

# District 72 Newsletter

## April 2022

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### District 72 Conference 2022

What do you think of when you think of District 72 conferences?

- ▶ Contests - of course
- ▶ Keynote speakers - you bet ya
- ▶ Workshops - Toastmasters is a learning organisation, so definitely
- ▶ Social gatherings – a must have
- ▶ Networking and chat - we wouldn't be without those

We're currently planning our District Conference where we will celebrate 50 years of District 72. This will be online with as many features of our old times gatherings as we can recreate.

More details coming soon!

Remember, there are at least 50 reasons to be there and join in the celebrations. In the meantime, put these dates in your diary:

**Friday 13 May - Sunday 15 May**

### Floor Candidates

Interested in standing as a floor candidate in the upcoming District Elections? Please be aware that all forms must be submitted to David O'Brien no later than 30 April 2022.

Information on how to do this can be found here:

<https://www.toastmasters.org.nz/elections/>

### Division Contests

Well done to all those involved with organising the recent Division Contests! A summary of the winners can be found later in the newsletter.

There are still two Division Contests remaining:

- ▶ Division E - 2 April 2022
- ▶ Division G - 9 April 2022

Both contests will be held online via Zoom. Make sure you tune in to see who will represent each Division during the District Finals in May!

Information on how to attend will be sent out by the Division Directors or Area Directors.

### Marketing

During the month of March, the District ran a marketing campaign across YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, TVNZ On Demand and Google. You may have seen some of these ads!

We hope that this has seen an increase in the number of guests visiting clubs and we would love to hear your feedback. We are looking to run a similar campaign towards the end of the Toastmasters year.

### ERP Launch

With Toastmasters International launching a new ERP system over the next couple of months, certain parts of the Toastmasters.org website will be temporarily unavailable.

Here is a [summary of the anticipated interruptions](#).

The most important ones to keep in mind is that membership applications will not be processed between 24 April - 8 May and website login access will be down from 4 - 8 May.

### District Council Meeting

The next District Council Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday 7 May at 1.30pm**. During this meeting, District representatives will elect new officers for the 2022 / 2023 year and vote on important motions.

All members within the District are welcome to attend, although only Club Presidents, VP Educations and District Officers will have voting rights.

Information on how to register will be emailed out soon. Because this will be held online, delegates must attend to cast their votes and cannot assign proxies.

Meeting reports and candidate information will be uploaded to the Meeting Documents section of our District website:

<https://www.toastmasters.org.nz/documents>

# District Trio Reports



## David O'Brien District Director

Hello District 72.

Very shortly we will know the results of the April renewals period and how much the current pandemic conditions have affected our membership. We know that a couple of clubs have already made the decision to close or merge with other clubs to form one strong club rather than two weak clubs.

On the positive side, educational awards are filtering through at a steady rate and this means that our membership is actively achieving their educational goals.

As you will see in this newsletter, the much awaited ERP update of the TI website is about to become a reality and there are some very important dates that clubs need to be aware of.

Please take note of those dates and work towards entering awards etc before the interruptions to the website happen.

While TI are confident that the data migration is well planned, anyone who has been through this will know that things can and will go wrong, so I ask you to be proactive in making sure you are entering members path completions and information as soon as possible, to help mitigate this as much as possible.

I look forward to seeing everyone online at the ABM on the 7 May 2022 and the Conference weekend beginning the 13 May 2022.

### Do you know the contest rules?

Every month, we will include one question about the [contest rules](#) to see how familiar you are with them. Here is this month's question:

**Can a person still compete if they miss the briefing prior to the contest?**

View the answer on the next page.





## Kathryn Duncan

### Program Quality Director

Congratulations to Gillian Perano, Thérèse Kinahan and Anthony Fletcher on completing Level five in Pathways. Awesome achievement!

Special congratulations goes to Sabine Parry "DTM" who should have received her Distinguished Toastmaster Award back at the end of June 2021, however Toastmasters International lost her application and Sabine had the extra curricular activity of fighting for that rightful recognition. This has finally been retrospectively awarded, glad that Sabine has been recognised for the hard work and successfully coaching a club to being distinguished.

For those who are close to achieving their Distinguished Toastmaster award - please let me know what you require to still do - maybe the District can help you.

With the loosening of rules regarding Covid restrictions, it has opened the door for watch parties for the conference. The whole District conference will be online, however if groups, Areas, or Divisions want to get together to support their club members - let the parties happen! Please note contestants will still need to be by themselves while competing.

Wishing all contestants every success.



## Glen Pearce

### Club Growth Director

First of all, thank you to Club Officers for following up with members and renewing their membership in April. The start for 2022 has been unsettling for many members / clubs and some people will be feeling pressures from outside Toastmasters during these uncertain times.

There are still plenty of visitors searching for Toastmasters. We have all learned to adapt in the last two years, either attending meetings online or in-person. Hybrid Meeting (as some clubs are now doing), allows members to attend even if they are not able to in person. If wanting to trial Hybrid, there is support available. Visitors can be encouraged to attend whatever format the club chooses.

Growing Membership in the club by just 2-3 new members can still make a huge difference if we want to finish the year strongly. There will be a New Membership workshop soon for those who wish to attend to discuss and learn ideas around this topic. Details will be sent out shortly and posted on the Toastmasters New Zealand website.

New Clubs (online or in-person) are an area where we could grow to include new members in a special interest club or further develop learning from current Toastmasters. The increase in Online Clubs opens up the possibility of including members from other districts!

## Answer

The rulebook says:

Should the primary contestant arrive after the briefing but before the person conducting the contest is introduced, the primary contestant is permitted to compete, provided the primary contestant:

- Reports to the contest chair upon his/her arrival.
- Has all required paperwork in good order before the person conducting the contest is introduced to begin the contest.
- Waives the opportunity of a briefing.

# Division Contest Results

## Division C

### Humorous Speech

1st: Glenys Forsyth  
2nd: Lisa Timpany  
3rd: Gary Belworthy

### Table Topics

1st: Christine Livingston  
2nd: Imogen Duncan  
3rd: Warren Kearney

### Evaluation

1st: Lisa Timpany  
2nd: Hannah Henderson  
3rd: Esther Haines

### International Speech

1st: Hannah Henderson  
2nd: Glenys Forsyth  
3rd: Esther Haines

## Division D

### Humorous Speech

1st: Sandra McLean  
2nd: Andi Easton  
3rd: Leonie Wilkinson

### Table Topics

1st: Sandra McLean  
2nd: Penny Coffey  
3rd: Chris Taylor

### Evaluation

1st: Rachel Walton  
2nd: Vincent Wong  
3rd: Celina Templeman

### International Speech

1st: Dee Bigelow  
2nd: Sandra McLean  
3rd: Clare Law

## Division J

### Humorous Speech

1st: Sheila Hailstone  
2nd: Karen Lynley  
3rd: Marty Pillot

### Table Topics

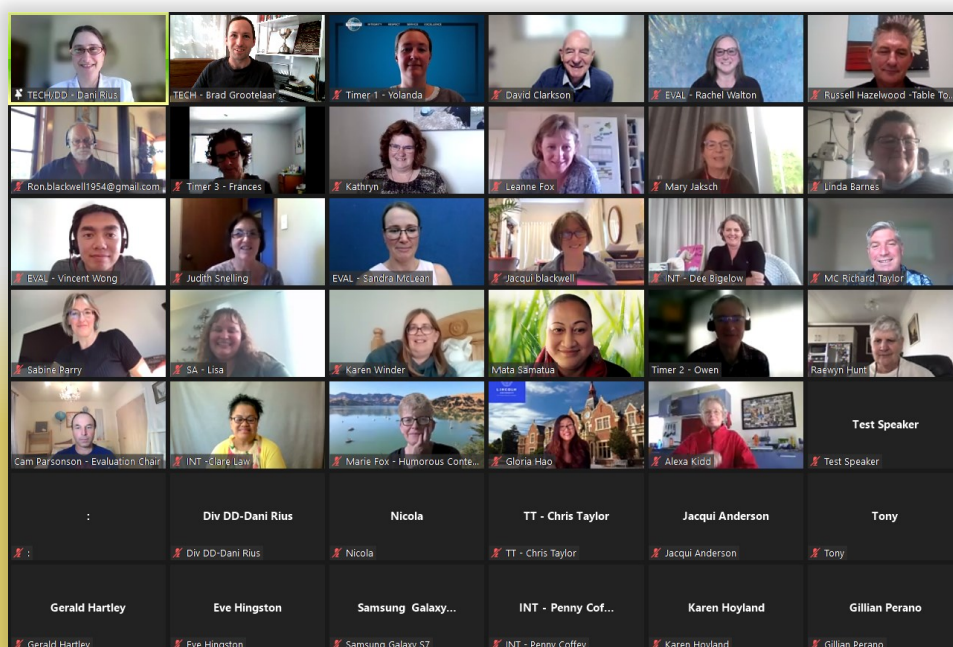
1st: Karen Lynley  
2nd: Gary Nicholson  
3rd: Sheila Hailstone

### Evaluation

1st: Erin Daldry  
2nd: Helen Cartmell  
3rd: Karen Lynley

### International Speech

1st: Siobhan Fitzgerald  
2nd: Karen Lynley  
3rd: Megan Kloppenburg



# Educational of the Month

## Annual Business Meetings

Once upon a time, many years ago, I fronted up to the monthly community meeting of the Canvastown Settlers Association Inc. I was new to the area and I wanted to meet people and find out what was going on. At the end of the meeting I came out of the Canvastown hall with an arm full of papers, and the esteemed title, "Newsletter Editor." While I had unwittingly gate-crashed their AGM, the members pounced on me to their advantage. Consequently my role was rewarding. I learnt a lot about the area and met awesome locals, some of whom I am friends with to this day.

### **Alone we can do little Together we can do so much**

We've all been part of a group project that has come to positive fruition; like our regular toastmaster meetings. But something even better happens when we take on an active role as a club officer. The club officer trainings, which are run in February and August, really set the scene and are not to be missed - thanks to the District Trainers for organising them! I especially found working as VP Education a steep learning curve and rewarding.

With clubs needing to hold their AGM during the first meeting of May, now is the time to be thinking of likely nominees for committee roles for the following toastmaster year, from July 2022 until June 2023. Accordingly - get lobbying among your fellow toastmasters. Remember, **"We all help run this show."**

Also, as a member, you may have a suggestion for improvement, which you can caucus during the general business section of an ordinary toastmasters meeting. Then this idea may be lodged as a, "notice of motion," on the AGM agenda to be circulated.

Further tips for preparing for your club's Annual General Meeting:

- ▶ Ensure accessibility and familiarity with your club's constitution.
- ▶ Inform notice of meeting.
- ▶ Procure minutes of previous AGM and circulate before AGM.
- ▶ Request for notices of motion.
- ▶ Club officer reports prepared.
- ▶ Agenda compiled including club officer reports.
- ▶ Agenda circulated.

Finally, keep in mind that zooming an Annual General Meeting (aka virtual) is possible. We did it last year.

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