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March 2025

Miranda Toastmasters Celebrates Another Successful Speechcraft Course!

Miranda Toastmasters wrapped up its latest Speechcraft course on 31 March 2025 with a celebratory graduation dinner. Family and friends gathered to applaud the participants, who dedicated seven weeks to improving their public speaking skills.



The course began in early February with a group of eager yet nervous individuals determined to overcome speech anxiety, master impromptu speaking, and develop evaluation skills. Week by week, they bonded, encouraged each other, and stepped outside their comfort zones.

Each Monday evening, Speechcrafters practiced prepared speeches, tackled impromptu speaking (Table Topics), delivered toasts, and received valuable feedback. The course covered structuring speeches, using vocal variety, body language, managing nerves, and connecting with an audience.

As confidence grew, participants began to relax and let their personalities shine. One Speechcrafter shared, *“This course has been life-changing. I never imagined I’d speak confidently in front of a room full of people!”*

None of this would be possible without the dedicated Toastmasters who volunteered their time, offering guidance and constructive feedback.

The Grand Finale: Graduation Night

Graduation night was a fitting end to the journey, featuring inspiring speeches and well-earned applause. With certificates in hand, Speechcrafters were celebrated for their dedication and transformation.

“Watching these Speechcrafters grow has been inspiring. They’ve come such a long way, and we’re proud to be part of their journey,” said Course Coordinator Mike Smith.

Miranda Toastmasters congratulates all Speechcrafters on their achievements and thanks the mentors who made it possible.

Here are a few photos from the graduation night





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Club elections

Why club officer roles matter

Serving as a club officer is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills, contribute to your club's success, and support fellow members on their public speaking journey.

Whether you're looking to challenge yourself, grow professionally, or give back to the Miranda Toastmasters community, stepping into a leadership role is a powerful way to achieve it.

Toastmasters club officers play a crucial role in ensuring smooth operations, an engaging meeting experience, and the success of members.

These volunteer leaders help keep the club running efficiently by managing everything from meetings to mentorship, administration, and growth.

[Click here](#) to read more about the different roles.

[Read more](#)

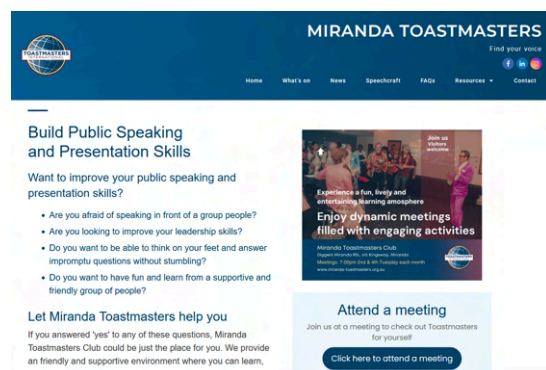
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Latest news

The club website has had a makeover

The [Club's website](#) has had a significant makeover, making it easier to navigate and to find everything you need for Toastmasters.

It includes guides to each meeting assignment, the latest news, what's on, information about contests, links to access Pathways and District 70, and more.



Visit the website at www.miranda-toastmasters.org.au to view all the changes.

DCP Progress

We are soooo close to achieving 10 out of 10 goals. Here's the latest update. The image below shoes the status as at 31 March.

Well done to all the members of Miranda Toastmasters for making this happen.



Club Status
2024-2025

Month of March
As of 03/31/2025

00003554 Miranda Toastmasters Club			
Club Alignment	Membership		Goals
Region 12	Base 28	To Date 26	Goals Met 9
District 70	Required 20		Distinguished 5
Division S	20 members or a net growth of 3 new members		Select Distinguished 7
Area 02	Chartered 12/01/1962		President's Distinguished 9

Goals to Achieve		Goal	To Date	Status
Education				
1	Level 1 awards	4	5	✓
2	Level 2 awards	2	2	✓
3	More Level 2 awards	2	2	✓
4	Level 3 awards	2	2	✓
5	Level 4, Level 5, or DTM award	1	1	✓
6	One more Level 4, Level 5, or DTM award	1	2	✓
Membership				
7	New members	4	4	✓
8	More new members	4	0	4 New Members needed
Training				
9	Club officers trained June-August	4	4	✓
	Club officers trained November-February	4	5	
Administration				
10	Membership-renewal dues on time	Y	2	✓
	Club officer list on time	Y	1	

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Meetings

11 March



Meeting #1405

Meeting #1405 was enjoyed by all. Word of the day was 'predicate', but we don't recall it being used during the meeting.

Payam was inducted as our newest member and he delivered his Icebreaker speech. Welcome Payam!

We welcomed visitors Ethan and Karen. It was Ethan's second visit and he won the Best Table Topic!

Results

Best Speech: Daniel
 Best Evaluator: Teresa
 Best Assignment: Richard
 Best Supporting Assignment: Pat
 Best Table Topic: Ethan



25 March

A night of contests



Meeting #1406

We hosted our annual Tall Tales & Master of the Toast Contests at this meeting, and it was loads of fun.

A huge congratulations to all participants and especially to the winners.

Master of the Toast



Four inspiring toasts were delivered, with the winning toast being a toast ... to toast !

Results

1st Place: Mon
 2nd Place John
 3rd Place: Kathy

Tall Tales

Don't feel like a fool

Toastmasters can help make you a confident speaker

Let us show you how
Next meeting:
8 April 2025

Miranda Toastmasters Club
Diggers Miranda RSL, 615 Kingsway, Miranda
Meetings: 7:00pm 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month
www.miranda-toastmasters.org.au




There were many ludicrously tall tales told tonight, keeping the audience laughing.

Results

1st Place: Joel

2nd Place Richard

3rd Place: Joe

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Member news



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRIAN

Brian, one of our club's dearest and longest serving members celebrated a milestone birthday recently. Friendly, funny, and fabulous - congratulations Brian on turning 90!



Visitors

We love having visitors

We're a friendly, supportive group of people who want to improve our presentation and public speaking skills, and to share that with others.



Join us
Visitors
welcome

Experience a fun, lively and
entertaining learning atmosphere

Enjoy dynamic meetings
filled with engaging activities

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Contact us to attend a meeting

What's on

Club meetings

April

8 April - Speeches & Table Topics

22 April - [Hartoonian Autumn Award](#)

May



**HARTOONIAN
AUTUMN AWARD**

10 speeches in one night!
Tuesday, 22 April 2025
6:45pm for 7:00pm start

Miranda Toastmasters
Miranda Diggers RSL, 615 Kingsway, Miranda



13 May - Speeches & Table Topics

27 May - [Parliamentarian Contest](#)



Speechcraft

The next Speechcraft course runs August-September 2025. [Click here to learn more about the course.](#)

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District 70 Annual Conference

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th May 2025

Theme: All that Glitters

Where: Campbelltown Catholic Club

Learn more: www.toastmastersd70.org/annual-conference-2025

To book

Conference bookings: tmnsw.org/d70-conference-rego

Hotel bookings: www.rydges.com/private-page/toastmasters-2025/

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Speechcraft

Speechcraft is a short course teaching public speaking skills, which will help to build self-confidence. Our Speechcraft courses are a supportive, face-to-face course.

Next course starts in August 2025.

[Learn more about Speechcraft](#)



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Club mentoring

Miranda Toastmasters hosts a group mentoring session each month. It's intended to be an informal get-together to socialise, and talk about anything and everything. Everyone is welcome.

The date April group mentoring session is to be confirmed. Watch the club website's [What's On](#) page for details.

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Actions to take

Log onto [Easy-Speak](#) regularly to:

- Register for a meeting
- Sign up for a speech



Read

Check out the [Toastmasters International Magazine](#). it's full of great articles, inspiring stories and tips and tricks for becoming a better speaker



Good to know

The [Miranda Toastmaster's website](#) has a member-only area where you can find information specific to our club. Contact Jill for a password.

Club mission



We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills,

Find us



Web: www.miranda-toastmasters.org.au

Meetings held 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

7.00pm - 9.30pm (arrive 6.45)
at Diggers Miranda RSL, 615 Kingsway

MIRANDA TOASTMASTERS

Club 3554 - Area 2 - District 70

Meetings held 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
7.00pm - 9.30pm (arrive 6.45)

at Diggers Miranda RSL, 615 Kingsway

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