

SPEECHCRAFT Can Change Your Life

Speechcraft is a program designed to help you develop communication skills. You will learn these skills during six, two hour meetings. During each meeting you will learn and practice speaking and evaluation skills, and you will have the opportunity to learn from experienced speakers.

You will learn and practice in a friendly, non-threatening environment with other people who are there for the same reason. You will be guided by people just like you who once feared communicating with others and have successfully developed their communication skills. Together you will help one another grow and develop. And, best of all, you will have fun.

Keep in mind that your progress in the program depends on the effort you put into it. If you prepare for each meeting and participate actively, you will enjoy improved speaking skills and increased self-confidence that will benefit you in all areas of your life.

Northern Beaches Toastmasters Club SPEECHCRAFT Courses

Northern Beaches Toastmasters Club Speechcraft courses are conducted separately from our club meetings and are limited to 15 participants to give each person maximum opportunity to present. The course runs over 7 consecutive weeks on Wednesday nights starting 6.45 for 7.00 pm finishing at 9.00 pm. The venue for the first six weeks is 1st Balgowlah Scout Hall, Pickworth Avenue, Seaforth with the Graduation dinner the 7th week held at a local restaurant. The cost of the meal is included in the course fee.

A typical night on the course will have at least one educational presentation. Educationals are performed by Toastmasters from our club, and sometimes visiting Toastmasters from other clubs.

In a session known as Table Topics there will be practice in impromptu speaking. A Speechcrafter will be appointed to come to each meeting equipped with enough questions to give each participant an opportunity to have a turn. The Table Topics session is not a test on general knowledge, it is simply a session where everyone can practice answering a question without notice, and speak on the subject for 60 seconds. This session is always a lot of fun.

All Speechcrafters will have a speaking assignment each night (except the first night). Other activities for Speechcrafters include: proposing a toast; introducing a speaker to an audience; and evaluating fellow Speechcrafter's speeches.

Just about everything we do during the night is evaluated. Evaluations are friendly and helpful, giving praise for things done well and suggestions for improvement. Evaluations are not critical in any way, they are done in such a way that leaves the recipient feeling good about him/herself, and looking forward to having another crack at it during the next session. Evaluations play a very important part in the success of each Speechcraft course, and in fact, Toastmasters meetings.

The Speechcraft Manual contains 6 speaking projects, and except for time requirements, are much the same as the first 6 speaking projects in the Toastmasters Communication & Leadership manual. You will receive the C & L

manual if you join the Club following your Speechcraft Graduation. These projects cover the basic fundamentals of public speaking, and quickly convert participants from being nervous, into someone who can speak to an audience with confidence. It is highly recommended that you join Northern Beaches Toastmasters Club, following graduation from the Speechcraft course. By doing this, your communication skills and self-confidence will continue to improve to levels that you never thought possible.

Never before has there been more emphasis on one's ability to speak, listen and think effectively, whether at home, on the job, or in the community. Speechcraft will help you develop your abilities in each of these areas.

For further information about our Speechcraft courses,

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