

## **DISTRICT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT FOR DISTRICT 72**

The District Leadership Committee (DLC) comprised of the following members:

- Kendall Eade, Division J
- Pauline Cook, Division J
- Norbert Lee, Division G
- Kath Cherry, Division G
- Penny Coffey, Division D
- Bailey Wood, Division D
- Marie Fox, Division C
- Lisa Timpany, Division C
- Kathryn Duncan, Chair

The committee interviewed six candidates throughout the month of February.

Each candidate has self-nominated and was subsequently interviewed by members of the District Leadership Committee.

The District Leadership Committee deliberated on Thursday 29 February and Sunday 3rd March 2024 and deemed the following candidates to be either “eligible” and “qualified” for the role for which they nominated or not eligible and/or not qualified.

Note: A qualified candidate is a candidate that meets the qualifications outlined in the District Administrative Bylaws, Article VII (d). An eligible candidate is a candidate that meets the qualifications (as per above) and has been evaluated by the District Leadership Committee.

District Director Candidate: • Peter Simmonds Not eligible.

Program Quality Director Candidate: • Kayleen Gilder Qualified and Eligible

Club Growth Director Candidate: • Lisa Coppins Qualified and Eligible

• Peter E C Simmonds not qualified

Protocol 9.0 requires two Club Growth Director candidates to be nominated. Two candidates have been nominated, however only one candidate was qualified for the position therefore the report is incomplete with respect to the role of Club Growth Director.

We interviewed two Candidates, and one Candidate is considered a “Qualified” and “eligible” candidate by the District Leadership Committee. Second Candidate has been given the opportunity to run from the floor when nominations are called. Each candidate must submit their intent to run from the floor to the District Director no later than seven (7) days prior to the election.

Public Relations Manager. No nominations received.

## Division Director Candidates

Division C: Glenys Forsyth

Division D: Jo Moar

Division G: • No Candidate was nominated nor interviewed.

Division J: • No Candidate was nominated nor interviewed.

Where there are no candidates for a Division Director role, floor nominations will be called for. Where there are no floor candidates for a role, the District Director will appoint one. Calls will be made for floor candidates once this report has been distributed on the Toastmasters New Zealand Website, and floor candidates must submit their request to the District Director by Saturday 27th April 2024 which is 1 week prior to the District Council meeting (currently scheduled for Saturday 4th May 2024). This is as per Toastmasters Policy and is to allow time for the District Leadership Committee time to check the candidate is qualified to be a floor candidate.

Kathryn Duncan

District Leadership Committee Chair

District 72, New Zealand

## **Program Quality Director Candidate**

### **Kayleen Gilder MS2**

I joined Toastmasters six years ago. My home club is Speak-Easy Club in Dunedin, and I am also a member of Cup Cake Communicators in Wellington. Before that, Toastmasters was not even a twinkle in my eye or a goal for personal development to gain confidence in speaking up and speaking out. However, from my first meeting, Toastmasters became a hidden passion revealed.



Over the last six years, I believe training and education for club and district offers have gone from strength to strength, with a variety of topics presented to support leadership and quality clubs. I believe the training will only get better as we deliver the tools to develop skills both online and in person to support members in their leadership roles and build quality clubs.

The training teams have inspired me to want to be part of the movement forward with training and education that i) supports all our Toastmasters to reach their goals to become better speakers, gain or build on their knowledge to successfully undertake club and district roles, and ii) continue the momentum by taking a deeper dive into topics such as conflict resolution and marketing our clubs. These are two areas that i) support leaders in our District to have the confidence to step into leadership roles and promote harmonious interactions with each other and, more broadly, with friends, family, work colleagues, etc., and ii) support our clubs in putting their best foot forward to attract and retain new members to our clubs.

Personal growth is another passion of mine. My growth has risen exponentially over the last six years. I am keen to support others who also want to grow as individuals and gain the skills to support their club/s through leadership and education.

My leadership style is that of the servant leader, and I hope to work with you to create training and education programs that are interactive, fun, and educational.

### **Club Growth Director Candidate**

#### **Lisa Coppins IP5 & VC4**

I have gained so much personal growth by being part of this amazing organization. Now is the time for me to give back, support our clubs, and help build our membership numbers.

I was introduced to Toastmasters through a Speechcraft course, 7 years ago which taught me the foundations, and showed me new possibilities. I loved learning from the experienced members and discovering new skills. Since then, I haven't looked back and have not stopped learning. I have filled almost all club committee roles, in my club. And have enjoyed serving in district roles the last 2 terms (Area D5 Director for the 22-23 year, and I am currently the Division C Director). Both these roles have allowed me to meet Toastmasters members in the wider South Island area and throughout the district. I am passionate about Toastmasters and if elected, I will be devoted to my role. Toastmasters has made a huge difference to me, and I believe the organization has so much to offer.

As well as being a Toastmaster, I work as a vet nurse, have my own dog training business, and enjoy some old-time hobbies like knitting, crocheting and handwriting letters to pen friends.



## Division Directors

### Division C Candidate

#### **Glenys Forsyth PM = completed, PI3, MS2**

I knew, from the moment I walked through the door six years ago to attend a Dunedin Toastmaster's meeting that I was home. The following week I was a paid-up member and I have never looked back.

During my time with Toastmasters, I have held the role of President, Vice President of Education and Area C4 Director. In my working career I have held leadership roles within the tertiary sector. I have also held governance roles in the Not for Profit (NFP) sector. I found that whether I was leading paid employees or volunteers, the philosophy underpinning leadership remains the same and my personal ethical framework of leadership (integrity, caring, justice) remained the same. I see these skills as transferable to a leadership role within Toastmasters International. In fact, I have used these skills in the various roles that I have held / do hold in Toastmasters.

I bring a humanistic approach to my leadership - I genuinely care about people. In all my leadership roles, in fact, in life in general, I have always maintained that it is not about me, it is always about other people whether this be in my day job or being a toastmaster. I do not have a personal agenda, other than I want to empower others to be the best they can be.

This includes not only in leadership and communication, but also confidence, self-worth, and self-esteem. The values that I operate within personally align with those of Toastmasters International.

I see my skills and genuine interest in empowering people to be the best that they can be, aligning to the role of Division Director.



## **Division D Director Candidate**

### **Jo Moar SR5**

My journey with Toastmasters began back in 2013 when I embarked on a Speechcraft course at my workplace. Over the past decade, I have been actively engaged with several clubs within Division E, and more recently, Division D after relocating to Christchurch two and a half years ago.

Throughout my Toastmasters journey, I have held various Club Leadership roles and served as an Area Director and Club Coach within Division E. I contributed to her Wellington Toastmasters community by presenting content and even catering for Club Officer Training sessions, chairing Area and Division contests, and hopes to continue in the same vein in Christchurch. I was pleased with my achievements of reaching the District 72, 2023 final in the Table Topics Contest and obtaining the Strategic Relationships Pathways Badge.

I bring a wealth of leadership knowledge and skills acquired from my professional background and extensive involvement with supporting charities, not-for-profits, and sports clubs. Currently, I am in the process of establishing my own business based on this wealth of experience.

Excited about mentoring and supporting Area Directors in advancing their club's growth, I am eager to share my insights and highlight the transformative benefits that Toastmasters offers its members.

Outside of Toastmasters and professional pursuits, I recently tied the knot and spent February exploring the UK on my honeymoon, including three adventurous weeks in a motorhome. My travels have provided her with a plethora of new speech topics.

In my downtime, you'll likely find me passionately cheering on my favourite football club, Liverpool, pottering in the garden, or indulging in my creative hobbies, whether it's crocheting with a hook and yarn or spinning fleece into yarn with my trusty spinning wheel.

