

# Future Conferences Report

**Submitted by the District Future Conferences Committee, chaired by Sarah Bate D72 Director.**

## Scope:

The Future Conferences Committee is convened to develop and put forward a proposal for future annual conferences in the existing D72 and the new D112.

## Committee Membership:

District 72 Director Sarah Bate DTM  
Past District Governor Joan Hook DTMD112  
Past Distinguished District Governor Kingsley Moody DTM D112  
Past Distinguished District Director Carol Mitchell DTM D72  
Past District Governor Ellie Young DTM D72

The Committee convened September 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> via conference call.  
The report will be submitted to the District Executive on November 10<sup>th</sup> in Gisborne, for comments. It will be submitted to the District Council Meetings of D72 and 112 at the May Conference at Waipuna.

The committee has taken into consideration the basic requirements of a District Conference.

The Club/Area submitting a bid for conference will consider:

- ❖ Suitable venue
- ❖ Accommodation options
- ❖ Ease of transport to the Venue

The Givens for an Annual Conference are:

- ❖ Council Meeting to carry out the business of the District
- ❖ International Speech Contest final
- ❖ District Executive meeting and training
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Social
- ❖ Candidate Showcase

The Committee has put forward 4 Options for an Annual Conference. The preferred being Option 4:

- ❖ Lengthen the Conference to 3 days
- ❖ Friday 10am Executive meeting and District Officer training
- ❖ Friday 1.30-2.30pm Official Opening followed by education, 1 contest, candidates showcase. Social time
- ❖ Saturday includes keynote, education, 1 contest final, Council Meeting, awards
- ❖ Saturday dinner to host Humorous speech final
- ❖ Sunday includes keynote, education, 1 contest final, awards, to conclude 1.30pm

Rationale:

- ❖ More time for education, networking, District Council meeting
- ❖ Allows all District Contest finals to take place.
- ❖ Although Toastmasters could be required to have extra time off work there will be an overall reduction in time, travel and accommodation without a November Conference. Only one registration cost and with the inclusion of the Humorous Contest with Saturday night dinner, cost should be less.