



IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT 72 DIRECTOR REPORT

18th June 2020

As I write this report it is nearing the end of my term as District 72 Director.

It has been a challenging year for both our members and our clubs with the impact of COVID-19. It was great to see many of the Clubs in the District hold online meetings when they were unable to meet physically. It gave Clubs the opportunity to have visitors from around NZ and overseas, and also for our members to visit other clubs. It is great to be able to meet physically again and I know I am definitely enjoying it. However, COVID-19 has impacted on membership and resulted in lower membership numbers for Clubs within the District.

It is a shame that we have seen some of our struggling Clubs close, and some close due to the impact of COVID-19. I would like to thank the members who have tried to keep these clubs going. It was a first this year with some Divisions holding their Conferences online, and the District Council Meeting and District Speech Contests also being held online.

Some of the Clubs that usually received Distinguished status, will not achieve it this year. It is great to see that Toastmasters International have introduced the new awards to recognize the efforts that Clubs have put in this year and who will not be able to achieve Distinguished status due to membership. Many of the Clubs within the District are on track to achieve the **Online Ovation/Education Award Silver and Online Ovation/Education Award Gold**. Congratulations to all those clubs who will achieve Distinguished or an Ovation Award. This is an achievement that those clubs can be proud of achieving.

30 June is the final day to submit the awards for the Toastmasters Legacy program, except for those working towards their ALS and DTM. Members have until June 2021 to complete their ALS and DTM. I know members worked hard to complete their awards before the legacy program finishes, and there are still a few trying to get them finished before the deadline. Most of our members have transitioned to Pathways, however, there are members and Clubs out there that will still need help. Remember to ask if you need help, and if you have Pathways experience – help out where you can.

The District have had 31 members achieve their DTM this year and over 30 have gained the Triple Crown.

Congratulations to all those people.

I wish the Clubs all the best for the future and thank all our members that continue to support their Clubs and Toastmasters. Enjoy Toastmasters as you continue your Journey.

District Director Rob Woolley and his team will be leading District 72 for the 2020-21 year. I wish them all the best for the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me on my journey, and for also doing their best for the District. I have seen fantastic growth in individuals on the District Leadership Team.
I appreciate each minute of your personal time that you sacrificed to assist District 72.

Good Luck to District 72 for the 2020/2021 year.

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Immediate Past District Director 2020/2021

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