



District Director District 72 Report

Sarah Bate, DTM – 27 January 2018

Welcome back to Toastmasters after the seasonal break and best wishes for 2018. We have a busy time ahead of us for the remainder of the 2017-2018 Toastmasters year.

January - District Leader Training

The District quintet attended District Leader Training in Lisbon, Portugal on the 12th and 13th of January. Region 12, being Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand shared training with Region 11, being Europe, Southern Africa and some of the Middle East. If you are interested to know more about the composition of the Toastmasters International Regions you can follow [this link](#):

We received two full days of training which were presented partly in our full group and partly with our District Director, Programme Quality Director and Club Growth Director counterparts from other Districts. It was great to meet other District Officers and share ideas on attracting new members, growing new clubs, training District and Club Officers and managing the administrative workload.

Contests

In February Clubs will be staging their International Speech and Evaluation contests with Area events held in March and Division events held in April, with the District 72 contests at the May Conference in Auckland. Please ask your Area and Division Governors for assistance when necessary. Your Programme Quality Directors Toni Sharp and Celina Templeman can help with queries about speech contest rules.

Pathways

PQD Toni is the Pathways Chair for District 72. Toni, along with Dave Young the Chief Ambassador for Pathways and the dedicated team of Pathways Guides have been presenting the Toastmasters Pathways Programme to Clubs throughout October and November. The District and Region met Toastmasters International's requirements for the full roll-out to commence, and now all members have access to Base Camp and their first path. The District already has four awards achieved as of the 27th of January. Congratulations to:

- Alun Chisholm Level 1 Visionary Communication
- Naomi Takeuchi Level 1 Strategic Relationships
- Naomi Takeuchi Level 2 Strategic Relationships
- Sharon Kerr-Phillips Level1 Leadership Development

If you have questions about Pathways please contact the Pathway Guide allocated to your club or PQD Toni, or Chief Ambassador Dave Young.

DTMs

A big congratulations to Lisa Morris of Three Kings Club in Area A6 and Theunie Wiid of Northrise Toastmasters Club in Area F3 on the attainment of their Distinguished Toastmaster Award.

Reformation

Realignment Committee Chair, PQD Celina Templeman is working with the PQD Toni and Division Directors to process the District Reformation realignment proposals. Hopefully you all will have heard about Division discussions and have been able to comment on the proposals and process. If you haven't please talk to your club executive and sent comments to your Division Director.

I wish you all the best with your continuing Toastmasters journey and look forward to meeting many of you at Division Conferences in April and the District Conference in May in Auckland.

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