

January 2018



The Alpha Mail

All the news from Newcastle's dominant Toastmasters Club

Mission Statement

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.



Upcoming Events

January 15

Alpha returns
Alder Park Sports Club
6pm for a 6.15pm start

February 8

Speechcraft course
Church hall
Glendale
6.30pm-9.00pm

February 3

Club Leadership Training
Church hall
Glendale
10am-1pm

February 19

International and Evaluation
Contest
Alder Park Bowling Club
6.00pm for a 6.15pm start

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Speechcraft

Thanks to Tom Wilde, Annette Roberts, Fiona Bogaerts, Les Walters and Janelle Walker for giving up their time to run this latest round of Speechcraft and congratulations to our wonderful Speechcrafters who made it all worthwhile!



Tall Tales Contest and Christmas breakup



Did a clairvoyant predict every last detail of Janelle's life? Was Fiona really left stranded when the Tikka truck she was travelling in broke down on the Hume Highway? And did Jacqueline jump, fall or get pushed out of a plane over Sydney?

We'll never know for sure but what we do know is that we enjoyed their tall tales immensely!

Food, fun and a Christmas theme made for a most enjoyable finale to the year. Held at the Glendale church hall, members and guests enjoyed the traditional meeting components in the first half followed by the tall tales contest in the second half. In between we feasted on a variety of sweet and savory treats

Meetings resume at Alder Park Sports Club on January 15



Chinois delivers again...



An enjoyable night was had by all who attended the end of year break up dinner at Chinois. Good food and good friends – what more could you want?

Farewell Luke

Luke Anderson has been a valued member of Alpha for some time now. Sadly Luke's work is taking him west to Tamworth so we won't be seeing him for a while.

All the best Luke. Come back and visit us when you can.



Time to relax

The word of the week is intended to extend our vocabulary. How many of these words have you incorporated into your everyday usage? (Solution next page but don't cheat)

Holiday Puzzle

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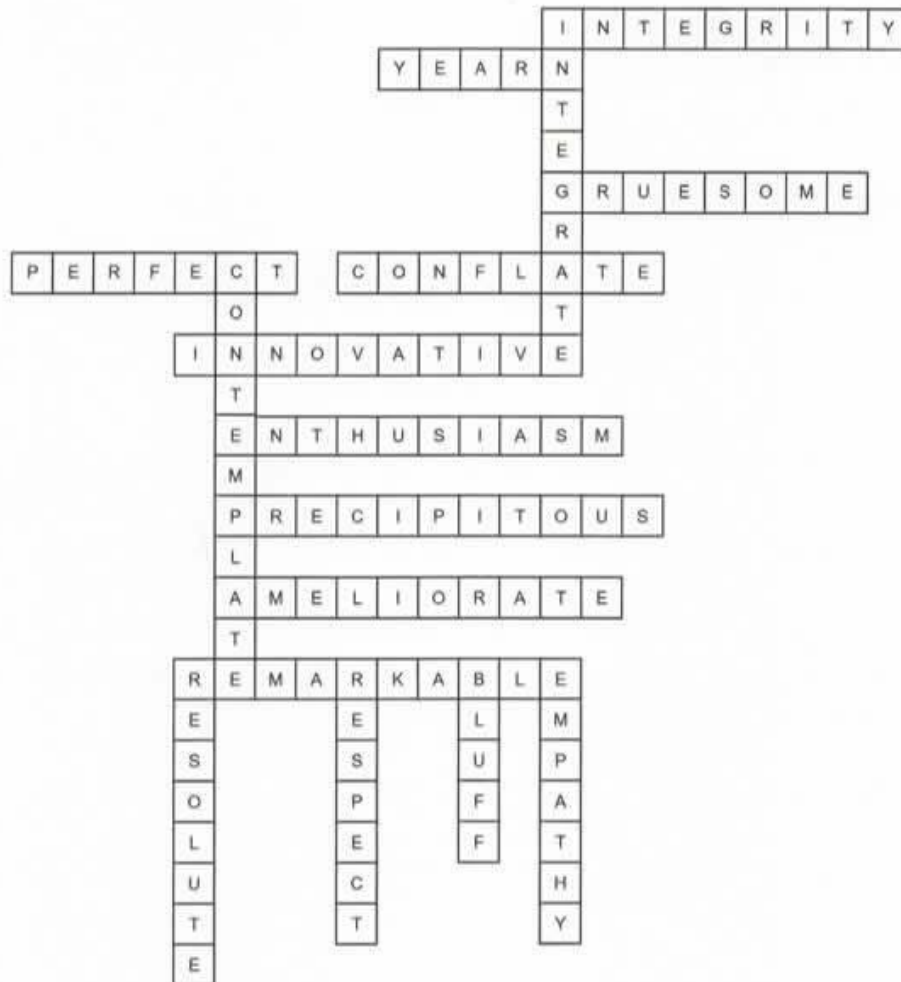
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Crossword solution

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