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SPEAK UP

From the President

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Our special guest Katherine Collette

Author, podcaster and former Toastmaster, Katherine Collette is our special guest at the Miranda Toastmasters **9 May** meeting where she will speak about the important relationship between writing and public speaking. See more details on page 2.

In other news...

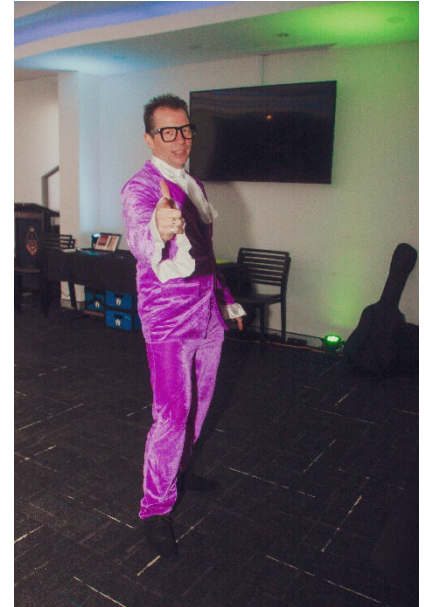
Miranda Toastmasters 80th Speechcraft course is progressing well. A total of ten Speechcrafters are enrolled, each of them very engaged and well on the way to

becoming accomplished public speakers.

A big shout out to all the Miranda club Toastmasters who are providing their collective input, knowledge and experience each week.

Toastmasters from other clubs have also assisted with demonstration speeches and evaluations, and it has been a good learning for all of us to have these talented Toastmasters share their knowledge.

Mike Smith
President
Miranda Toastmasters



Southern Division International Speech Contest and Evaluation Contest

This Sunday: Mike Smith will be representing Miranda Toastmasters and Area 2 in the Southern Division International Speech Contest, after winning the Area 2 contest last week. The Area Evaluation contest was won by ex-Miranda member Mauricio Tapia (now with Menai District TM). Mauricio and Mike will be competing against the winners of the other areas in Southern Division, which stretches from St George to Nowra.

If you are available to attend, this will be a great opportunity to see a range of contest-winning speeches

and evaluations. Mike would also appreciate the support.

The winners of the Southern Division contests will go on to compete at the District 70 convention.

Date: Sunday 12th March

Time: 12pm - 3pm

* Briefings will commence from 12pm and the contest starts promptly at 1pm.

Venue: AINSE Theatre, ANSTO, Cnr

Rutherford Avenue & Old Illawarra Highway, Lucas Heights

When you turn into the entry to ANSTO off New Illawarra Road go to the first round about and turn left and drive up to the car park near the cafeteria and park there.

The contest is hybrid, you can connect via [this zoom link](#)
Meeting ID: 819 3987 9140
Passcode: 142258

Free Entry. For more information [download the flyer](#).

Join us to hear from author Katherine Collette



Katherine Collette, a former Toastmaster, author of two novels, **The Helpline** and **The Competition** and co-host of The First Time, a podcast about writing and being a writer will be joining us at our meeting on 9 May.

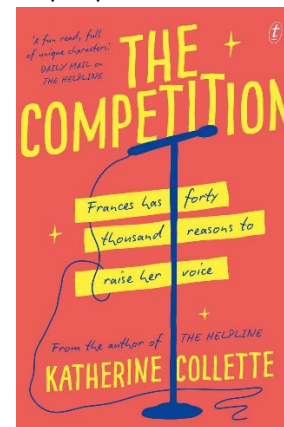
The Helpline was published in Australia, the UK, North America, Italy, and Germany and was longlisted for the Australian Indie book award for debut fiction.

The Competition was released last year; the story is set in the world of competitive public speaking it is both a satirical look at, and a celebration of, public speaking clubs. It was selected for the Queensland Writers Centre's Adaptable program, which aims to help get books adapted for TV and film.

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of SPEAK UP. Please provide feedback via the contact details below. If there is any topic you would like covered in the next edition, please get in touch.

At our meeting, Katherine will talk about how she started out as a writer and the important relationship between writing and public speaking.

She will cover topics such as how to balance what is funny with what is meaningful or true or good, she will provide advice for people who want to tell stories,



both written and spoken, and she will be available for a Q&A session.

For all those budding novelists, playwrights, and those keen to hear more about her experience and top tips with public speaking, please clear your calendars and [sign up for our Miranda Toastmasters meeting](#) on 9 May.