

DISTRICT 72 LEADERSHIP CANDIDATE PHOTOS AND BIOS

District Director Candidates are:

<p>Steve Preston, DTM</p>	<p>Robert Woolley, ACS, ALB</p>
	
<p>I truly believe that Toastmasters is the best learning environment for helping people unleash their potential in communication and leadership and find their voice.</p> <p>After joining Toastmasters in mid-2007 to prepare a best man's speech and engage humour, I completed my first DTM (Distinguished Toastmaster) award in April 2011. I found that servant leadership in the organisation where leaders are made was my chosen direction.</p> <p>With 7 years of experience on the District Executive, I have developed a strong understanding of the processes, and the underlying protocols and governance, that support the District in achieving its mission to “build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence”.</p> <p>I look forward to putting my experience into play to lead and support the District, its clubs and members in the role of District Director for District 72 in the 2020/21 year.</p>	<p>Rob Woolley is a Corporate Trainer and Online Trader. He earned his degree in Business Studies from Massey University majoring in Management. [BBS (Management)].</p> <p>Rob has been a member of Toastmasters for 13 years and has served in many leadership roles including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Administration Manager • Division Director • District Public Relations Manager • Area Director • District Trainer • Club President <p>Rob was appointed Regional Director of the McGuire Programme - speech training for people who stutter. In addition to his leadership roles, Rob has competed and placed multiple times at the District level. Rob sees leadership in Toastmasters as encouraging people to accept the challenges, as he has - to grow professionally and personally.</p> <p>His maxim is “do your best to do your best”.</p>

Public Relations Manager Candidate, Tianyuan Qu, ACS, ALB, DL3



Tian is an Optometrist passionately serving his community in Christchurch. He founded the “Mobileyes” to bring eye care to the doorstep of the elderly, Asian Community and local marae. Tian also works as a mandarin interpreter to bridge the language barrier and help the Chinese community to access medical and legal Services.

Tian complete his BOptom (Hon) degree from the University of Auckland. He is the winner of the National Scholarship Exam 2009 – Outstanding Scholar Award (NZ Top 60), Faculty of the medical Health Science summer student research scholarship, Paul Dunlop Summer Research Scholarship NZAO and Raymond Harry Hawkin Prize 2014 for best research project in advance optometry research for his research in colour vision.

In his free time, Tian enjoys public speaking, being an active member of Toastmasters. He is currently serving as Area E5 Director and is VP Public Relations for his club.

To keep fit, Tian plays badminton with his wife and father-in-law each week.

DIVISION DIRECTORS

Division C Director Candidate: **Simon Grieg, DTM**



Simon Grieg DTM is a passionate Toastmaster from Invercargill. The journey started by pleasing his partner in the past in the North Island. Years later, down south, there was a Speechcraft course at his work which led to him joining Grand.

Inspired by the encouragement and support from experienced Toastmasters, motivated Simon to serve as Area Director and other leadership roles. This eventually led to the co-founding of the ROAR Toastmasters Club. It was able to charter from the first meeting due to almost a year of planning. It is still going strong. Serving as Division Director is an opportunity Simon wishes to perform to the best of his abilities.

Division D Director Candidate: **Brad Grootelaar, CC, PI3**



Thank you for the opportunity to campaign for Division D Director!

I have been a member of Christchurch Toastmasters for four years, serving as Club President and various committee roles. In more recent times, I have also been an Area Director for D4 (Christchurch South), a Club Coach for Bay Harbour Toastmasters, a member of Leadership Academy and I have put many long hours into helping the Christchurch 2020 Conference team.

In terms of education, I have completed the Competent Communicator award and I am currently working through two simultaneous paths in Pathways.

Having already visited 16 out of the 21 clubs in the Division, I am easily accessible and intend to stay that way. I want this to be the best possible year for our Division and you can trust that I will work proactively to support clubs through whatever global challenges we face together.

Division E Director Candidate: Lisa Wheeler, CC, ALB, LD4



In order to create connection with people, I've lately been asking the question "If you were an item in the supermarket, what section would I find you in and why?" Funnily enough my own answer is "the produce department because I have lots of qualities in common with a cauliflower."

But let me explain, I think cauliflowers get a hard time out there in the produce section. Some people just don't seem to like them very much but they have a few tight knit followers that find them absolutely the best veggie on the planet. They are versatile and can be a substitute for rice, pizza bases, and mashed potatoes. This versatility, flexibility and vision to innovate change is a part of the very core of who I am. Currently running a successful client centred practice as a clinical hypnotherapist, my drive and determination influences the best in others.

CC, CL, ADL, nearly completed Pathway Leadership Development (one project left in L5)

VPPR, President, Area Director

Division J Director Candidate: Mary Clarke, DTM



I have been a member of Toastmasters since 2009. I joined Toastmasters to improve my Speaking and Leadership skills. Thanks to the Toastmasters who made me feel very welcome as this has culminated in me being able to achieve my goals.

In the time I have been in Toastmasters I have never had a break from being a committee member. I have been an Area Governor twice. Currently I am an Area Director.

The next step in my Toastmaster journey is to get out of my comfort zone to be a Division Director.

My aims for Division Director is to see the clubs develop and grow with Pathways with the Legacy programme no longer available. This is a fantastic opportunity to ensure those using Pathways have full understanding of how Pathways works. With the situation worldwide this is a wonderful time to use online meetings tap into those who could not attend a club with online members this is a chance for membership growth. My other goals are to assist the Area Directors and work with them to ensure they can be the best they can. My aim is to have workshops, e.g. Judging, Contests and whatever club members would like to have.

I finish with a quote that has resonated with me

"Knowing is not enough-we must apply; Willing is not enough-we must do". ~*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*