

# CLUB OFFICER TRAINING (COT) – 2009

## INNER CITY, PERTH & WESTERN DIVISION

THE first session of COT was held yesterday in the Rosalie Park Pavilion (not the Palms) and members had to forgo lunch dates and romance for almost three hours to participate. More than fifty members attended and unfortunately for some it was standing room only as many chairs had disappeared.

Members attended primarily to help their clubs achieve another goal in the Distinguished Club Program (DCP), network (that is find judges for contests) and some were hoping to learn a little more about Toastmasters. With those criteria in mind the session was successful. However, it is important we make these sessions as exiting and educational as time permits. Thank you to all Club Officers who attended yesterday. Special thanks to Tony, Charles, Leonor and Jeanette, our speakers on the day and Ross and Ian as Division Governors.

Highlights of the session were as follows:

### **“Toastmasters – a Smorgasbord of Opportunity”**

– Area Governor Role (Sue Voloczi)



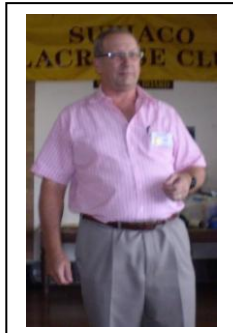
Sue shared with the attendees her journey in Toastmasters and the joys, skills and experiences attained through the role of Area Governor. We were all reminded that we may be tapped on the shoulder and asked to take on the role and Sue was adamant that to accept the challenge would provide you with a smorgasbord of opportunity and huge reward.

### **“Message from the District” - (Mike Helm)**



Mike spoke about the District 73 performance with the District currently in the top ten and the aim is to finish in the top twelve in the world. District 73 is charting new clubs and WA has four in the pipeline. The WA goal is to create six or seven new clubs per year. This is important as we are to succeed with the District 73 reformation. The District hopes to be in a position in the next two years to be able split with WA forming a new District for geographic reasons only. We are currently working well with the District 73 executive and WA is represented by Mark Richards, David Nicholas and Mike.

### **Membership Forum – New and Existing Members – (Ian Pickens)**



Ian spoke about membership in detail. He emphasised that we must all share our ideas and work together to attract and retain members. Communication with members is vital. He shared the experiences of City of Perth Toastmasters and then garnered audience participation with a “fortunately or unfortunately” segment. Members shared their experiences and we were all reminded to do the simple things, welcome your guests, maintain guest book, new member kits and run your meetings well!

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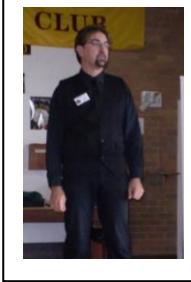
## Club Coaches – (Jeanette Farrar)



Jeanette highlighted the parallel of a good valentine and a club coach, both nurture their partner!!!

Currently 28 clubs of the 46 in WA are operating below charter strength (20 members) and many are crying out for help. The best help they can get is a club coach to share ideas and help when the going gets tough. A club coach does not need to attend every meeting but be available to help that when needed. We were urged to think about this role and Cybele Katavatis went one step further and volunteered. Well done Cybele.

## Club Officer Roles – (Pascale Amberville-Colby)



Pascale explained the seven club officer roles and provided everyone with a cheat sheet to take away. These are very helpful to explain the role as you strive to find your replacement officers before the next elections. Elections that would a change!! This led us into the next session where seven club officers explained the role from a personal point of view. The theme throughout was the same, each of the roles provides an opportunity to learn new skills and help the club achieve goals and most importantly help the members achieve their goals. This is the very reason why they join Toastmasters.

## Hahndorf – District 73 Convention 2009 - (Ross Wilkinson)



Ross held this session outside with a beautiful background which helped with the imagery of the Hahndorf wine region and the benefits of attending a convention. We were told of the benefits of networking, the four contests, the educational workshops and the master class. Ross put in a plug for the cheap airline tickets, affordable accommodation and the value for money registration fee. Look for the registration form on-line at [ConventionFlyer](#) on the District73 Website.