

District 72 Newsletter

May 2022



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Annual Business Meetings

Clubs should now be in the process of organising their Annual Business Meeting. The [Club Constitution](#) says should that this should be held during the first meeting of May if practical.

Although this may seem like a formal occasion, we encourage you to make it fun and use this as an opportunity to reflect on the year and celebrate all the work the current committee has achieved.

Of course, the key purpose of an ABM is to elect new Club Officers for next term. Toastmasters International have put together a couple of videos on how to do this, which may be helpful for those who are chairing an ABM for the first time. You can access these [here](#).

If you are considering taking on a role and want to learn more about what is involved, information can be found in the [Club Leadership Handbook](#). Remember, these roles can be as big or small as you want them to be any contribution is always appreciated by your club. Whatever role you do, you are bound to get more out of it than you put in!

Finally, please remember to submit your Club Officer List to Toastmasters International by 30 June 2022. This is done through Club Central and is usually the role of the outgoing secretary.

District Council Meeting

Our District Council Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday 7 May at 1.30pm**. During this meeting, Club Presidents, VP Educations and District Officials will elect new District Officers for the 2022 / 2023 year and vote on other important motions.

Because this is being held online, delegates must attend to cast their votes and cannot assign proxies. Information on how to register was emailed to all Presidents and VP Educations. If you have not yet received this, please message Kayleen Gilder at admin.d72@toastmasters.org.nz

Meeting reports and candidate information can be found on the Meeting Documents section of our District website:

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

Beat The Clock Award

We have one more membership building challenge before the end of the Toastmasters year - the "Beat the Clock" award. Any club that adds five new members between 1 May and 30 June will achieve this award and receive a ribbon for their banner.

Club Promotional Fund

It is never too late in the year to promote your club! If you have an exciting idea and need funding, we encourage you to make an application for our Club Promotional Fund.

Clubs that have less than \$1000 in their bank account can apply for up to \$350 or two-thirds of the project cost. Clubs with more than \$1000 will be considered on a case by case basis.

To make an application, simply fill out [this form](#) and email it to Glen Pearce, our Club Growth Director, at clubgrowth.d72@toastmasters.org.nz

ERP Launch

Just a reminder that Toastmasters International is currently launching a new ERP system and certain parts of the Toastmasters.org website will be temporarily unavailable.

Below are some of the important ones to keep in mind:

- ▶ Membership applications and payments will not be processed between 24 April - 8 May
- ▶ Path purchases, including first paths for new members, will be unavailable until 9 May
- ▶ Website login access is unavailable between 4 - 8 May
- ▶ The entire toastmasters.org website will be down between 7 - 8 May.

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

District Trio Reports



David O'Brien District Director

Hello District 72,

The end of the 2021-22 year is rapidly approaching and, while there is no doubt it has been a trying year, I am proud of what the District and the District leadership team have achieved.

The District Leadership Team had high hopes of a positive year and, while economic and COVID issues have dampened what was looking to be a great year, I am still so proud of the District for pulling together and accomplishing what we have.

We could very easily just focus on the negatives, but I urge you to focus more on the positives.

Members are achieving pathways goals, we are still seeing enquiries about Toastmasters and have seen a number of new members joining clubs, which when you take in the tough environment we are operating in, is good for the future of the District. Our adaptability to hold quality online and Hybrid meetings is starting to show in the quality of these meetings, from Club meetings to District events.

Leaders step forward in tough times and I thank all of our Club and District Leaders for taking those forward steps all year.

Club Annual Business Meetings are due to happen over the month of May and I encourage you to take up the challenge of being a club officer for the 2022-23 year.

I grew exponentially by taking that step into club leadership 20 odd years ago.

I also encourage those looking for a challenge and learning experience to apply for an Area Director or Division Director role for 2022-23. If you want to know more about the role, talk to your current Area Director, Division Director or contact any member of the Trio.

Voting Delegates, which includes Club Presidents and VP Educations, please remember to register for the District Council meeting on Saturday 7 May at 1.30pm.

I look forward to seeing members at the District council meeting and of course at the 2021/22 Online District Conference where we get to be inspired by four contests and some awesome workshops.

I wish all District finalists the best for their respective contests.



Kathryn Duncan

Program Quality Director

Congratulations to Glenys Brown for completing level 5 in Pathways!

As we begin to have our Annual Business Meetings, please update Toastmasters International with your club's incoming committees. At the very least, Toastmasters International needs to know who the Club President, VP Education and Secretary are so that all club members continue to have access to Pathways. This is also a good opportunity to ensure all the club details are up to date, especially meeting venue and contact person/people.

We definitely want guests to be able to find us - whether that's in person, hybrid or fully online.

Let's make sure every guest feels welcome. Whether they come through our door, join online, are a brand new person to Toastmasters or a fellow Toastmaster, we need to give our guests the best welcoming experience as that guest may well be the next President of your club.

Interested in being an Area Director next year? Please contact either David O'Brien or myself.

Training for the new District Officers will be held on the following dates:

- ▶ Those that live in the South Island, training will be in Christchurch from 18 - 19 June
- ▶ Those that live in Wellington and the surrounds, training will be in Wellington from 25 - 26 June

Looking forward to seeing / meeting you all at our online conference. All details are in this newsletter.



Glen Pearce

Club Growth Director

The Club Growth Workshops were run over two weeks in April. A big thanks to Marie Fox for putting these workshops together and thanks to all that attended! There were common challenges around membership in clubs that came through, however, there were also plenty of ideas to go forward to try. We may be individual clubs, but by working together, we can share knowledge and ideas. You can view the workshop recordings at <https://www.toastmasters.org.nz/videos/>. I encourage everyone to check this valuable resource out.

Beat the Clock Award (Adding 5 new/dual/ reinstated members), runs in May and June. It has been a challenging year, however, a focus on finishing this year 'strong' will help the club going forward for 2022 and beyond. There will be another District marketing push around promoting the brand in May / June.

Currently in the District, we have a range of clubs in all Divisions that are eligible for Club Coaches. There are many benefits of assisting another club and anyone appointed before 30 June can work with the club through 30 June 2023. If you are interested or have any questions, let your Area/Division Director know and you are welcome to contact me.

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 G

Humorous Speech

1st: Olivia Mitchell
2nd: Peter Kerr
3rd: Daniel John

Table Topics

1st: Peter Scholtens
2nd: Martin Frauenstein
3rd: Pritika Goulstone

Evaluation

1st: Peter Scholtens
2nd: Richard Bourne
3rd: Finnian Galbraith

International Speech

1st: Kendra Wallace
2nd: Erin Daldry
3rd: Richard Bourne

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

Division E

Humorous Speech

1st: Steve Edwards
2nd: Brad Stuart
3rd: Larissa Moeller

Table Topics

1st: Emily Cross
2nd: Steve Edwards
3rd: Lachlan McNeill

Evaluation

1st: Timm Treskatis
2nd: Christine Early
3rd: Emily Cross

International Speech

1st: Sheila Hailstone
2nd: Christine Early
3rd: Brian Morris

District 72 Virtual Conference

13 - 15 May 2022



Registrations are Now Open

Want to experience the magic of a District Conference without leaving your home? Register now for our 2022 Virtual Conference! This will be held over the weekend of 13 - 15 May 2022 and will have as many features of our old times' gatherings that we can recreate.

One registration gives you access to all three days of the conference. Register using this link:



[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctcumqgTgpEtLRQD3G5quLquGYJ3Xzm1hM](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctcumqgTgpEtLRQD3G5quLquGYJ3Xzm1hM)

Celebrating 50 Years

2022 is a big year for us! Over this weekend, we will be celebrating 50 years since the formation of District 72. Be part of the magic and make sure you attend!



Watch Parties

Contests are fun to share – and you don't need to keep silent when you aren't in the room!

Share a meal and the evening fun with a group of Toastmasters. Information about the evening happenings are in this newsletter.

Evening Events

Toastmasters love to party – and so we are building this into the conference

Friday Scavenger Hunt

- ▶ Teams of 5 will be challenged to find things from around the house
- ▶ First team back with each item gets the point
- ▶ Team with the most points at the end wins the Scavenger trophy

Challenge yourselves and find ways to communicate across locations.

Saturday

Inter-Division Quiz

- ▶ Each Division will have its own break out room to work on the questions for each round
- ▶ The Division with the most points at the end of the quiz will win both the Inter-Division Quiz Trophy and bragging rights as the smartest and quickest Division of 2022!
- ▶ This is a great opportunity to organise a watch party and form a quiz team.

Networking

Meeting and talking with other Toastmasters is part of what makes a conference special. It's harder to do this when we are all online. However, we have a plan!

Tittle Tattle

Breakout rooms will be open during these sessions.

You can join any session you choose - and move between them if you fancy. Find out what is going on in other parts of D72 or just make new friends.

Want a space to talk with a special group of Toastmasters? No problem. We can set up a specific breakout room for you – and name it what you like. Then you can invite people to your own chat session.

Contests

Friday 17:15-17:45	Saturday 11:15-12:15	Saturday 14:30-15:30	Sunday 10:15-11:30
Table Topics	Humorous	Evaluation	International

Keynote Speakers

Friday 18:00-18:45	Saturday 13:00-13:45	Sunday 11:45-12:15
Lesley Storkey, DTM	Lesley Storkey, DTM	Dr Anna Campbell
Topic: Mentoring Workshop	Topic: Empowering Members	Topic: TBC

Workshop Schedule

Saturday 10:15-11:00	Saturday 13:45-14:30	Saturday 16:15-17:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Generating Speech Topic Ideas ▶ Professional Speaking ▶ Tackling an HPL ▶ DTM Project ▶ Conflict Resolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Generating Speech Topic Ideas ▶ Running a Youth Leadership Programme ▶ DTM Project ▶ Using Te Reo in Speeches ▶ Online Presentation Skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Professional Speaking ▶ Tackling an HPL ▶ How to get the most out of Pathways ▶ Conflict Resolution ▶ Using Te Reo in Speeches

Workshop Speakers

Session	Speaker
Generating Speech Topic Ideas	Helen Cartmell
Conflict Resolution	Harry and Marie Fox
Professional Speaking	Craig McGregor
Tackling an HPL	Chrissy Meyer
Online Presentation Skills	Mata Samatua
Running a Youth Leadership Programme	Rob Julian, Larriane Talbot and Constance Phua (Talbot)
DTM Project	Wendy Wickliffe
How to Get the Most Out of Pathways	Mary Jaksch
Using Te Reo in Speeches	Lovey Ratima-Rapson

The Programme

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Banner Parade Table Topics Contest Workshop Networking & Chat	Workshops Keynote Speaker Humorous Contest Evaluation Contest Networking & Chat	International Contest Networking & Chat Keynote Speaker Awards
Friday Evening	Saturday Evening	
Scavenger Hunt Networking & Chat	Pinning Ceremony Inter-Division Quiz Networking & Chat	

Banner parade

like all good conferences, we are starting with a banner parade. This is a fun time for each club who has people attending the conference to let everyone know they are here. This time, we are offering every club in District 72 to be part of a virtual banner parade.

To do this, please send a photo of your banner and a photo of your club to conference.d72@toastmasters.org.nz

The photo of your banner will need to be in portrait view like the example below:



The club photo needs to be in landscape view and could be the members standing, waving hands or an online Zoom photo. Here are some examples:



We will use all these photos to develop the parade. A bonus of the virtual environment is that we will be able to share the parade after the conference - so even if you can't attend, you can still see your club represented.

View the latest information on the [Conference Website](#)