

# PORT HUNTER HOWL



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Port Hunter Toastmasters  
Club 2776  
Area 15  
Eastern Division  
District 70

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## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Fellow Toastmasters,

What an exciting time we've had since the last howl.

**Club Contest:** Our club contest was a huge success. It was an extremely well run event, a big thank you to all involved. Thank you also to Narelle Kelvin our Area 15 Governor for being the Chief Judge.

International Speech Contest	Evaluation Contest
1 <sup>st</sup> David Sweet	1 <sup>st</sup> Chin-Hwi Ang
2 <sup>nd</sup> John Quinn	2 <sup>nd</sup> Greg Newman

**Area Contest:** Another big event, especially as we were the host club. Thank you to everyone who came along on the day, helped with attending the door, selling raffle tickets, and filling various contest roles from Timing, to Counters and Sergeant at Arms roles. It was quite pleasing as President to see such a big turn out from our club members. Our biggest success was that of our Contestants.

David – 1st International Speech Contest

Chin-Hwi – 2nd Evaluation Contest

**Eastern Division Contest:** Both David and Chin-Hwi performed admirably. David's speech on the day was the best I think I have heard it (and I think I've heard it 6 times now). Much to the disbelief of their supporter group neither got a place in the contest. It was wonderful to

see so many club members attend to support them both.

**New Club Laptop:** Thanks to a very generous donation from Delta Electricity we now have a new Laptop for Club members to enhance their presentations. Our thanks to Vince for organising this through Shirley Gray of Delta Electricity.

**Conclusion:** The TM year is quickly wrapping up. It only feels like the year has just begun, but April seems to have snuck up on us already. We will need to hold elections soon, and we still need a few more members for the Executive next year. We will speak more about this in the following weeks.

Greg

### 2013/2014 EXECUTIVE TEAM:

President Greg Newman ACB CL ~ VP Education Doug Adams CC  
VP Membership Robin Hille CC CL  
VP Public Relations Rahny Humby TM ~ Secretary Nicole Kothe TM  
Treasurer Vincent Reedy AC ~ Sergeant at Arms Brian Spelman CC  
Speechcraft Coordinator John Quinn ACG

# Howling Along...

## SPEECHCRAFT GRADUATION

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Port Hunter Toastmasters hosted their Speechcraft Graduation for term 1.

6 of the 7 graduates attended the ceremony, and by all accounts, the course was a terrific success.

All the club members who had helped Vince with the speechcraft course noticed an enormous difference in the confidence and delivery of each of the students' speeches. The three year eleven students had given speeches or hosted events at their schools since starting the course, and were delighted with the response from their peers. We had six guests at the speech graduation and the parents of Chantel and Emma expressed their gratitude to all the toastmasters, and especially to Vince, for helping the girls gain so much from the course.

## Hot Tip #3 - How to End your Speech with a Bang!

**Title Close** - Use the title of your speech as your closing words.

For example, in a speech titled "WIN THE LOTTO TODAY!" you could finish by stating... "And now that I have shared with you this one easy trick, you too can WIN THE LOTTO TODAY!"

## A BIG THANK YOU TO VINCE AND DELTA ELECTRICITY



Port Hunter Toastmasters has become the recipient of an invaluable donation of a laptop from Delta Electricity.

This gift is of enormous use to our club, as all members of Port Hunter Toastmasters need a laptop to present the various speeches and PowerPoint presentations essential to working through our manuals.

Thank you Vince for facilitating this timely donation. And thank you Delta Electricity for your generosity.



## March Boomerang Awards

3<sup>rd</sup> Lara – Fantastic Icebreaker Speech

10<sup>th</sup> Lara – Great Table Topics Questions

17<sup>th</sup> Rahny – Table Topics

24<sup>th</sup> Speechcraft Graduation

31<sup>st</sup> Brian – Great Table Topics Session

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*Humour...*

*Will a chicken ever be able to cross the road without its motives being called into question?*

*What do you get when you cross a joke with a rhetorical question?*

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## **CLUB, AREA AND DISTRICT CONTEST SUCCESS**

David and Chin-Hwi had tremendous success this year competing in the Club, Area, and District levels of the International Speech and Evaluation Contests.

We congratulate you for your personal accomplishments and also thank you for representing Port Hunter so well.



*David addresses the crowd*



*Chin-Hwi at the Area 15 Contest*



*Chin-Hwi and David accepting club trophies*