



District 72

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News from the District

On Behalf of the 2022/2023 District Leadership team, we welcome you to the 2023/24 Toastmasters year.

We would like to thank all the 2022/2023 District Officers for the huge effort they put in and the way they adapted to so many new challenges. They can be proud of the fact that they rose to those challenges.

To our incoming 2023/2024 Club Officers and District Officers, we thank you for accepting the challenge of leadership and wish you all the best. We look forward to getting to know you better as we work together throughout the year.

District Officers

We still have several Areas looking for their Area Director. (see page 3 for vacancies) If you are interested in taking that next step in your leadership journey, please contact the District Director, Glen Pearce.

Senior Leader training and planning was held on 8 - 9 June - probably on Wellington's most glorious winter days. No wind and no rain!



From left :- Reuben Painter (Div D Director), Lisa Coppins (Div C Director), Kayleen Gilder (CGD) Mary Jaksch (PQD) Kathryn Duncan (IPDD) Esther Haines (Administration Manager) Hiding — Glen Pearce (District Director) Sheryl Ryan (Finance Manager) Jacqui Blackwell (Div J Director) Absent:- Terry Cave (Div G Director) David Templeman (Parliamentarian)

District Officer Training

District Officer training was held on 24- 25 June and we are happy to report it was a huge success! Please make your Area Director feel welcome! All appointed Area Directors can now be found at

toastmasters.org.nz/contact-the-district/

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

“Next steps to your goals”



Welcome to the new Toastmasters Year!

I encourage everyone to take a moment to write down what your next steps for the year are. Ask yourself the following: -

1. What would you like to achieve as a Toastmaster this 2023-24 Toastmasters' year?
2. What steps do you want to work on?
3. Stretch Challenge (what will you be challenging yourself to accomplish in the next 12 months)

I have found sharing these goals a valuable way of keeping on track and getting encouragement and support along the way!

This is an opportunity to achieve a personal goal at Toastmasters. Your goals could include:

- Completing a Pathway
- Working towards achieving a Distinguished Toastmaster Award (DTM)
- Being a Club Officer or take up a leadership role this year
- Building on the success of your club from last year - how many new members and awards can your Club achieve this year?

District next steps this year are to build on the foundation we have made this year:

1. Retention incentive for Clubs with a minimum of 10 members continuing in October and April. There will be 2 x draws for incentive.
- 2 Increase paid clubs in good standing in the District to back over 100 clubs.
3. District to achieve Distinguished Clubs goal of at least 37 clubs distinguished.
4. District Communication through multiple channels.

As a District, the more “next steps” we all make together, the more successful we will all be!

Encourage the sharing of ideas and the challenges that clubs have. Support is available.

It is ok to stumble sometimes, Toastmasters is a safe environment to learn!

Toastmasters International Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting (ABM) is a yearly assembly of the voting members of Toastmasters International. It is primarily held for the election of Board Members and to conduct other business of the organization. Please follow the link below to find out what your club needs to do.

<https://www.toastmasters.org/events/annual-business-meeting/voting>

District Website

Access lots of helpful resources via the Members Section of our website
[toastmasters.org.nz/news](https://www.toastmasters.org.nz/news)

Mary Jaksch Program Quality Director

My Vision as Program
Quality Director



I am thrilled about the future of District 72! Despite the challenges we have faced, I believe we are now entering a phase of growth and expansion.

One aspect that truly motivates me in Toastmasters is witnessing the positive impact Clubs can have on people's lives. Often, when new members join a Club, they may feel too shy or nervous to speak in front of others. It is truly remarkable to see these individuals evolve, gaining confidence and honing their communication skills. The progress they make brings me immense joy and fuels my commitment to serve the District and its members to the best of my ability.

Furthermore, I am eager to establish a mentoring programme specifically designed for emerging leaders. The leadership track within Toastmasters, whether at the Club or District level, provides an incredible opportunity for personal and professional growth.

These skills acquired through Toastmasters can be instrumental in achieving success in various job roles. To bring this mentoring programme to life, I will rely on your support and collaboration to develop a comprehensive plan. Together, we can empower and guide the future leaders of our District.

Kayleen Gilder Club Growth Director



The world is changing at a rapid pace and District 72 alongside it. In the last 2-3 years the District has seen the loss of 28 clubs. We have been striving to thrive but sometimes only surviving. The District is also reshaping into 4 Divisions. With the ever changing landscape, the loss of Clubs and introduction of new and innovative ways of doing things, I believe there are opportunities opening up for members in our District to create new, diverse and sustainable Clubs. A challenge this year will be for each Division to create new Clubs in their Areas, with some incentives coming to encourage you on your way. It is often said that the children are our future. I believe this generation of people are an important missing piece of the puzzle that makes up District 72. Our younger members are the future of the District, we need their skills, ideas and input as much as they need our experience and wisdom so that together we can make a strong, continuously improving District.

I look forward to serving the members of District 72 in the coming 12 months.

*Ralph C Smedley is the founder of Toastmasters —
without looking it up, have a guess what the C. stands for*
Submit your answer to
newsletter.d72@toastmasters.org.nz

District Officer Vacancies (please contact Glen Pearce to discuss your interest in being an Area Director for one of the following Areas)

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

G2 - BNZ, DIALOGUE, Solnet, Up Top

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

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

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

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 nine 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. Here are the dates:

Online

Monday 17 July 6-9pm

Tuesday 18 July 6-9pm

Wednesday 26 July 6-9pm

Thursday 27 July 6-9pm

Saturday 5 August 9 am-12 noon

Online from District 112

Thursday 20 July 6pm-9pm

Friday 21 July 6pm-9pm

Monday 24 July 6pm-9pm

Tuesday 25 July 6pm-9pm

Wednesday 9 August

(for Advanced Toastmasters) 6pm-9pm

Possible in person (to be confirmed)

Divisions G & J Saturday 12 August 9am-1pm

Division D Saturday 19 August 9am-1pm

Please encourage all leaders in your Club to participate. Your Club will get points for the Distinguished Club Program if at least four officers are trained in both rounds of Club Officer Training. All registration links can be found at toastmasters.org.nz/training/

Tranquil backdrop meets Toastmasters tradition

Take part in a Bahamian adventure that is both a meeting of the minds and a sanctuary for the soul.

Learn amidst pink sands and tropical breezes.

Connect in a place where swimming pigs play. The

Bahamas, soon to be brimming with the world's

best communicators, is calling you: come to

convention—even for the online/livestreamed

experience—come explore a sea of possibility!

REGISTER NOW: <https://www.toastmasters.org/events/2023-Convention>

Calendar of other District events

Sunday 9 July District Executive Committee

16-19 August Toastmasters International
Convention

- Our Trio will be there in the Bahamas

Friday 15 September District Exec Committee

Saturday 16 September District Officer Training
and **2022-23 Awards Evening in Christchurch**

Sunday 17 September District Council Meeting

Friday 3 May to Sunday 5 May

District Conference in Dunedin

