

Toastmasters District 72 Conference

A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua

I walk backwards into the future
with my eyes fixed on my past

3-5 MAY 2024
Tūhura Otago Museum
Ōtepoti Dunedin



WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT 72 CONFERENCE

A very warm Dunedin welcome to all Toastmasters and associates attending this year's conference! Dunedin was the host for the New Zealand 50-year celebrations in 2012. We are delighted to again be hosting a conference for an incredible milestone for this organisation, the Toastmasters International 100-year anniversary.



Your host, Dunedin Toastmasters Club, was the very first club to be chartered sixty-two years ago in New Zealand. One of Dunedin's club members recently celebrated 50 years of membership - another incredible milestone.

The Dunedin Toastmasters Club would like to acknowledge the support of Toastmasters from Speakeasy, Tabletalk, Lunchspeak, Dawnspeakers, and Wavecrest clubs, without whose work this conference would not be possible.

We have lined up a full programme of events that we hope you will enjoy, whether you are with us in person or online, and will foster the sharing and fellowship that makes Toastmasters conferences so enjoyable. The Tūhura Otago Museum is truly a journey through time - Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua - I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past. I encourage you to make the most of its facilities and enjoy the conference!

Craig McGregor ACG, ALB, MS5, VC2 **Conference Chairman**

A warm welcome to the District 72 Conference 2024 in Ōtepoti Dunedin. If this is your first time attending a conference, I encourage you to make the most of the experience. This year is also 100 years since the birth of Toastmasters. Founder Ralph Smedley said 'we learn best in moments of enjoyment', reminding us that this weekend is about acknowledging the past whilst moving forward, having fun and learning!



Take this opportunity to listen, learn something new and talk to someone you haven't met before. Take fresh ideas back to your clubs and network with fellow Toastmasters. Best of luck to all the contestants this weekend.

Ngā mihi,

Glen Pearce, DTM

District 72 Director 2023 - 2024



WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

Kia ora koutou,

I warmly welcome you to Ōtepoti Dunedin for the Toastmasters District 72 Conference 2024. This is an auspicious year, as Toastmasters International celebrates its centenary. This milestone represents millions of people globally who have become more confident communicators, public speakers and leaders thanks to Toastmasters.

The Dunedin Toastmasters Club was the first Toastmasters chartered in Aotearoa New Zealand, making it an apt location for District 72's centenary-year conference.

You have an exciting weekend of events planned within the elegant surrounds of the award-winning Tūhura Otago Museum. I am sure this setting will provide additional layers of interest and enjoyment to your programme, and offer food-for-thought in light of your conference theme, A Journey Through Time.

Tūhura sits alongside the University of Otago campus, a cornerstone of our city's vibrancy with around 21,000 students. As well as being a university city, Dunedin is renowned for its Edwardian, Victorian and Scottish baronial heritage buildings, rare wildlife and beautiful scenery. It is also a UNESCO City of Literature with a proud arts and music pedigree.

I hope you enjoy the southern hospitality our great little city has to offer and get the chance to explore some of our outstanding attractions. These include our lively Octagon and CBD, Larnach Castle on Otago Peninsula, and the Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Garden – the only one of its kind in the southern hemisphere. You can browse www.dunedinnz.com to see more that Dunedin has to offer.

Here's to a wonderful weekend of inspiration, celebration and connection at the Toastmasters District 72 Conference 2024.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jules Radich
MAYOR OF DUNEDIN
TE KOROMATUA O ŌTEPOTI



PROGRAMME

Friday 3rd May

11:00am	Registration desk opens	Hutton Theatre
12:30pm	Online contestant sound checks - Table Topics	Online
12:45pm	Contestant tech briefing (in person) - Table Topics	Hutton Theatre
1:30pm	Opening Ceremony – Mihi Whakatau	Hutton Theatre
2:35pm	Presentation of District Awards - Distinguished Toastmasters	Hutton Theatre
2:50pm	Educationals: Jonathan Usher, Marea Colombo	Hutton, Barclay Theatres respectively
3:45pm	Table Topics Contest and results	Hutton Theatre
5:00pm	Close	
5:00pm	Candidate's Showcase	Kākāpō Room
6:30-9pm	Science Quest (Friday Night Social)	Level 1

Saturday 4th May

7:00am	Registration desk opens	Hutton Theatre
7:30am	Online contestant sound checks - Humorous & Evaluation	Online
7:45am	Contestant tech briefing (in person) - Humorous & Evaluation	Hutton Theatre
8:30am	Welcome	Hutton Theatre
8:40am	Educational: Marea Colombo, Lovey Ratima-Rapson	Hutton, Barclay Theatres respectively
9:35am	Keynote Speaker - Cheryl Adams	Hutton Theatre
10:25am	Morning tea	Atrium Level 1
10:50am	Humorous Speech Contest	Hutton Theatre
12:30pm	Presentation of District Awards Jack Duffy Award for Community Service	Hutton Theatre
12:35pm	Humorous Speech Contest results	Hutton Theatre
12:45pm	Lunch	Atrium Level 1

1:30pm	District Council Meeting	Hutton Theatre
3:30pm	Afternoon tea	Atrium Level 1
4:00pm	Evaluation Contest	Hutton Theatre
5:20pm	Pinning ceremony	Hutton Theatre
5:30pm	Evaluation Contest results	Hutton Theatre
5:40pm	Close	
7:00 -11pm	Dine and Dance (smart dress)	Atrium Level 1

Sunday 5th May

7:30am	Registration desk opens	Hutton Theatre
8:00am	Online contestant sound checks - International Speech contest	Online
8:15am	Contestant tech briefing (in person) - International Speech	Hutton Theatre
9:00am	Welcome	Hutton Theatre
9:10am	Educationals: Roger Hynd, Karen Hoyland	Hutton, Barclay Theatres respectively
10:05am	Keynote Speaker - Dr Ian Griffin	Hutton Theatre
10:50am	Morning tea	Atrium Level 1
11:20am	International Speech Contest	Hutton Theatre
12:50pm	Presentation of District Long Service Awards	Hutton Theatre
1:20pm	International Speech Contest results	Hutton Theatre
1:30pm	Conference close	

Please stand if able

Waiata: Te Aroha

*Te aroha
Te whakapono
Me te rangimarie
Tātou, tātou e.*

Aotearoa, New Zealand National Anthem

*E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā,
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa.
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa.*

*God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.*

CONFERENCE EVENTS

CONTESTS

See Above Programme for Details

See the District's top speakers in the District 72 finals. Speakers who placed first or second at club, area and division levels qualify for the District 72 finals. The Humorous Contest will be sure to have you laughing on the edge of your seats. The Evaluation Contest tests a speaker's ability to provide constructive feedback. The TableTopics Contest is an impromptu speaking contest where speakers must answer a question provided to them on the spot. The International Contest presents the opportunity for its winner to compete overseas in the World Championship of Public Speaking.

SCIENCE QUEST

Science Centre | Friday 6:30 - 9pm



Start the conference with our fascinating Science quiz that will take you on an adventure through over 40 interactive science exhibits! You may be in to win one of our spot prizes. Then, take a mesmerizing trip to the stars in Tūhura's fabulous planetarium. Enjoy delicious food catered by Precinct Café. Beverages available for purchase at a cash bar.

SATURDAY LUNCH

Atrium Level 1 | 12:45pm

Catch up over lunch with your fellow Toastmasters after the Humorous Contest and before the District Council Meeting, catered by Precinct Café.

DINE AND DANCE

Tūhura Otago Museum | Saturday 7 - 11pm

A night of fun, food and funky dance moves with your fellow Toastmasters and friends. Dance the night away to classics from the Beatles, ABBA and Cheaptrick performed by Dunedin's favourite cover band, Charma. Indulge in Precinct Café's delectable platters. A night to remember.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

CHERYL ADAMS

CEO, Animation Research Limited

Creating Creativity from Outside the Field of Play

Being the CEO of one of Australasia's leading Computer Graphics production houses, seemed an unlikely career choice for Cheryl Adams when she was grubbing thistles on her parent's farm. After all, she was going to be an accountant, until a calculus teacher suggested she'd get bored and advised her to head to engineering school. Cheryl will share her journey from mechanical engineer to award-winning computer graphics and empathetic people leader. We'll hear about how to create a space for innovation and what happened when things didn't go so well! Cheryl lives on a 'no-lifestyle block' above Carey's Bay in Dunedin's beautiful West Harbour with her partner, two teenage sons and four chooks.



DR IAN GRIFFIN

Director, Tūhura Otago Museum

Adventures in Astronomy

Ian Griffin completed his PhD in Astronomy at University College London and spent over 20 years leading cultural institutions around the world. In 2013 Ian was appointed as the 8th director of Otago Museum and, understanding the important role a museum can play in inspiring the next generation, oversaw the development of the Museum's science centre and planetarium. When Ian witnessed his first aurora australis in Dunedin, this started a passion for photographing the night skies. Ian will take the audience on a photographic tour of the night skies with some tales of his adventures in capturing the perfect image. In 2015 Ian was awarded the Prime Minister's Science Media Communication Prize and in 2019 was made a Companion of The Royal Society Te Apārangi.



EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS

MAREA COLOMBO

Thinking on your Feet: a Workshop in Spontaneity

Marea Colombo has been making things up for as long as she can remember. This skill has led her to be the Artistic Director of Improsaurus, an Ōtepoti-based improvisation troupe. Her PhD in social psychology investigated how we can “see through other people’s eyes,” and she loves intertwining both her academic and creative sides. Colombo is the co-creator of multi-award-winning company Late Bloomers, a production company which creates unique pieces of art. Marea’s educational will teach a lesson in spontaneity and help you to overcome the mental barriers we face when speaking on the spot. You will not want to miss this opportunity to learn from such a brilliant performer and academic.



JONATHAN USHER

The Magic of Comedy

Jonathan Usher became hooked on magic when he saw a trick performed at a Christmas party in 1999. Fascinated by the method and its effect on the audience, he tried the trick on his workmates. One trick developed into a repertoire of tricks and soon his magic and humour was a hit with children and parents alike. Usher now performs at over 150 events per year all over New Zealand and Australia. In 2021 Usher cleaned up the awards at the New Zealand Magicians convention winning Best Comedy Magician; Best Performance of the Convention, and Best Performance in the evening Gala Show. In 2022 the Variety Artists Club of New Zealand awarded Usher the prestigious Variety Artist of the Year. In this entertaining educational you will see how you can use humour in your speaking and what to do when things go wrong.



LOVEY RATIMA-RAPSON

Empowering Voices in Te Reo

Lovey Ratima-Rapson has spent over two decades working in various sectors of the healthcare industry, primarily focused on Māori Health. Lovey's background in a diverse range of health settings, and her present role managing a team of Health Relationship Managers in Otautahi/Christchurch, has given her the experience and passion to support whānau. Lovey has held roles such as Club President and VP Education over her past seven years as a Toastmaster. Lovey will speak about how we can support members to engage and improve relationships.



KAREN HOYLAND

The Game of Toastmasters

Karen Hoyland has an accounting background and a love of board games, so when she was introduced to the board game 'The Game of Business' she was naturally inspired to adapt the game from a business perspective to Toastmasters. Karen wants to inspire the audience to think outside the box when looking for new members, and to encourage committees to be more proactive about membership growth. Play the Game of Toastmasters with Karen as she takes you through topics such as past, present, future members; club vision, public events, advertising and systems documentation. All will be explained with personal stories from Karen's experience as an Area Director.



ROGER HYND, DTM

Making Motivated Members

Roger Hynd, a Toastmaster since 2006, will use his leadership experience to explore the dynamics of attracting and retaining members. The key is to put the club member at the heart of everything you do. This educational will explore how the club and its committee can work together to create a membership experience that everybody will embrace and enjoy and in which they can grow. Roger is a Distinguished Toastmaster, past Distinguished Area Governor, and currently an Area Director.



QUICK FINDS

VENUE

See map for location of main theatres, social venues (which are all wheelchair accessible) and toilets. Accessible toilets are located on the ground and first floor. All theatres have a hearing induction loop. There are some disabled parking spaces in front of the museum by the Hutton Theatre entrance. For any other questions about the venue, Tūhura Otago Museum's information desk will be staffed 9am - 5pm and can be contacted by phone: 03 474 7474.

REGISTRATIONS DESK

For any conference-related help please go to the registrations desk, or email conference.d72@toastmasters.org.nz
If the desk is unstaffed at any time, please refer to the whiteboard with contact details.

Reminder to please wear your lanyard at all times.

ONLINE & TECH SUPPORT

Zoom information for online attendees:
Shortened link: <https://shorturl.at/kmEU9>
Meeting ID: 845 9231 3436
Password: TMCONF

For any technical requirements or queries, please **text**:

Doug Fraser: 021 159 7988

Tim Law: 021 728 526

LINKS

Website:

www.toastmasters.org.nz/conference

Facebook @ Toastmasters District
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Photos will be uploaded to the Conference website and will be available for download.

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Dunedin Taxis: 03 477 7777

Kiwi Cabs: 0800 00 34 39

Bus route information available:

www.orc.govt.nz/public-transport/dunedin-buses

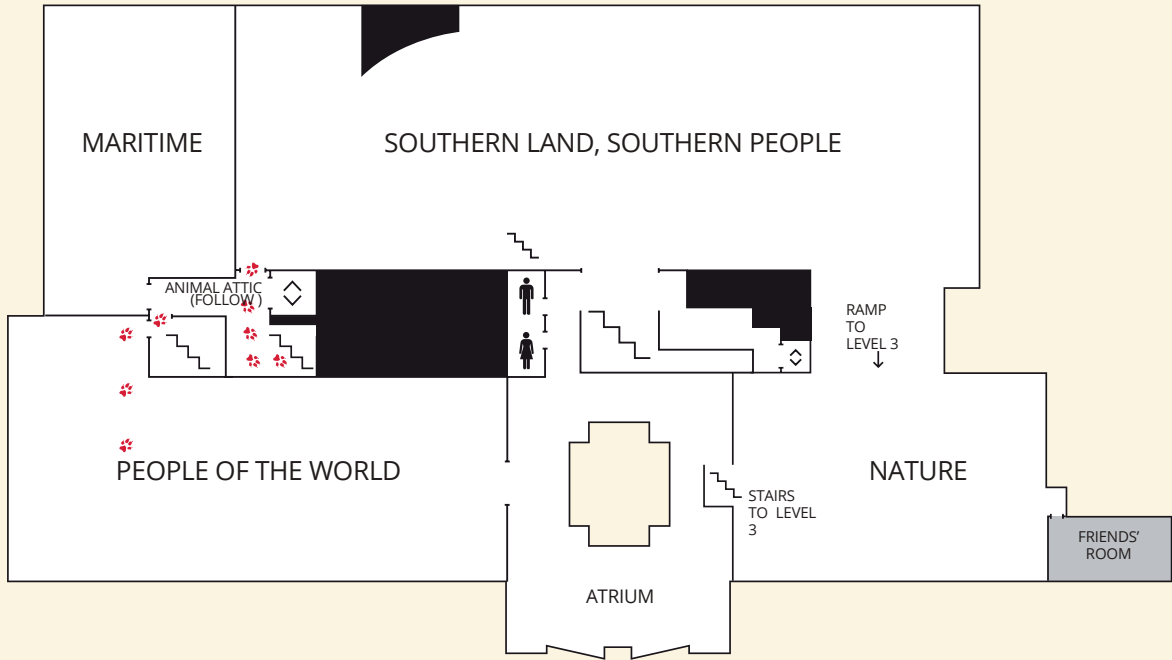
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Your Conference Committee - Thank You

- Tech and Audio Visual - Doug Fraser
- Treasurer - Esther Haines
- Secretary - Glenys Forsyth
- Educationals - Cheryl Joubert, Sonya Fenton
- Conference Chair - Craig McGregor
- Social Events - Cheryl Joubert, Esther Haines, Graeme Hunt (DTM), Sonya Fenton
- Floor Manager - Graeme Hunt (DTM)
- Registrations - Karen Squires, Sue Hoseit
- Accommodation, Transport - Duane Donovan
- Master of Ceremonies - Duane Donovan
- Marketing, Communications and Programme - Jane Gregory (DTM), Sonya Fenton
- Tech Volunteers - Tim Law, Louise Gizzi, Cheryl Joubert, Bailey Wood
- All Conference Volunteers

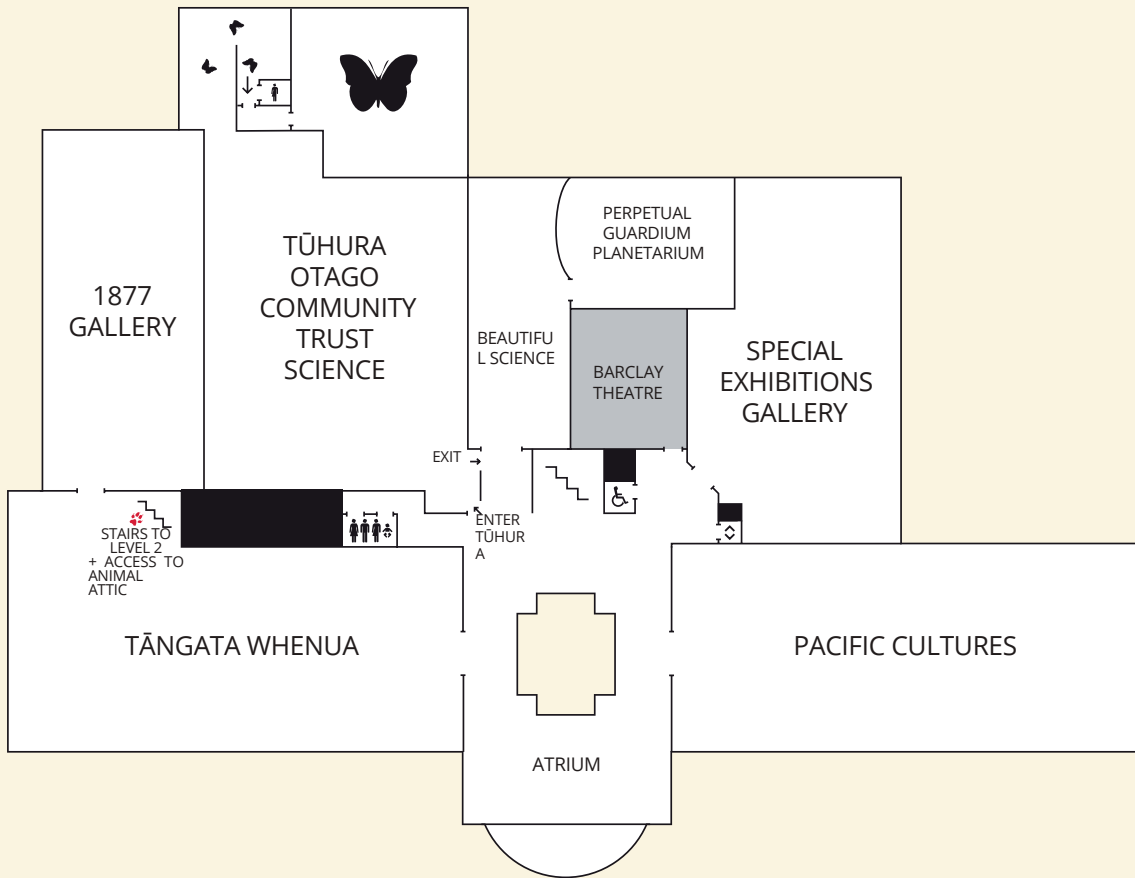
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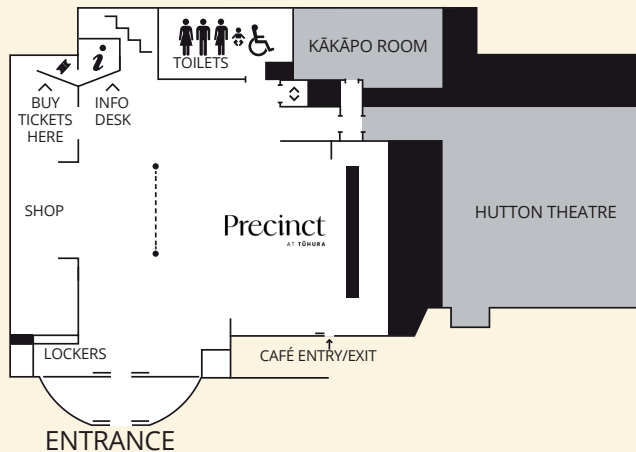


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