This time of year, we all seem to be focused and in the full swing of things.

Here at Kawana Waters, we now have most of our members registered on the new pathways program.

We have had some lovely visitors recently and we are just delighted to have Rachael and Malou as new members of our club.

As President, our club constantly reminds me how blessed we are to have the comradery that we share. I was recently chatting with one of our members and shared my thoughts and concerns on a personal subject. It was the way they said "We will be there for you" that has resonated with me for weeks. In fact, I will never forget it and this friendship and support is what sets us apart and makes us unique.

Sometimes, it is so easy to get caught up in "tunnel vision" that we start to take each other for granted. Other times, we get so frustrated that we speak harshly to one another. Let's always try to remember to remain Kind to each other, and more importantly - kind to ourselves. This way, Kawana Waters will continue to create all aspects of membership friendly and welcoming for everyone.

Kindness is key 🗝️.

Thank you to all our wonderful members that continue to contribute to what makes Kawana Waters so special!!

Penny Thomasson
President

Member Website Makeover

Did you know we have a 'Kawana Waters Toastmasters Members Only' website (...and we need your help to make it amazing?)



It's located here <https://kawanawaters.toastmastersclubs.org/> and it's chock-a-block full of handy resources to help you on your Toastmasters journey...or it should be. We'll be honest, at the moment **it's looking a little like a raided treasure chest**. There are some real gems in there, but we'd love to fill it up so it shines (which will help our members shine too).

If you haven't logged in for a while (or ever) – it's time. If you haven't logged in before, and you're stuck with it, ask your

Mentor for guidance.

Meanwhile, we're getting set to make it bigger – and more valuable – than ever – and **we need your help**.

If you have developed any materials that you think your fellow Toastmasters might benefit from – from login guides to educational handouts, from templates to speech tips, we'd love to include them on the site so everyone can benefit from your genius.

Simply email your hidden gold to claire_quarrell@outlook.com and we'll get it into the treasure trove ASAP.

Not only are we after your material, but we'd also love to hear your feedback. So **please, login, check it out, and let your Executive Team know (at meeting, via email, or in a beautifully crafted speech) how we can make this invaluable resource work for you.**

Who's Who in the Zoo?

Member Survey

We love Toastmasters – and we want others to know and love it too! To do this, we're hoping to put our Facebook page to work by sharing with the world the inside secrets of what our Kawana Waters Members love about the club (other than...*everything*).



We've put together a very short survey (link below) that will allow us to pull out some fun quotes and interesting facts that can be used in social media posts and other promotions.

When we post, we will only use your first name and last initial (or, if you're rather shy or hiding a sordid past as a secret service agent) we won't include your name at all – just let Claire know.

We know surveys take time, and life is busy...buuuut....a couple minutes on this could help us get a whole swag of new and fabulous members to the Club – more members = more speeches = more stories = more fun!

Simply click the link below to fill it out online. We'll also try and rustle up a paper copy for the next meeting for those of you who would prefer to hand write.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SKQQ832>

Thank you in advance for completing it - it will be an ENORMOUS help to your VP Public Relations*

* she may even reward everyone with 'survey completion' chocolates or some such shameless bribe.

Farewell and best wishes to our Enviro Superstar!



This month we bid a warm and heartfelt farewell to Monika Spratt. Monika joined Kawana Waters Toastmasters five years ago and in that time has shared with us her stories, her kindness and her passion for the environment. Of her time with us, Monika said

“The Toastmasters journey has been wonderful. It has given me the confidence to speak in public and I hope to use this confidence to share the messages of living more simply and looking after our planet. A heartfelt thank you to all those who shared this journey with me and for all you taught me.”

We wish Monika the very best for her future and look forward to watching as she uses the natural skills she honed in Toastmasters to spread her message with the world.

Area 22 Social Day

Glasshouse Country Toastmasters will host the Area 22 Social Day on Saturday 30th March 2019. The day will feature the Area 22 Council meeting, an educational session and an exciting showcase including Interpretive Readings, Tall Tales and New Speakers.

The fabulous Dora Shorrocks will represent our club in both the Interpretive Reading and Tall Tales (really, is there anything this amazing speaker can't do??).

Come along for a great day of speeches, fun and Toastmasters high jinks.

The registration for should be in your email inbox, but if not, contact our Club Secretary Simon Rolfe secretary-6894@toastmastersclubs.org for details.

48th Annual District 69 Conference

The 48th Annual District 69 Conference will be held over the long weekend Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th, and Monday 6th of May 2019.

Our very own Claire Quarrell will be competing in the Table Topics Competition, having won at Division level in March this year.

Toastmasters Conferences are packed full of opportunities not only to watch and learn from the competitors but also to experience excellent key note speeches and educational sessions. With Toastmasters attending from all over the district, and beyond, they're also a prime time to connect with old friends and new, kick up your heels for a wee bit of fun and revel in the excitement of being amongst people who love Toastmasters as much as you do!

The venue for this year's conference is the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC). For more information or to register, visit:

<https://www.toastmastersd69.org/event/district-69-conference/>

Quotable Quotes

“Words ought to be a little wild for they are the assaults of thought on the unthinking.”

John Maynard Keynes

“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.”

Lao Tzu

Next newsletter we'd love to feature some fabulous words of wisdom from our members, so keep an ear out and get them submitted!

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Forward Programme for Kawana Waters Toastmasters

As at 14 March 2019. Subject to change

			Glasshouse Country
Theme	Autumn leaves	April Fool, Humour	Anzac Day To be completed
Date	21st March	4th April	18th April
Meeting #	Meeting 563	Meeting 564	Meeting 565
Chairman	Dora Shorrocks	Simon Rolfe	
Provider	Lorraine Keelty	Judith McConnell	
Greeter	Lesley Dimmock	Racheal	
Warm Up	Dora Shorrocks	George Sinclair (apology)	
Word Master/Grammarian	George Sinclair	? Malou Deakin	
Raffle Master		Lesley Dimmock	
Timer	Lesley Dimmock	Racheal Thomson	
Business Session/or Ed Spot		Business Session	Evaluate to Motivate Sue Pinker
Table Topicsmaster	Muriel Smith	Claire Quarrell	
Odd	George Sinclair	Penny Thomasson	
Even	Judith McConnell	Judith McConnell	
Toastmaster	Sue Pinker	Kim Moyle	
Speaker 1	Monika Sprott	Sue Pinker	
Speaker 2	Helene Ross	Muriel Smith	
Speaker 3	Penny Thomasson		
Evaluator 1	Lorraine Keelty	Ross Bavistock	
Evaluator 2	Judith McConnell	Simon Rolfe	
Evaluator 3	Muriel Smith		
Listening Critic	Jill Blake	Soap Box (anyone)	
General Evaluator	Simon Rolfe	Lorraine Keelty	