

District 72 Newsletter

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From the District

Glen Pearce,
DTM
District
Director
2023 -2024



March-ing onwards!

Kia Ora Koutou

Hard to believe it is already March and the Toastmasters year has gone fast! Welcome to the trio, Carol Mitchell, DTM as Program Quality Director for the remainder of 2023 -2024 year. Good to have you onboard.

Back in July, like Clubs, members, plans /goals were set, how we wanted to step up this year. Sometimes these plans /goals don't always work out.

With four months of the year remaining, there is still an opportunity to pause and reflect. What has worked well, what do we want to still achieve and how can we do this? I have found this a useful exercise to understand as often the best laid plans go astray! There is still time to achieve that education level at the club, talk to your VP Education about getting the speech slots. Another opportunity to step up is to give a speech at another club.

It can be discouraging at times however keep going! The results often come when you don't expect them i.e. the new visitors/ members you work towards at the club. Remember support is available, get in touch with your Area/Division Director.

ngā mihi

Glen Pearce

Kayleen Gilder
Club Growth
Director
2023 -2024



New Club and Membership Fees Due!

I am pleased to welcome the newly chartered Kura Kōrero Online Toastmasters club to District 72. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Moumita Jamindar, Karen Lynley, and the Executive team who have worked tirelessly to establish this club. Their hard work has paid off and we welcome them to our District.

I encourage everyone to visit the NZT members website <https://www.toastmasters.org.nz/>, extend a warm welcome to the members of Kura Kōrero Online Toastmasters, and if possible attend their meetings to support them.

It's also time to renew our membership/s with our respective club/s.

Membership fees are due by 31 March. Paying early will ensure that your club remains in good standing, and your Toastmasters journey is seamless.

All clubs must have a minimum of eight paid-up members to maintain good standing. This will ensure that members have access to the Toastmasters International education program and resources and that those who choose to compete can continue to do so.

I urge you not to wait until the last minute! The clubs that had eight members pay their club fees by 15 March have been entered into a draw to receive one of two US\$50.00 vouchers from TI to spend in their shop. So, be quick!

Kayleen Gilder

DISTRICT 72 CONFERENCE

ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN, 3-5 MAY 2024

Come on an adventure in astronomy with Dr Ian Griffin - keynote speaker - Sunday!

Director of Tūhura Otago Museum, astronomer and adventurer, Ian Griffin will take the audience on a photographic journey to share his passion for the night skies. Ian's enthusiasm will be infectious as you too will see the beauty of the Southern skies like you have never seen them before.

Ian first saw the Aurora Australis from a Dunedin beach soon after arriving in New Zealand ten years ago when taking up his post at Otago Museum. Since then his fervour for trying to capture the perfect image of the Aurora has taken him on adventures far and wide to some of the remotest places across New Zealand. His quest inspired him to organise the first ever charter flight to the southern auroral zone, as well as taking numerous flights on board NASA's flying Observatory SOFIA.



Image taken by Ian Griffin at Hoopers Inlet, Dunedin

Ian Griffin completed his PhD in Astronomy at University College London and then spent over twenty years leading cultural institutions in Northern Ireland, Florida, Auckland, Maryland, Manchester (UK) and Oxford (UK) before coming to Dunedin in 2013 to lead Otago Museum. Ian was awarded the Prime Minister's Science Media Communication Prize in 2015 and was made a Companion of The Royal Society Te Apārangi in 2019. Ian writes a weekly astronomy column in the Otago Daily Times.



Come and hear about Ian's adventures and be captivated by his amazing astrophotography.

Conference Social Events

Friday Night - science centre and planetarium experience. \$50

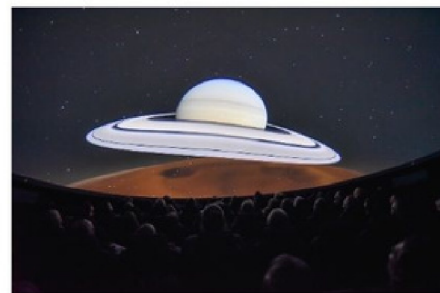
Play to your heart's content on the many science interactives and enjoy a 20-minute planetarium experience where one of the Museum's fantastic Science Communicators will take you on an incredible astronomical adventure. Food by Precinct included in the price. Cash bar available.

Saturday Night Dine and Dance \$105

Dance the night away to Charma, one of the most energetic, entertaining and successful private function bands in the South Island. Catering by Precinct, one of Dunedin's favourite cafés and catering companies.

Bring a friend or partner

Don't miss out on the fun! Book these with your conference registration!



Confirmed Educationals :

Jonathan Usher - humour

Marea Colombo - impromptu speaking

Watch for further announcements about our keynote speakers and more educational sessions.

Standard registration 3-days \$155

For more options and to register go to the **Conference website**

toastmasters.org.nz/conference

For Conference updates follow

[Facebook@ToastmastersD72Conference](https://www.facebook.com/ToastmastersD72Conference)

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A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

D72 Conference | 3-5 May 2024 | Tūhura Otago Museum, Ōtepoti Dunedin





D72 Contests!

Speech Contests - to District and beyond!

Taking part in a contest is never an easy task - wait what do I speak about, my pet rock? Am I really as humorous as my club says? I've never done a Division before, you think I should compete??

We all get a few butterflies on the day - and yet hundreds of Toastmasters from across our District have taken part, with the very best forging on ahead to Area, Division, and now District level on the 3rd-5th of May!

These opportunities don't come out of thin air however - each Area and above contests have a team of 15+ people making it possible! Have you ever taken part in a Contest?

Even if you don't feel up to speaking at one, there are many ways you can take part and build up valuable skills - as well as meet many awesome Toastmasters!

Many of these roles are a great fit for your Pathway Projects as well, for example:

Level 4 : Manage Online Meetings - a great fit for an online Sergeant at Arms or Tech support!

Level 4: Manage Projects Successfully, or Level 5: Team Building - take part in planning a contest, as a Contest Chair, or Chief Judge!

What other projects do you think would be a good fit? Toastmasters is full of opportunities, so take charge of your journey and have a go at a contest in 2024.

Reuben Painter
Division D Director

Congratulations to all members who took part in the D72 Club, Area, and Division Contests over the past few months!



Contest Chair



Sergeant at Arms



Timer



Ballot Counter



Chief Judge



Voting Judge



Test Speaker



Warmup Speaker



Tech Support



Catering

Can you think of any other roles?



D72 Contests - Divisions C and G

Speech Contests - all around New Zealand!

Division C



Division G





D72 Contests - Division D

Speech Contests - with some flair!

Division D



Combined Area D2 and D4 Contests



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Dates to note:

31st March

Membership Fees Due

3rd - 5th May

District 72 Conference

30th June

**Club Officer Lists to
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