



District 72

Newsletter August 2023

Division Spotlight—Division C

The new Division C team are excited to meet and service their areas and the wider newly expanded Division. Division C now includes Southland, Otago, Mid & South Canterbury and the West Coast. The Division C Director is Lisa Coppins, who joined Toastmasters 6 years ago after attending Speechcraft. Directors for Division C are Marie Fox C3, Glenys Forsyth C4 and Kath Cherrie C6, and we are still looking for an Area Director for C2. Division C is aiming to have more Distinguished Clubs this year and is aiming to support clubs in retaining and gaining members. If you are interested in what's happening in Division C give our Facebook page a follow here <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069533111910>

We look forward to meeting and connecting with you through the year!

From left :C3 Area Director Marie Fox, C6 Area Director Kath Cherrie, Division C Director , Lisa Coppins, C4 Area Director Glenys Forsyth



Kura Kōrero is a community Toastmasters Club. The purpose of the club is to support people wishing to learn more about te Reo Māori me Ōna tikanga – the Māori language and its customs. It is an English-speaking club but with the intention of building confidence and supporting people who want to increase their cultural capability.

While we have different levels of proficiency in speaking te Reo Māori, we are largely beginners and as such we want to create a space where we can all learn together in the spirit of ako: teaching and learning as a reciprocal relationship. The club meets weekly ONLINE on Thursday evenings from 5.30-6.45pm (75 minute session). As it is an online session in a community club, it is open to anyone from anywhere.

The Demonstration meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3rd August from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. For more information

Contact kurakorero@gmail.com

News from the District

Kia ora koutou.

The 1st month of the new Toastmasters year has gone fast! Taking the opportunity to reflect what was achieved previously should be celebrated!

With planning our next steps to our goals, we can benefit from the learnings and opportunities that come from reflection.

Updates in Newsletter

Club Officer Training (Continues)

District Officer Vacancies

Kia ora

The Oscars night for District 72 Is happening.



Kōrero means to tell, say, speak, while Kura (the noun) means education, learning gathering. Together they mean 'The gift of speech.'

Note in your calendars, find an outfit worthy of a "Hollywood" event and look out for your invitation to this event - **The District 72 Awards Evening** on 16 September at Lone Star "Spitfire" in Christchurch. (\$55.00 per head).

Look out for this scooter in this & future newsletters – Tell us which Area & Clubs Marty (Glen) McFly will be visiting on his scooter - let us know your answer at

newsletter.d72@toastmasters.org.nz

your name will be noted in the following newsletter.



Glen Pearce

District Director

"Celebrating Success"



Kia Ora, One of the Districts 'Next Steps' this year is around achieving Distinguished Clubs. This benefits both the Club and members!

Ngā mihi to the 26 clubs that achieved that status in 2022 -2023!

The full list will be on the District 72 Website to view [News – Toastmasters New Zealand](#)

Congratulations on achieving this. It takes commitment, planning and committee/members all doing their part!

'A team that works together, succeeds together'. I would add: should celebrate together!

We can't plan for the unexpected. The clubs that were close, we applaud you for your efforts! By working together on Club goals, we all learn, grow and achieve.

The Club Success Plan is a tool that can help committees/members to focus on what is needed. There is support available throughout the District to support Clubs. I encourage you to reach out to your Area/Division Director with questions/challenges you may have.

The Toastmasters International Convention from 16 – 19 August.

The Trio will be attending, however will be checking emails.

Last year I signed up for the Hybrid experience and found it well worth it!

The time zones were a factor, however it was recorded and this meant I could watch when I had the opportunity to view!

To register is via [Toastmasters International -Convention](#)

District Officer Vacancies

Contact Glen Pearce director.d72@toastmasters.org.nz to let him know what role you are interested in.

Public Relations Manager

C2 - Gore, Queenstown, Scarfies Speechcraft, Wanaka

D1 - Avon, Alphabet Athletic, Boaters, Southern Cities, Sunrise

D3 - Aranui, Bay Harbour, Christchurch, Oakland, Pegasus

G1 - Capital Breakfast, Capital Chatterers, Harbourside, Sunrise Speakers

G2 - BNZ, DIALOGUE, Solnet, Up Top

G3 - Five Crowns, MBIE, NZ Transport Agency, Te Puni Korero, Terrace @ 12, Toast IT! By Servian

G6 - High Noon Bankers, LINZ, Statistically Speaking, Toast NOW

G7 - Cook Strait, Island Bay, Newtown, Peninsula Presenters, Turbine Talkers

Proxy Votes - International Directors

The deadline for assigning vote is 10 August!

The club can choose to votes themselves or assign to the District Director. [Toastmasters International -Proxy FAQ](#)

Your Club votes can make a difference!

Follow the link with instructions that was sent to the Club President and Secretary.



Mary Jaksch

Program Quality Director



I am incredibly proud of our District! Despite facing challenging times, we have persevered and are now on the path to thriving. Our motto for this year is "Step Up to Your Goals." Speaking of goals, have you taken the time to reflect on your own? Have they evolved since you joined Toastmasters? To gain more clarity about your aspirations, I strongly recommend completing the new [Goals-Questionnaire.pdf \(toastmasters.org.nz\)](https://toastmasters.org.nz/Goals-Questionnaire.pdf) It will help you better understand your objectives and create a roadmap to achieve them.

If you're a Club Officer, encourage your fellow members to fill out the questionnaire as well, so you can support each other to achieve. Furthermore, I'd like to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional achievements of some of our members from the last Toastmasters year. They have reached a rare milestone by attaining Level 5 in one of the Pathways. The list can be found on District 72 Website. [News – Toastmasters New Zealand](#)

I encourage you to embrace your goals wholeheartedly, no matter what they may be. Remember, stepping up to your goals requires dedication, resilience, and continuous improvement. Together, let's make this year a remarkable one by striving for personal growth and success in our Toastmasters journey!

Kayleen Gilder

Club Growth Director



D72 Club Growth Challenge

NEW Clubs

Do you see a niche opening up for a potential Club?

Are you that one step away from reaching your goal as a DTM?

REPURPOSE your Club

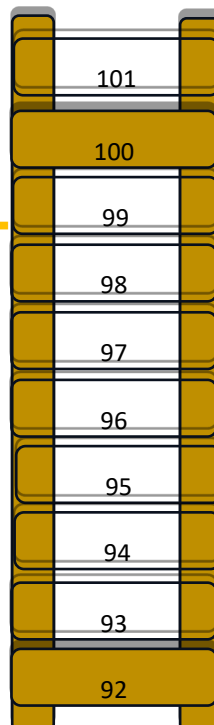
Does your Club have low numbers?

Feeling tired and need a spruce up?

Could your Club be repurposed, e.g. given a new name, a new culture, a different time, day for the Club meeting or maybe a venue that doesn't hold the club back from new membership?

Any enquiries contact: Kayleen Gilder, Club Growth Director

clubgrowth.d72@toastmasters.org.nz



New Club / Repurposing Old Clubs

Incentives – the following are some incentives that will be offered depending on the number of clubs created/repurposed.

- 1 Club
- 2 Clubs
- 3 Clubs
- 4 Clubs
- More clubs
- ...



The District 72 Leadership Team invites all members to participate in the growth of District 72.

In 2018-2019 the District supported 127 clubs. In 2022-23 the District now supports 92 clubs, a reduction in 27% of clubs within the District. We are entering a phase of growth and expansion. To help support the expansion each Division and its members are challenged to either create new clubs or repurpose existing clubs struggling with low membership into thriving clubs.

In July Newsletter we asked the question, Ralph C Smedley is the founder of Toastmasters — without looking it up, have a guess what the C. stands for?

Ralph Chesnut Smedley was the correct answer.

Well done to Graeme Hunt, Maureen McNamara for correctly answering.

This month's question, The first ever Toastmaster meeting was held at the YMCA building on ____ 1924??

Submit your answer to:
newsletter.d72@toastmasters.org.nz



District Finances

For 2023 –2024 expense claims, use the form at District Resources on the District 72 Website.

[District – Toastmasters New Zealand](#)

Contact your Division Director for pre-approval.

Club Officer Training

Join the upcoming Club Officer Training!
If you want your club to thrive, take part in the upcoming Club Officer Training! You can choose any one of the three dates below. For new officers, as well as 'old hands', this training is essential. If you are an experienced leader, please attend the training so that you can guide the new officers with your valuable experience and seasoned tips.

Everyone will gain from workshops on Secrets of Member Retention (based on research by TI) and on the new online Club Success Plan. You can attend Club Officer Training session from either our District 72 or from District 112 - any attendance will count. Registration is required and links are available on **D72 & D112 website**.

Here are the dates:

Online—Saturday 5th August 9 am—12 pm

[Saturday 5 August 2023, 9 AM – 12 PM \(Click to Register\)](#)

Online from District 112— 10 August 6—9 pm
(for experienced Club Officers)

[Club Officer Training is different this year - find out more - Toastmasters New Zealand North \(d112tm.org.nz\)](#)

In person Divisions G & J 12th August 12.15—3.15 pm
(To register attendance, contact Terry Cave)

division.g@toastmasters.org.nz

[Toastmasters Club Officer Training in Person \(google.com\)](#)

Please encourage all leaders in your club to participate. This will help your club to thrive. Your club will get points for the Distinguished Club Program if at least four officers are trained in this round of club officer training.

All registration links can be found at
[Training – Toastmasters New Zealand](#)

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Calendar of other District/International events

August 16th-19th Toastmasters International Convention

Our Trio will be there in the Bahamas

September 15th District Executive Committee (Hybrid)

September 16th District Officer Training in Christchurch

September 16th 2022-23 Awards Evening in Christchurch

September 17th District Council Meeting (Hybrid)

May 3rd-5th District Conference in Dunedin