

DISTRICT 72 PROGRAMME QUALITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

District Programme Quality Director	Stephen Preston	Report date	9 August 2019
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District PQD Goals for the year

1. Provide frameworks for the delivery of effective training programmes for all District Executive Officers and Club Officers
2. Drive and support an increase in the uptake of Pathways within the District for all members progress, and to ensure all clubs are prepared for the phase out of the traditional system at the end of this Toastmasters year
3. Develop tools and ideas for clubs to increase rates of member retention and to support club and member growth
4. Promote and support all members to achieve education awards and goals and provide recognition of their achievements
5. Promote the Distinguished Club Programme and work to ensure that at least 50% of all clubs in the district reach Distinguished Club status
6. Supervise the planning, organisation and direction of the annual District Conference, to be held in Christchurch, in May 2020
7. Support all Clubs, Areas and Divisions, along with the District, to ensure that speech contests are delivered and run effectively, in accordance with the latest updated Toastmasters International Contest Rulebook
8. Respond to any enquiries within 48 hours
9. Effectively represent District 72 at National and International levels as required
10. Support all areas of club growth, member development, member retention and club support activities in the District to assist in achieving District goals

District PQD Celebrations & Successes

- Division & Area Director Training delivered on 6 July 2019 with 91% attendance
- First round CLT Facilitators Guides and Participant Handbooks developed and delivered to all Divisions with the assistance of the District Trainer, Kath Cherrie
- District Planning And Leadership (PAL) meeting organised and completed on 28 July 2019
- Represented District 72 at the 2019 International Convention in Denver, Colorado, USA in August
- Collaborated with the District Team to complete the 2019/20 District Success Plan
- Worked with the District Director, Club Growth Director and Finance Manager to finalise the District Budget, with input from the District PAL Team

Projects in Process

- Developing District Training for DOT on 14/15 September in Christchurch
- Working with District Trainer to develop Second Round Club Leadership Training information, to be ready by 14 September for DOT in Christchurch
- Mentoring Pool project being developed to support clubs with low numbers of experienced Toastmasters and higher numbers of new Toastmasters
- District Trainer working on delivering District Workshops via webinar on a monthly basis in a number of areas to help clubs and their members grow their knowledge
- Developing strategy to get Pathways system knowledge and adoption rates up across the District
- Assisting District and Club Officers to deliver effective Speech Contests through support and Q&A
- Supporting the 2020 District Conference Chairperson to develop an effective and enjoyable Conference for District 72 Toastmasters in Christchurch from 8-10 May 2020.

District PQD Challenges, Issues & Solutions

The biggest challenge in the year ahead is undoubtedly completing the transition of members and clubs to Pathways. At this point we have a considerable amount of work ahead of us to ensure that all new members have signed into the programme, let alone encouraging many longer term members to embrace the transition. As the traditional programme will be phasing out at the end of this Toastmasters year we will need to ensure that this is managed effectively in the year ahead.