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## Talk Up Toastmasters! February 1- March 31

During the Talk up Toastmasters! membership contest, encourage your club' members to invite as many guests to your club' meetings as possible. Consider conducting a special guest meeting where you conduct a regular meeting, but also specifically discuss the benefits Toastmasters members receive as they participate in the program. Add five new, dual or reinstated members to your roster between February 1 and March 31 to receive a special Talk up Toastmasters! ribbon to display on your club' banner. The club will also earn a choice of one module from *The Better Speaker Series*, *The Successful Club Series* or *The Leadership Excellence Series*.

Download the 2008-2009 Membership Building Contest Brochure for program rules.

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## Membership Growth – Some Tips

by Mike Phoenix ACS, Monaro Division Public Relations Officer

Monaro Division Toastmasters is actively organising promotion of Toastmasters through such community-wide events as CONTACT Canberra, National Seniors Week, National Youth Week & Toastmasters Week.

But there is still much scope remaining for individual clubs to promote their own meetings.

Is your club promoting meetings through free publicity such as The Canberra Times Fridge Door & The Chronicle's Community Contacts?

Does your club promote its meetings within its catchment area? What government & private organisations operate in your catchment area?

Does your club have a website? Or at least an e-mail address?

Are enquiries to your club's website or e-mail address promptly responded to? Promotional activity is wasted if enquiries are not followed up.

Are visitors made welcome to your club meetings?

Do visitors leave with a visitors pack which contains a membership form? (Research shows that increasingly visitors will ask about joining at their first meeting). Why not include a copy (on loan) of the "Welcome to Toastmasters" DVD?

Do you maintain contact with guests? Maybe they are interested in joining your club but other commitments may prevent them from coming back to the club at the very next meeting.

New members are your club's lifeblood. Every member of the community has the right to be presented with the Toastmasters opportunity.

Remember that "Talk up Toastmasters" is now running. Clubs are rewarded for adding 5 new, reinstated or dual members between now & 31 March 09.

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## **YEAR OF THE BLOOD DONOR - 2009**

by Mike Phoenix ACS, Monaro Division Public Relations Officer

This special year, supported by the Federal Government, aims to raise awareness of the ongoing need for blood and to encourage more Australians to find out their blood type and how they can help.

Do something special. Give blood.

When you donate blood, ask the staff to record your donation against **Monaro Division Toastmasters (Community Sector)**

Call **13 14 95** or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)

## **NATIONAL SENIORS WEEK 2009 – 15-22 Mar 2009**

by Mike Phoenix ACS, Monaro Division Public Relations Officer

National Seniors Week 2009 is the opportunity for Toastmasters to market itself to the seniors in the community.

Why? Because the seniors in the community have experience & maturity to offer to Toastmasters. Seniors have usually retired from full-time work and can perform club executive roles without the distraction of a job (and often a growing family).

Monaro Division Toastmasters has ensured that Toastmasters will be actively promoted as part of Seniors Week 2009. Seniors Week promotional material will be widely circulated throughout the ACT and Region.

Toastmasters will also have a stall at the Seniors Expo to be held on 19 March 2009 at the Bus Depot from 9.30am to 3.30pm. We are looking for Toastmasters to assist with manning of the stall on 19 March 2009. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact Mike Phoenix ACS, Monaro Division Public Relations Officer on phone 6296 6575.

## **NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2009 – 28 March to 5 April 2009**

by Mike Phoenix ACS, Monaro Division Public Relations Officer

This is the opportunity to attract the youth of the community, including those who cannot yet join Toastmasters.

Monaro Division Toastmasters are currently considering further Youth Leadership courses with local schools following the success of the Youth Leadership course at Red Hill Primary School in late 2008.

How can your club support National Youth Week?

- ✓ Debate on Youth Topics
- ✓ Youth Leadership Course
- ✓ Guest Speaker

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## **ACT & Region Communicator of the Year 2008**

The ACT & Region Communicator of the Year Award for 2008 will be presented to Michael Milton on 14 March 2009. For more information see Monaro Division International Speech and Evaluation Contest Flyer.

## **Canberra Contact 2009 - Multi Cultural Festival**

by Mike Phoenix ACS, Monaro Division Public Relations Officer

Monaro Division Toastmasters had a stall in the CONTACT Canberra Expo 2009 on Sunday 8 Feb 2009.

I arrived at the site at 10.15am to do the setup. The Toastmasters International sign was at the site but generally the site had not been cleaned after the previous night's activities. There was also food scraps on the ground around the stall. A chair was acquired from a stack in the stall beside ours. A round table was provided instead of a trestle table however the table was very suitable.

I was also concerned that unlike previous years, no Expo volunteers came to the stalls early in the day to ascertain how stall holders were managing.

Feedback was provided to Expo organisers in a survey form distributed during the day.

The first volunteer arrived at around 10.30am and from that time until the stall was closed down, the stall was manned by at least two Toastmaster volunteers at all times.

There was much interest in Toastmasters membership during the day. Distribution of leaflets and other material was limited to those people who approached the stall & engaged the volunteers in conversation. Much use was made of the flyers which showed the weekdays on which Monaro Division clubs met.

I know that all volunteers regarded the stall as being a successful venture for the day.

The stall was closed down just after 3pm due to exposure to harsh sunlight as well as a drop-off in crowd numbers.

I would like to recognise the following Toastmasters who volunteered to man the stall:

- Delia Osicka (Twilight)
- Rochelle Agius (Woden Lunchtime)
- Andrea Madon (Twilight)
- Peter Bauerhuit (Weston Creek)
- Tony Murdoch (Bruce)

**Help!** Your club Treasurer

Pay your semi annual renewal **On Time!**

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## Gavel Club

By Keiko Wakamatsu, Canberra Gavel Club, Club Counsellor/Sponsor

Canberra Gavel Club is registered with Toastmasters International.

Club Counsellor/ Sponsor: Keiko Wakamatsu      Club Sponsor/ Mentor: Keith Joyce

We look forward to working with young people as they are the future of Toastmasters.

For more information about this club please contact Keiko Wakamatsu on 0407 218 075.

## Clubs In Formation

Canberra Communicators meets Monday fortnightly at the Belconnen Library. For more information please contact club sponsor Keiko Wakamatsu on 0407 218 075.

Southern Riverina Toastmasters Club continues to build membership towards charter strength. The club meets at the Colony Inn Hotel, Jerilderie and welcomes visitors. If you would like to visit, please contact Andrea Palmer on 03 5886 1623.

Tumut Toastmasters Club is keen to have experienced Toastmasters visit their club. If you are interested in taking a trip down or up the Hume Hwy, please contact Joel Penson on 0408 208 614.

I encourage you to support our clubs in formation and help them to reach charter strength.

## Membership Building - Individual Recognition July 1 - June 30

A unique pin, for those individuals who sponsor five new members.

A Silver Star pin, the reward for those sponsoring 10 new members.

A Toastmasters necktie or scarf for individuals sponsoring 15 or more members.

As at 14 February 2009, the following members are listed on the Individual Recognition Membership Building Report for sponsoring:

### **3 new members:**

Michael Quirk, Civic  
Dario Forner, Queanbeyan  
Heinz Matti, Eurobodalla

### **4 new members:**

Max Tam, Majura  
Alison Del Socorro, Civic  
Tony Gill, Kippax Clique  
Keiko Wakamatsu, Benjamin  
Mike Phoenix, Woden Lunchtime  
Dion Sampson, Centrelink

### **5 new members:**

**Kevin Ranclaud, Bruce**

### **6 new members:**

**Barry Wright, Manuka**

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## New Members

As at 14 February 2009 our Division has welcomed 146 new members.

### **1 new member**

Brindabella

Canberra Gourmet

Training In Focus

### **2 new members**

Albury/Wodonga

Gungahlin Jumbunna

Namadgi

### **3 new members**

Early Risers

KAZ Group ACT

Queanbeyan

Tuggeranong

Twilight

Woden Valley

### **4 new members**

Eurobodalla

Ginninderra

Immigration

### **5 new members**

Benjamin

Weston Creek

### **6 new members**

Bruce

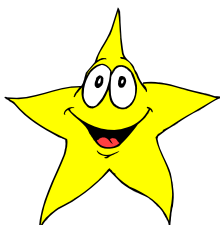
Kippax Clique

### **7 new members**

Canberra City

Majura

Woden Lunchtime



**8 new members - Civic & Manuka**

**9 new members - Ainslie & Wagga Wagga**

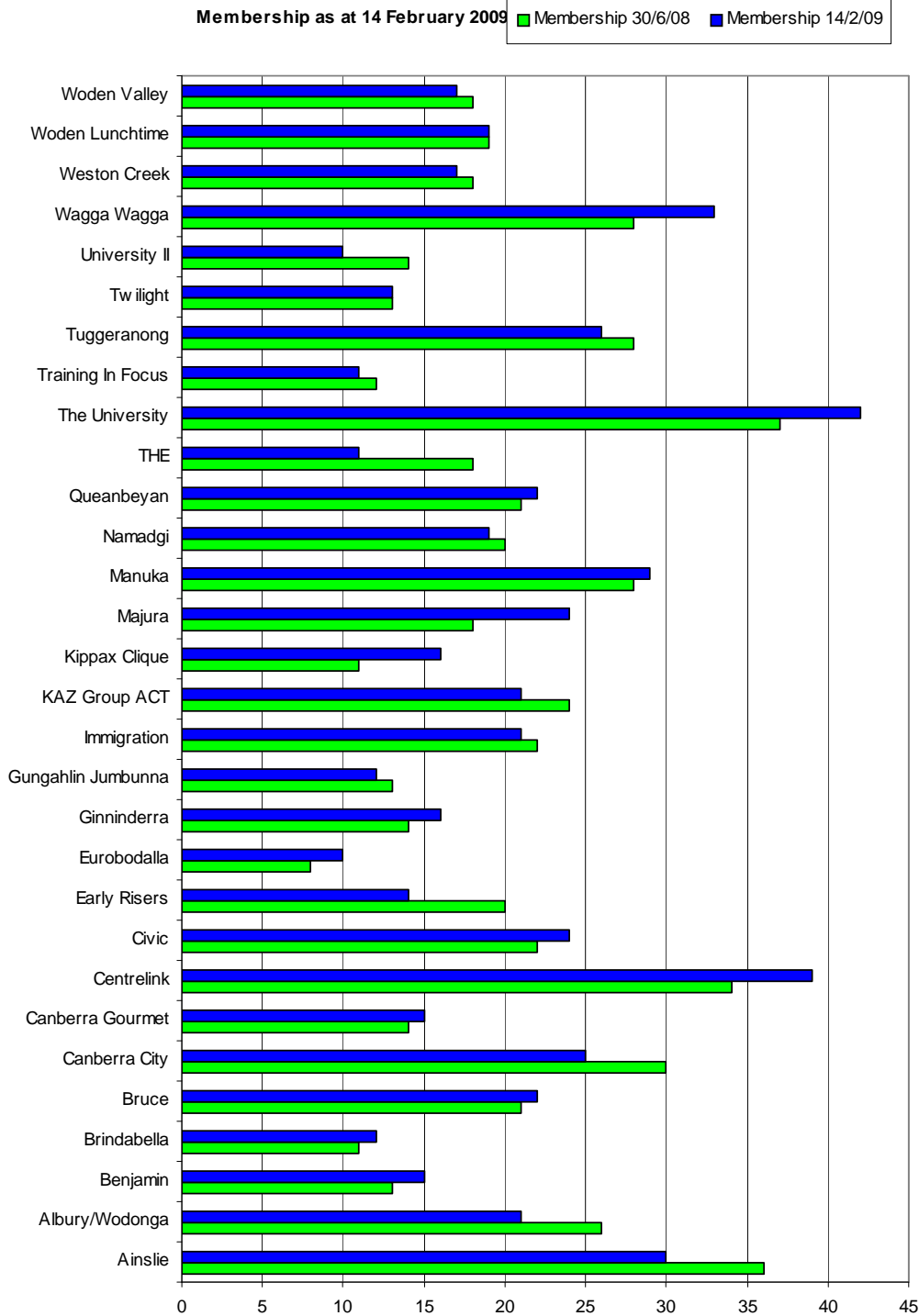
**13 new members - Centrelink**

**14 new members - The University**

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## Monaro Division Challenge

Membership Actual (Blue Bar) to be greater than Membership Base (Green Bar) by 31/3/0



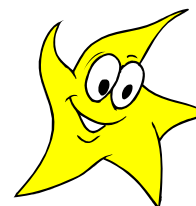
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## Educational Achievements

### Congratulations!



Colleen Murray, Competent Communicator, Tuggeranong Club  
Fahina Fatafehi, Competent Communicator, Centrelink Club  
Shin-Ho Chung, Competent Communicator, The University Club  
Vivian Edwards, Competent Communicator, Centrelink Club  
Peter Coonan, Competent Communicator, KAZ Group ACT Club  
Keith Oyston, Competent Communicator, Early Risers Club  
Elizabeth Symmons, Competent Leader, Centrelink Club  
Elizabeth Symmons, Advanced Leader Bronze, Centrelink Club

For the 2007-2008 Toastmaster year, Monaro Division members registered 98 educational achievements.

As at 18 February 2009 our Division has registered 32 educational achievements, these include:

- 20 Competent Communicators
- 4 Competent Leaders
- 5 Advanced Communicator Bronze
- 1 Advanced Communicator Gold
- 2 Advanced Leader Bronze

### Upcoming Contests

Contest	Host Club	Date
Area 7	Weston Creek	Monday, 23 February 2009
Area 17	Ginninderra	Sunday, 22 February 2009
Area 26	Namadgi	Friday, 27 February 2009
Area 27	Civic	Thursday, 26 February 2009
Monaro Division	The University	Saturday, 14 March 2009

### Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Saturday 14 March 2009	ACT & Region Communicator of the Year 2008 Presentation Monaro Division International Speech and Evaluation Contest