



District 72 Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou District 72 Members

Membership Building – Smedley Awards

Congratulations to the two clubs who achieved the Smedley Award by registering five new, reinstated or dual members between 1 August to 30 September. Alpine Toastmasters (Timaru) and Queenstown Toastmasters – well done!

The next membership building award is Talk Up Toastmasters which covers February and March. Maybe you can apply ideas from Round 2 of Club Officer Training to coincide with that promotion. If you need help with ideas or funding please contact Public Relations Manager, Tian: prm.d72@toastmasters.org.nz or Club Growth Director, Kathryn: clubgrowth.d72@toastmasters.org.nz.

Lake Rotoiti Leadership Weekend – 19-21 February 2021

Every year the highlight for those from Nelson and Marlborough has been the annual weekend at Lake Rotoiti. This year the team has gone overboard to get members back meeting face-to-face with a weekend full of personal growth and leadership skill development. ***The weekend is open to everyone in the District.***

All members are welcome to register with a great line-up including:

Friday night: social gathering and Tall Tales

Saturday: group activities inside and outside, and a debate.

Sunday: team building challenges.

Venue: Lake Rotoiti Lodge

Interested – get in quick! Register at <http://bit.ly/lake-rotoiti-2021>. Numbers are limited. Secure your spot early and take advantage of the discounted price for early bookings. For more information, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1022445030679555&set=pcb.2724006571262095>

Pathways

District 72 members are flying through the awards. So far this year, 444 have been achieved with a special congratulations to Shu Huang (Turbine Talkers), Tess O'Connor (Island Bay), Glen Pearce (OUTSpoken) and Grace Chiang (Capital Chatterers) for completing Level 5! You get out what you put in and there are a lot of members role-modelling what it takes to achieve goals in Toastmasters.

Please note, if we do not acknowledge your name, you might have opted out of having your name listed.

Adoption rates, as at 17 November, are coming along nicely with rates up in two out of three categories: members – 86.14% and officers – 94.11%. Unfortunately, the individual club Pathways adoption rates were not available at the time of publication. They'll be back in our January newsletter. If you've got 100% adoption, we salute you.

At the moment, we're sitting on 64.59% of new members (less than six months) signed up. This is OK but we can do better for our members. If you think District could help, please let us know and we will look into it – info@toastmasters.org.nz.

Pathways drop-in sessions, to get any and all of your questions answered, will continue. There is one left this year: December 13. Details of next year's sessions can be found at <https://toastmastersorgnz.sites.acclipse.com/districtcalendar> and http://www.toastmasters.org.nz/district_training. There is no need to register just zoom in and away you go.

Club Officer Training

Round Two of Club Officer Training starts this month. If you are a current or intending club officer this is your opportunity to learn more about the roles, leadership, and, most importantly, to generate ideas to make your club excellent! All nine sessions are online with times below. To register and find resources please visit https://toastmastersorgnz.sites.acclipse.com/district_training

The dates are:

- Wednesday, 2 December 5.30 - 9.00 pm
- Saturday, 5 December 8.30 am - 12.00 noon
- Thursday, 10 December 5.30 - 9.00 pm
- Monday, 18 January 5.30 - 9.00 pm
- Wednesday, 20 January 5.30 - 9.00 pm
- Saturday, 23 January 9.30 am - 1.00 pm
- Sunday, 31 January 9.30 am - 1.00 pm
- Thursday, 11 February 5.30 - 9.00 pm
- Friday, 26 February 4.30 - 8.00 pm

Events

There are many events being held around the District before and after Christmas. Some are online and some are in-person. Besides Pathways and Zoom drop-in sessions, Divisions D and E are holding a Christmas Dinner and Quiz with almost 50 registrations. For a full list, please visit <https://toastmasters.org.nz/districtcalendar>.

Remember, if you have an event coming up, let everyone know by filling in the Events Notification form. Members are eager to help out, be involved and meet other members both online and especially in-person. Plan and promote early and involve as many people as you can. If you need a webpage, send us the information and a suitable image or two and voila!

District Leadership Committee (DLC)

Members grow by taking opportunities and trying new challenges. This year, taking on a new challenge is Esther Haines of the Dunedin, Wavecrest and Scarfies Speechcraft Clubs, who is this year's DLC Chair. This is an important role as she is responsible for forming a Committee to interview and nominate candidates for the elected positions of Division Director, Public Relations Manager, Club Growth Director, Programme Quality Director and District Director.

This year we want to make Esther work really hard with a strong list of candidates. To find out more about all the available positions mentioned earlier, the process and other related information, please visit the Member Resources section of toastmasters.org.nz. Information will be posted there under 'District Nominations'.

Opportunities

Around one third of our clubs qualify for a club coach. If you are looking for an opportunity to:

- meet people outside the club
- learn how to motivate and encourage members
- support and grow a club to a net growth of five members
- help the existing Committee restore club quality, culture and structure,

then Club Coach could be for you. It's a great way to learn by observation and to develop ideas that might work for your own club too. (Coaches do not coach their own clubs.) Being a Club Coach is a rewarding and valuable experience for personal growth and part of the journey toward becoming a Distinguished Toastmaster, and it looks great on a C.V.

If you are on the Committee of a club with 12 or fewer members, this is a chance to get an outside perspective, some fresh ideas and energy, and another member coming along to your meetings.

If you are interested in becoming a Club Coach or are a member of a club who would like to utilise the services of a Club Coach, please contact Club Growth Director, Kathryn: clubgrowth.d72@toastmasters.org.nz.
New ideas, new people, that's what we are about.

Letting others have a go

We could do all the work ourselves but then how would anyone else grow their skills? Delegating tasks to others is about growing people and it's one of the most important leadership skills. It's also about necessity in some cases such as finding judges for contests. Recently, this popped up in the District Administration Manager's inbox. Would you refuse this?

Knock, Knock, Knock...

*Yup - it's me, your door to door salesman, now before you get a word in, hear me out.
Your life is an empty hole and I have with me, an opportunity to provide you with the fulfilling and enriching activity you've been searching for, and with that I present you with an invitation:*

*Please come and be a guest star (judge) at our international speech contest.
I'll be the chief judge - so all you've got to do to fill that void in your life that I told you about, is to listen to a few magnificent speeches - one of the speakers potentially being the new world champion.*

*The date: 25 November 2020
The time: 12:15 arrival (Zoom or in person)
Start: 12:30
End: 13:30*

Please hit reply and tell me that you can make it.

Website

Our website averages well over 100 views per day and continues to be developed. In the past few weeks, we have developed pages on:

- Build your confidence
- Public speaking tips
- Club Roles – pages are being enhanced
- Pathways – pages have been completed
- Members Resources pages on Easy Speak, Club Scheduling, Club Coaching, Creating Clubs, etc.

Also uploaded are the minutes of the recent District Council and District Executive Committee meetings at: https://toastmastersorgnz.sites.acclipse.com/member_resources/executive_meeting_documents_-_d72

If you have any suggestions for further resources or other ideas, please send them to rob@toastmasters.org.nz.

District Service Charge (DSC)

The DSC will not be charged this year. Originally designed to support the activities of Areas and Divisions over our geographically-dispersed District, recent changes by Toastmasters International to their financial policies and many activities usually in-person being conducted online meant funds were both not required and also difficult to include in the official budget.

Region 12 Gathering

Region 12 of Toastmasters includes New Zealand, Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea. Our Region 12 Advisor, Kaylene Ledger, makes the most of Zoom to expand our networks. Join her for a December Gathering to meet Toastmasters across the region.

Hello members of Region 12!

What a year 2020 has been for all of us! Through it all, I've seen some truly inspiring Toastmasters, Clubs and Districts stepping out of their comfort zones, or stepping up to share their expertise to ensure our members could stay engaged with Toastmasters.

What better time to celebrate our successes this year? What better way than a gathering of members from across Region 12?

The Region 12 Gathering Planning Team has been hard at work, bringing together ideas, activities, and guest speakers to make this a fun gathering and an opportunity to get to know each other. Our guest speakers are **Willie Jones**, 1997 World Champion of Public Speaking, and **Lesley Storkey DTM**, International Director.

A highlight from our last Region Gathering was the small group networking opportunity. This time you will have more opportunities to connect with Toastmasters from around the Region!

Date: Sunday 13 December 2020

Where: Online via Zoom

https://toastmasters.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEofuugrD0tG9cnVp_oy9setIQgTAouO7xB

Time: New Zealand: 4:00pm NZDT

Register early and in advance for this meeting as there are limited places available:

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Kind regards

Kaylene Ledger DTM

Region 12 Advisor 2020-2021

Kingsley Moody

Many of you will know our Past District Director, Kingsley Moody, who led the New Zealand-wide District 72 from 2014-2015. Kingsley passed away on 19 November 2020. There will be a memorial service for him at 3:30pm on Saturday, 5 December at the Glenfield Memorial Hall, Hall Road, Glenfield, Auckland. You are most welcome to attend in person or on Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/4857729875?pwd=a0dKaDVQcks3TWN2eE9LK3pFU2o0UT09>

Meeting ID: 485 772 9875

Passcode: D112TM

We asked past District Governor, Ellie Young if she wanted to share some words about Kingsley:

It is with a sad heart that I put pen to paper to honour my friend, Kingsley.

Kingsley was a dedicated Toastmaster whose greatest joy was in seeing Toastmasters grow from timid new members to strong, effective even powerful speakers.

He was a humble man who never sought to be in the limelight or seek glory; instead, he was happiest working behind the scenes as a coach, mentor and friend.

Having said this, he also loved that he was given the opportunity to serve his beloved Toastmasters at the top table, initially as Club Growth Director. He loved seeing new clubs being formed and sharing his vision for clubs to be formed with strong bases and great futures. Then he served as Programme Quality Director. In this role his focus was fixed on ensuring that the District Leadership team members received training, guidance and, most of all, encouragement, to ensure that the District thrived. Then, in 2014, he was appointed to the position of District Director, where he led the District to become a Distinguished District. I will always remember his joy as he held onto the trophy and said, 'this is for District 72'. His humility was never far from the surface.

On a more personal note he and I loved going on adventures and as we travelled together, for Toastmasters, he sure did take me on some amazing trips. His love for his girls was a constant companion. Samantha and Adeline were never far from his thoughts and conversations; he especially loved their skiing adventures. Our thoughts are truly with them at this sad time.

My thoughts also go to all the Toastmasters throughout New Zealand whose lives were touched by Kingsley. I can speak from experience. He was a noble man who loved nothing more than to know he had helped a fellow traveller (especially Toastmasters) find their way.

Ellie Young DTM
District Director 2013/14

On behalf of the members of District 72, thank you Kingsley for being part of the whanau and a person of influence.

Ngā mihi
Rob Woolley
District 72 Director