

District 72 Newsletter August 2022



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Top Table Q&A



Kathryn Duncan
District Director



Glen Pearce
Program Quality Director



Mary Jaksch
Club Growth Director

You had an opportunity to ask the Top Table your questions.

They rose to the challenge and answered them.

[Check out the video](#)

Training Update

Coming Soon....

Look out on the District 72 Training Page for the following online sessions:

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

Moments of Truth Facilitation Workshop

Empowering you to become an MOT facilitator

Judging

The basics of, and importance of judging

Equipping you to run a judging educational or workshop

Contests 101

Getting ready for contest season – useful tips and tools for organising and running contests

Vice President Education

Base Camp, Pathways and Club Central Workshop

Pathways Forum

To be held every six weeks.

Includes:

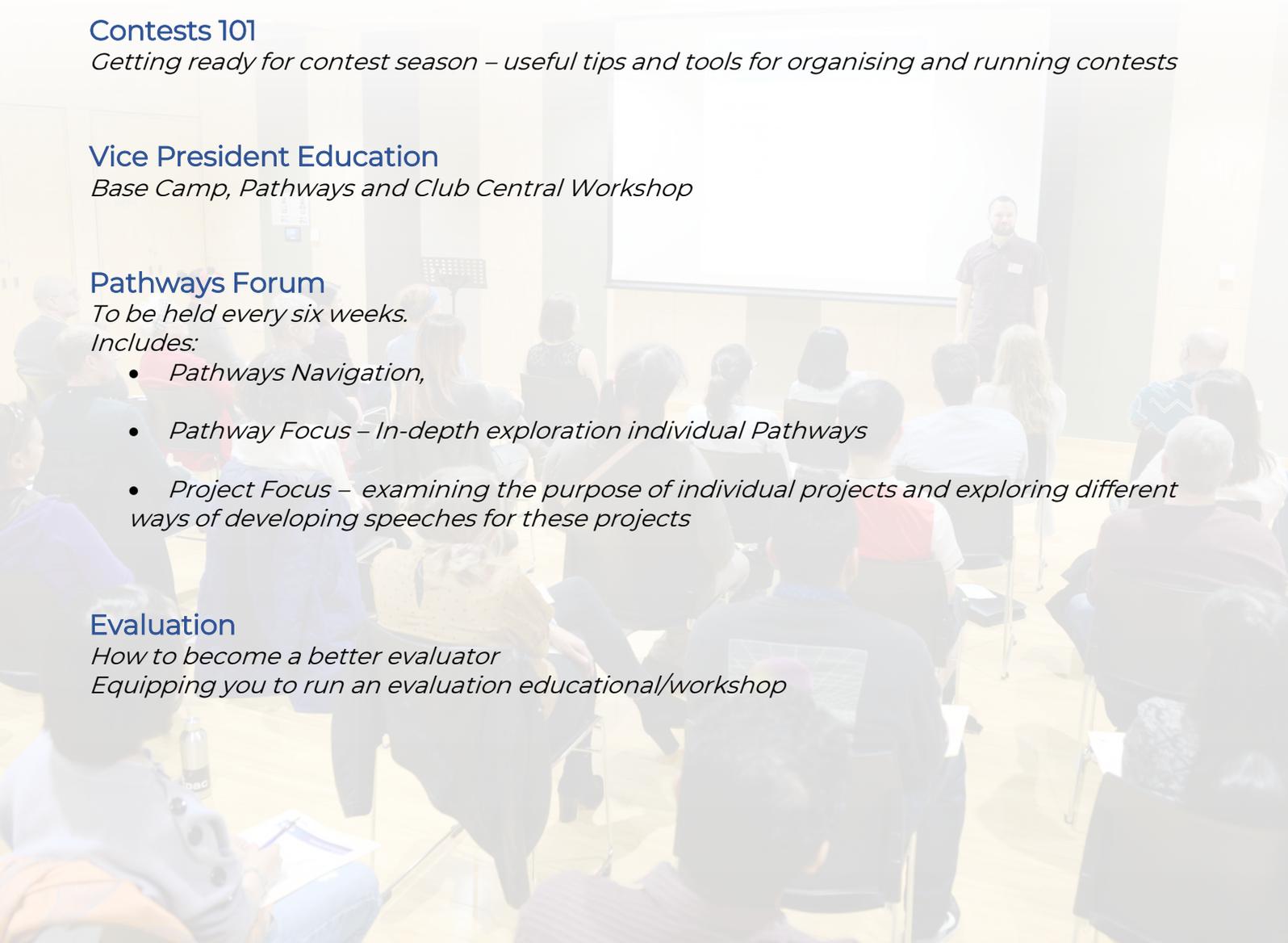
- *Pathways Navigation,*
- *Pathway Focus – In-depth exploration individual Pathways*
- *Project Focus – examining the purpose of individual projects and exploring different ways of developing speeches for these projects*

Evaluation

How to become a better evaluator

Equipping you to run an evaluation educational/workshop

**Learning
Opportunities**



Educational Weekend

Boyle River Educational Weekend: 7 - 9 October

You are invited to a fun-filled educational adventure weekend in October. This will be a wonderful 'in-person' opportunity to take your speaking, presentation and leadership skills, etc, to a higher level, which you can then take back to your club or work environment.

There will be more than 12 workshops ranging 30-60 minutes. Plus an afternoon (Saturday) of professionally run Outdoor Activities for those interested. Indoor Activities will be run at the same time.



There is a limit of 70 spaces, and it is on a first registered/paid basis.

Venue: Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre, Near the Lewis Pass, approximately 2 hours drive from Christchurch. About 3 hours drive from Nelson.

Date: 5pm Friday 7 October through to 1pm Sunday 9 October.

Transport: Carpooling options are included on the registration form.

Accommodation style: Bunkrooms, all at ground level.

Cost:

\$175 - Includes food and accommodation for two nights

\$100 - Saturday day tripper only

\$135 – Non-Toastmaster weekend attendees, including partners and children

To register and find out more details, please click the following link: https://bit.ly/boyle_2022

Registrations of Interest – Workshop Presenters

We already have several presenters confirmed. However, we are also seeking Registrations of Interest for those interested in being one of our additional workshop presenters.

Please email Erik Roeper and/or Celina Templeman to register your interest. In your email, please provide details regarding your workshop, including how long you need.

This event is being hosted by Division E and D.

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60th Anniversary

NZ's first Toastmasters club celebrates 60th Anniversary

Past and present members of the Dunedin Toastmasters Club celebrated the Club's 60th anniversary with a formal dinner and speeches at Manaaki restaurant, Otago Polytechnic, on Saturday the 23 July. The evening was a celebration of the club's founding in 1962, and a reflection on the notable achievements of past members.

The night was opened by enthusiastic host, Craig McGregor, followed by a toast by District Director, Kathryn Duncan to the past and future of Dunedin Toastmasters Club. Club Historian, Graeme Hunt, highlighted the founding contributions from Rob Hendry, Tim Tomlinson, Bryan Buchanan, and Patron Ian Galloway, whose memory is immortalised in the Galloway Trophy for 'most improved club member'. Graeme also remembered early members such as Clive Pryme, Peter Shephard, Terry Boon and Ray Moore, as catalysts in the formation of District 72 in 1972.

Esther Haines reflected on "some big changes in the past 10 years", one being, the introduction of the Pathways programme. Despite some reticence in the beginning, Pathways has become the accepted structure for guiding individuals through their Toastmasters education. Following Esther, members were treated to Glenys Forsyth's Speech; "Obey! Obey! Obey!" which recounted Glenys' time in the New Zealand Army. Glenys' speech won the Division Humorous Contest and was also delivered at the District Contest. To close the night, longest (present) serving member, Trevor Pullar and newest (present) member, Matt Offen, shared a ceremonial cutting of the Anniversary Cake, which was enjoyed during dessert.

In addition to celebrating 60 years of the club, members also celebrated the achievement of Graeme Hunt, who was awarded a life membership, highlighting 22 years of commitment to Toastmasters. Without Toastmasters, Graeme says he would "never have given speeches... if it be at social functions, work functions, weddings, and funerals... The best thing is everyone afterwards says 'I'm glad you got up to speak!'."



Dunedin Club Celebrates 60 years



Host, Craig McGregor and District Director, Kathryn Duncan, share a laugh on stage



Trevor Pullar and Matt Offen cut the ceremonial 60th Anniversary Cake



Graeme Hunt was awarded a life membership



Hybrid means we can attend some of the convention from home.

Two options:

Limited Access Pass—Free

All access online pass—\$US45

This includes World Championship of Public Speaking—the chance to see the finalists in action!

You can find out more [here](#)

Your club vote counts!

At 7am (NZT) on Saturday, 20 August 2022, your club will have the opportunity to vote at the Toastmasters International Annual Business Meeting (ABM). This year there are numerous proposals from the Board of Directors to be voted on, plus the election of International Officer and Director candidates.

Your club has two votes, and notification of these will have been sent to your Club President and Club Secretary. Please note that the voting procedure has changed from last year (where you had 24 hours to vote). This year you must attend the whole ABM to be able to vote at the end.

To fully understand the voting process, please click the following link, <https://www.toastmasters.org/events/annual-business-meeting>

If you do not wish to attend the ABM, please assign your votes to the District Director, Kathryn Duncan, or another member who is attending either in-person or online.

This year, there are twelve Proposals, A-L.

The following link will take you to the Proposals [Toastmasters International -2022 Proposals](#)

Proposals A-J are clarification or wording changes to the Governing Documents, which are unlikely to impact clubs. Two, however, will have an impact:

Proposal K – this now clearly states that the Club President and Club Treasurer position cannot be held by the same person/club officer.

Proposal L – currently the Club President and the VP Education must both attend the District Council Meeting and carry one vote each. This proposal allows one of these two club officers to carry both votes if only one of these two club officers can attend.

Please make your club votes count and attend the ABM, or assign your proxies to someone who is attending.

Contest Focus

“Speech Contest”

A competitive encounter for learning, group entertainment and recognition.

While the above definition applies at Toastmasters, we also take our contests seriously.

Speech contests are an annual tradition at Toastmasters. They commence at club level from October of each year. Contestants may choose from the following speech contests: International, Humorous, Evaluation, Tall Tales and Table Topics. Successful contestants battle their way through the levels: Area, Division, District (for Humorous, Table Topics and Evaluation), but the winner of the District International Speech contest may go through to the annual Toastmasters International Conference, held in August of each year, and potentially win the title World Champion of Public Speaking.

Last year, due to the pandemic, all contests were conducted online as mandated by Toastmasters International. In District 72 we used the Zoom platform. Consequently, we have entered a new arena, so to speak, which has challenged us and required the learning of new technological skills.

Our utmost respect and gratitude must go to our tech people who have patiently guided us through the Zoom contests. It was no easy feat. Tech person, Brad Grootelear, has this to say however,

“Some people believe you need to be a techno-whiz to organize an online contest. This is far from the truth. There are plenty of tutorials out there and it is just a matter of practising with Zoom. Set up a meeting with another person, get used to using screen-sharing and breakout rooms, and become comfortable with the tools.”

As stories and reminiscences circulate about contests, misconceptions inevitably arise. It is believed by some that an International Speech must be serious or motivational or inspirational. But the *Speech Contest Rulebook* states that ‘contestants create their own substantially original speech’. There is no reference to content or style so a humorous speech is definitely acceptable in an International Speech contest. Similarly, the use of props or visual aids is not restricted in any way within the bounds of safety and good taste.

Stringent speech contest rules are set down by Toastmasters International from club to International Conference level. These are covered by the *Speech Contest Rulebook* which can be viewed and/or downloaded on the [Toastmasters International website](#). It is imperative that anyone involved in a contest downloads this and familiarises themselves with its contents.

If we believe in ourselves, prepare, practise and deliver a universal and compelling speech for our audience, then we are all winners at Toastmasters.

Written by Mary Prendergast

Greymouth Toastmasters
Online Uncensored Comedians and Humourists

Contest Focus

Breaking News

There has been some confusion about where contests are to be run this year. We will unpack this confusion and provide an update on the District team's view

Rule book

Section 2 Eligibility; Section C; Paragraph 11 states:

Each contestant must be physically present to compete beyond the club level. Participation by audio, video or other remote technology is not permitted beyond the club level. (Exceptions: participants in the International Speech Contest Regional Quarterfinals and Video Speech Contest.)

Toastmasters International email to District Leaders 28 July

Toastmasters International heard the concerns of many Districts who can not yet meet in person. As a result they sent an email to all District Leaders - here is a quote from that email:

"In light of these considerations, the Board of Directors has decided that all speech contests at the Area, Division, and District levels must be conducted in either a hybrid or online format for the 2022-2023 speech contest cycle. Hybrid contests are defined as those in which some participants (contestants, judges, and/or audience members) are onsite in a physical location and others are online. Online contests are defined as those in which all participants are online."

District 72 Team update

The Toastmasters International Board has asked all Districts to decide on either hybrid or online contests for Areas, Divisions and the District. The District 72 Team is still working through the options and will be presenting the choice to the District Executive meeting shortly. Please talk to your Area Director to let them know what your club prefers.

Club contests will not be impacted by the District's decision.



Have you checked out the Speech Contest resources?

[See the Toastmasters International website](#)

Dear Diary

4 July

Dear Diary, I'm very excited to attend my very first committee meeting tonight! I have never been on a committee for anything before, so it's a brand new experience. A few days ago one of the other committee members helped me to understand a bit more about my role as VP Membership, which is good and I think I have a handle on things now. I am still a bit nervous though, because I'm not sure I will do the role justice.

5 July

I really enjoyed the committee meeting last night. It was actually fun to be part of the planning process and I feel like part of a secret club. There are so many roles on the committee and it was also good to get to see my friend, A, who is also on the committee for the first time this year.

14 July

Hi Diary, I booked myself into do the Club Officer training. I was actually initially wondering how I would manage this, but was pleased when I found out it was going to be via zoom, that means I can work it around my schedule, especially since the kids haven't been going to sleep as early lately!



Dear Diary

25 July

Well Diary, you know how they say 'If you want something done give it to a busy person'? I guess that's me! Time has flown by since the start of the month, and our first committee meeting. Wait... have I done anything since our committee meeting? I'd better get cracking so I have something to report on (hahaha!)

There's a Toastmasters meeting tonight, and I have decided to try and follow up on some inactive members and visitors and try to encourage them to come back.

I have sent individual emails to the past members letting them know that it would be great to see them again. I did get a couple of replies, none of them were able to attend tonight, although one did say he plans to re-join the club in the future, so I know to follow up again in a few months.

I also went through the list of contacts who have visited or enquired recently. Drawing on my experience from my business. I know that it can take up to six contacts before you make a sale, I set up a mailing list, and hope to add new and wrote a personal story centred around tonight's meeting theme, which I sent out and invited these potential new members to attend the meeting.

My plan is to add any new contacts to this mailing list and send out an email once a month, inviting them to a meeting.

26 July

Hey there Diary, Guess what?

My email worked, and one of the new contacts replied saying that she picked up the email a bit too late, but would love to attend a meeting soon. I'm pretty stoked that my story hit a note with someone. I guess it just goes to show that even if you don't think you know what you are doing, everyone has value to bring to the committee... right?