



District 72 Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou District 72 Members

Claim Your Free Path

Those entitled to a free path will likely have received an email from Toastmasters International today. You only have a few days left to claim. To get your path, click [here](#) and fill out the instructions.

For any additional information, please visit the Free Path FAQ page at [Toastmasters International – Free Path FAQ](#)

Marketing Incentive

Due to the popularity of this incentive, we have decided to keep it going for a few more days. However, you must confirm your Open Meeting with the [Public Relations Manager](#) by 6 April and it must be conducted before 30 April.

The new link for the expense claim form is [here](#).

If your club has less than \$1000 in the bank, also consider applying to use up to \$350 from the Club Promotional Fund [here](#).

Promotional Material and Ideas

Division D Director and Christchurch Club VPPR, Brad Grootelaar, has produced “10 Ways to Promote Your Club.” Christchurch Club has attracted an outstanding 23 new members this year! The document can be found [here](#) and is definitely worth a read if you want some ideas to build your club.

Club Growth Director, Kathryn Duncan, has been busy too. Here are templates to [flyers](#) and [bookmarks](#) she has created for clubs to use. Clubs can contact [Kathryn](#) to have club details added for minimal cost or do so themselves. Remember, if your club has less than \$1000 in funds, the Club Promotional Fund is available to help with any marketing activity or resources up to \$350.

Website

District 72 has a new [website](#). It is designed to be public-facing to promote Toastmasters, with all member resources accessible through the Members Only tab. The password is “72”. Most resources will be online in the next few days and any obvious faults fixed. If you find faults or require any documents urgently, please email [Rob](#). Next month we will be seeking input into what resources you would like. For now, we apologise for any inconvenience the changeover may cause.

District Conference – 14-15 May 2021

The District 72 Conference will be predominantly online. However, we are pleased to announce there will be an opportunity for members to meet, network, and watch Saturday's District Council Meeting and International Speech Contest, and attend the Awards Dinner at the Rydges Hotel, Wellington CBD on 15 May. The Awards Dinner will feature a meal, awards, acknowledgments, address by the District Director-elect, pinning ceremony, and keynote speaker. The provisional agenda as well as the proposed District Realignment and District Procedure motions will be found [here](#) when available. Please mark the dates in your calendar and make any travel arrangements now.

A big thanks goes to Division G Director, Judy Love, for working hard to secure such a great venue.

Note 1: *All voting will be online. If you are attending the District Council Meeting and you are eligible and wish to vote, you must have your own device. Internet will be available.*

Jack Duffy Memorial Rose Bowl for Community Service

Nominations are now being accepted for the above award. If your club has been active in the community raising the profile of Toastmasters, now is the time to acknowledge that. For full details please visit [Documents - Toastmasters New Zealand](#)

What's Coming Up?

- 8 April [Annual Business Meeting online workshop 7.00pm – 9.00pm](#)
This is a must for all club who wish to conduct a smooth and successful ABM and elections. Conducted by District Parliamentarian, Carol Mitchell, this promises to be informative and to the point. Click above to register.
- 10 April Division E Humorous and International Speech contests online
- 10 April Division G Table Topics and International Speech contests online
- 17 April Division H Table Topics and International Speech contests online
- 17 April [Division J Evaluation Workshop 12.45pm](#)
This in-person is the "why" and "how" of evaluations, which will improve your evaluation technique allowing you to give the most useful feedback to your club members. It's at the Johnsonville Community Centre with drinks and/or dinner at 1841 Bar and Restaurant afterwards.
- 18 April [Show Don't Tell Event – Christchurch 6:30pm](#)
This in-person networking event has an amazing line-up of presenters designed to improve your skills in presenting, leading teams or meetings, networking, communicating with customers and gaining confidence in public speaking.
- See the [District Calendar](#) for regular updates.

Inter-Club Meetings

There is a great opportunity to hold inter-club meetings right now or to support smaller clubs by visiting them and furthering your own development too. It's an opportunity to listen to new styles, present in front of different audiences, get different feedback and have some fun meeting new people. Inter-club meetings can save money on venue hire, which could be used for promotion or a nice supper. The more we connect and experience, the greater bonds become between clubs, areas and divisions.

Educational Achievements

Congratulations to **Paulette Elliott** of Christchurch Club. Paulette has completed the Pathways Mentor Program, bringing her into a very select group of Toastmasters in District 72.

So far this Toastmasters year, members have earned 673 awards. These include **Level 5 awards** for Stephen Whyte (High Noon Nelson), Eve Hingston (Pegasus Toastmasters), and Dale Hartle (Spinnaker Toastmasters).

Congratulations! Completing level 5 takes concerted effort and we look forward to celebrating more successes in future newsletters. Please note, if we do not acknowledge your name, you might have opted out of having your name listed.

Thought

What five-letter word can solve a lot of stress and allow you to make better decisions? We often find ourselves with emotions running high or anxiety kicking-in and there becomes a tendency to fight, flight or even freeze. None of these states allow us to make great choices and there could be short-, medium- or even long-term repercussions. If you find yourself under pressure ask – do I need to make this decision right now? If not, **D-W-E-L-L!** Dwelling gives you time and distance to breathe, to relax and, ultimately, to think. In that time, you can seek others' perspectives, ponder consequences, remind yourself of what you want to achieve and make a calm, rational decision. Right or wrong, you will know it was the best decision you could have made.

Ngā mihi
Rob Woolley
District 72 Director