

**Toastmasters International  
District 72 Online Council Meeting  
Saturday 4 May 2024, 1.30 PM**

**See Appendix 1 for members registered.**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Call to order and welcome</b></p> <p>District Director (DD) Glen Pearce called the meeting to order at 1.30 pm and welcomed all present.</p> <p>DD Glen Pearce stated that this meeting is now being recorded, for minute taking purposes only.</p> <p>DD Glen Pearce explained the protocols for this hybrid meeting. Members in the room wishing to raise a point of order should stand, say 'Point of Order' and wait to be acknowledged. Those online should unmute and say 'Point of Order' and wait to be acknowledged.</p> <p>DD Glen Pearce explained that all votes will be cast using the voting platform and that once voting has been declared closed and the vote result announced, no further votes would be counted. He reminded members that anyone wishing to have their vote recorded should contact the Administration Manager or District Parliamentarian, either using the Zoom chat function or at the conclusion of the meeting.</p> <p>No proxies are permitted at any District Council meeting. Clubs can choose whether the President or Vice-President Education casts both votes or they cast one each. Club Officers can cast a maximum of two votes, District Officers can cast a maximum of three votes (their District Officer vote and up to two Club Officer votes).</p> <p>A test vote was conducted.</p> <p>The timer was Tania Sales.</p> <p>DD Glen Pearce explained the timing rules: Those who wish to speak, must adhere to the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The mover of a motion has two (2) minutes with a one-minute right of reply.</li><li>• All other speakers (other than the mover of a motion) have two (2) minutes.</li><li>• The seconder of a motion has the same time limit as all other speakers but may reserve their right to speak at any time up until the mover's right of reply.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total debate time for any motion is twelve minutes. Timing for debate starts as soon as I ask for the first speaker. The timer timing the debate will let me know when time has elapsed.</li> <li>• At 30 seconds remaining, the timer will display a red light. At the end of the elapsed time, our timer will start clapping and we will join him.</li> <li>• The total debate time for any motion is twelve minutes. Timing for debate starts as soon as I ask for the first speaker. The timer timing the debate will let me know when time has elapsed.</li> </ul> <p>DD Glen Pearce reminded members to start with their name and vote that they hold before commencing to speak.</p> <p>DD Glen Pearce reminded members of the speaking rules for debates.</p>
2	<p><b>Notice of Online Meeting</b> Administration Manager (AM) Esther Haines read the notice of the online meeting.</p>
3	<p><b>District Mission and Core Values</b> Program Quality Director (PQD) Carol Mitchell read the Mission Statement and Core Values.</p>
4	<p><b>Speaking Rights</b> DD Glen Pearce stated that only members of the District Council, that is, Club Presidents, Club Vice-Presidents Education and District Officers, have speaking rights at this meeting. District Officers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all Area Directors (AD)</li> <li>all Division Directors (Div. Dir.)</li> <li>District Administration Manager (AM) Esther Haines</li> <li>District Finance Manager (FM) Sheryl Ryan</li> <li>Club Growth Director (CGD) Kayleen Gilder</li> <li>Programme Quality Director (PQD) Mary Jaksch</li> <li>Immediate Past District Director (IPDD) Kathryn Duncan</li> <li>District Director Glen Pearce</li> </ul> <p>Under Toastmasters International (TI) Policy DD Glen Pearce extended speaking rights to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Past Distinguished District Governor Joy Ackrill, District Parliamentarian</li> <li>Tim Law, District Technical Officer</li> <li>Doug Fraser, District Technical Officer</li> <li>Dunedin Conference Chair, Craig McGregor</li> <li>Philip Smith, District Audit Chair</li> <li>Nicola Green, Voting Manager</li> <li>Region 12 International Director Ben McCormick</li> <li>Region 12 Advisor Matthew Mak</li> </ul>

	<p>If you wish to speak, raise your hand if you are in the room or raise your virtual hand if you are online, and wait to be acknowledged.</p>
5	<p><b>Confirmation of Quorum</b>  District Parliamentarian (DP) Joy Ackrill noted this is a District 72 Annual Council meeting. A quorum for a District Annual Council meeting is one third of Club Presidents and Vice-Presidents Education. The District currently has 87 clubs in good-standing, making 174 votes. One third of this is 58 votes.  DP Joy Ackrill confirmed there were 92 votes registered and we do have a quorum.</p> <p>Eighteen District Officers have registered to vote giving a total of 110 votes in total A simple majority is 56 and a two-thirds majority is 74.</p>
5	<p><b>Apologies</b>  All apologies must be entered in the electronic apologies book.</p> <p><b>AM Esther Haines moved that the apologies as recorded in the electronic apologies book be accepted.</b>  <b>Seconded: Harry Fox, Area D5 Director</b></p> <p>There was no discussion.</p> <p><b>The motion is that the apologies as per the electronic apologies book be accepted.</b></p> <p>Vote via the electronic platform.  Yes: 97  No: 0  Abstain: 0</p> <p><b>The motion is carried.</b></p>
7	<p><b>Changes to and confirmation of Agenda and Additional Items</b>  There were no changes to the agenda.</p>
8	<p><b>Minutes of the Annual District 72 Council Meeting held on 13 May 2023</b>  The minutes of this meeting have been circulated.</p> <p>There were no corrections.</p> <p><b>Motion: That the minutes of the Semi-annual District Council meeting held on 13 May 2023 as circulated are a true and correct record.</b>  <b>Moved: Terry Cave, Division G Director</b>  <b>Seconded: Pauline Cook, President, Toastmasters of Waikanae</b></p> <p>Vote via the electronic platform.  Yes: 95  No: 0</p>

	<p>Abstain: 1</p> <p><b>The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.</b></p>
9	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes of the Annual District Council Meeting held on 13 May 2023.</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising from the minutes.</p>
10	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>AM Esther Haines confirmed there were no items of correspondence that needed to be addressed by the District Council.</p>
11	<p><b>Urgent Business</b></p> <p><b>a) Confirmation of District Officer Resignations:</b></p> <p>DD Glen Pearce reported that he has received the following resignations since the Semi-Annual District Council meeting held on 17 September 2023:</p> <p>Area C3 Director Marie Fox Area D2 Director Rose Kerin Program Quality Director Mary Jaksch</p> <p><b>b) Confirmation of Officer Appointments:</b></p> <p>DD Glen Pearce reported the following District Officer appointments since the District Council meeting on 17 September 2023:</p> <p>Program Quality Director Carol Mitchell</p> <p><b>Moved that the District Council confirms the appointment of the officer as listed.</b> <b>Moved: Peter Simmonds, Area D4 Director</b> <b>Seconded: Peter Scholtens, Vice-President Education, Capital Chatterers</b></p> <p>Voting via the electronic platform. Yes: 105 No: 0 Abstain: 0</p> <p><b>The motion is carried.</b></p> <p><b>11.3 Confirmation of New Clubs into Areas</b></p> <p>DD Glen Pearce reported that the following club has chartered since the District 72 Council Meeting held 17 September 2023. Congratulations to Kura Kōrero, chartered in Area G4.</p> <p><b>Motion: that the District Council confirms the alignment of Kura Kōrero to Area G4.</b></p>

	<p>Voting via the electronic platform.  Yes: 102  No: 2  Abstain: 0</p> <p><b>The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.</b></p>
12	<p><b>District Alignment Report</b></p> <p>DD Glen Pearce asked AM Esther Haines to present the District Alignment Report.</p> <p>AM Esther Haines explained that the impetus for the District Alignment had been the email from Toastmasters International of 31 January 2024 announcing that hybrid and online contests would no longer be an option at Area level and above, which makes the current Area C6 unworkable. A committee consisting of DD Glen Pearce, PQD Carol Mitchell, Area J3 Director Karen Hoyland and myself, with valuable input from the four Division Directors Lisa Coppins (C), Reuben Painter (D), Terry Cave (G) and Jacqui Balckwell (J), met on 20 March and drafted an initial Alignment Report. There was short consultation period. DD Glen Pearce contacted directly affected clubs in case any of them had objections to our proposed alignment, which some of them did. These objections were taken into account in preparing the final District Alignment Report.</p> <p><b>AM Esther Haines moved that the District Alignment Report dated 26 March 2024 be received.</b>  <b>No seconder required.</b></p> <p>Voting via the electronic platform.  Yes: 103  No: 0  Abstain: 1</p> <p><b>The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.</b></p> <p><b>Motion: that the District Council adopts the District Alignment Report dated 26 March 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Moved: Karen Hoyland, Area J3 Director</b>  <b>Seconded: Diane Stempa, President, Wainuiomata Toastmasters</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p>

	<p><b>Svetlana Sabitova, Vice-President Education, MBIE Toastmasters Club</b> pointed out that MBIE Toastmasters Club is in G3 in the list of proposed Areas but in G4 in the Alphabetical List of clubs.</p> <p><b>DD Glen Peace</b> confirmed that the intention of the report is the MBIE Toastmasters Club remains in G3. G4 in the alphabetical list was a typo that will be corrected.</p> <p><b>Harry Fox, Area D5 Director</b> noted that D2 has three clubs and D5 has six clubs. Toastmasters International policy is that Areas should have four to six clubs, unless a dispensation is granted. Why wasn't one of the D5 clubs transferred into D2?</p> <p><b>AM Esther Haines</b> responded that the committee had asked a club to move into D2 but they did not want to. We looked at some other clubs to see if they might move into D2 but the proposed moves did not work well geographically. DD Glen Pearce has sought dispensation for a three club Area on geographical grounds and it has been granted.</p> <p><b>Peter Simmonds, Area D4 Director</b> asked whether Ashburton could move into D2.</p> <p>There was no further discussion.</p> <p>Voting via the electronic platform.  Yes: 99  No: 5  Abstain: 2</p> <p><b>The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.</b></p>
13	<p><b>Election of District Officers</b></p> <p><b>DD Glen Pearce</b> announced that it was now time for the Election of District officers for the 2023-2024 District Year. He explained that the elections will be held according to the Governing Documents of Toastmasters International, and, in particular, the District Administrative Bylaws and Protocol 9.0.</p> <p>DD Glen Pearce further explained that would be using the same voting platform that we have used for the rest of the District Council. This allows quick and easy tallying of the votes.</p> <p>DD Glen Pearce asked District Parliamentarian Joy Ackrill to explain the election rules.</p> <p><b>DP Joy Ackrill:</b>  The following procedures will apply for all elected offices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair will announce the District Leadership Committee endorsed candidates. These do not need to be seconded as the report has already been received.</li> </ul>

- The Chair will then announce Floor Candidates, who need to be seconded.
- Floor Candidates were required to declare their intent to run and submit their completed paperwork no later than 1.00 pm on 27th April 2024.
- For uncontested positions where the candidate meets the TI Policy and Protocol requirements for the position, etc, the Chair will direct the Administration Manager to cast a single vote on behalf of the meeting in favour of the candidate. The Chair will then declare the candidate elected.
- For contested positions, of which there is one today, each candidate, or their designated representative, will be invited to give a two-minute speech. The speeches will be delivered in alphabetical order by surname. The timers will mute the speaker once their time has elapsed and there will be no other indication of time.
- The Chair will call for the vote using the same process as has been used all meeting.
- A candidate will be declared elected if they receive a majority of the votes cast.

There were two questions.

**Harry Fox, Area D5 Director**, pointed out that the District Leadership Committee report was referred to as having been received when, at this point in the meeting, it had not yet been received. DP Joy Ackrill thanked Harry for his comment and noted that receiving the District Leadership Report is the next item of business.

**Madeleine Post, President, Dunedin Toastmasters**, asked how to make a nomination online. **DP Joy Ackrill** explained that nominations for floor candidates closed on 27 April.

### **13.1 Report of the District Leadership Committee**

DD Glen Pearce asked Immediate Past District Director (IPDD) Kathryn Duncan to present the report of the District Leadership Committee and move that it be received.

**IPDD Kathryn Duncan** moved that the District Leadership be received with the following change: Kath Cherry should read Kath Cherrie.

**Seconded: Terry Cave, Division G Director.**

Voting via the electronic platform.

Yes: 102

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.**

**For the Office of the District Director for 2024-2025** there is one Floor Candidate, Distinguished Toastmaster Carol Mitchell.

**Seconded: Past District Governor, Ellie Young**

As this office is uncontested, DD Glen Pearce directed the Administration Manager to cast a single vote for Glen Pearce.

**DD Glen Pearce declared that Carol Mitchell is elected District Director for 2024-2025.** Congratulations Carol!

**For the Office of Program Quality Director for 2025-2024** there is one Nominated Candidate: Kayleen Gilder.

As this office is uncontested, DD Glen Pearce directed the Administration Manager to cast a single vote for Kayleen Gilder.

**DD Glen Pearce declared that Kayleen Gilder is elected Program Quality Director for 2024-2025.** Congratulations Kayleen!

**For the Office of Club Growth Director for 2024-2025.**

Protocol 9.0 requires two Club Growth Director candidates to be nominated. One candidate was qualified for the position therefore the report is incomplete with respect to the role of Club Growth Director.

No other floor candidate nominations were received by the deadline.

As this office is uncontested, DD Glen Pearce directed the Administration Manager to cast a single vote for Lisa Coppins.

**DD Glen Pearce declared that Lisa Coppins is elected Club Growth Director for 2024-2025.** Congratulations Lisa!

**For the Office of Public Relations Manager for 2024-2025.**

There are 2 floor candidates for this role.

**There is Candidate Esther Haines**

**Seconded: Alison Cowan, President, Wavecrest Toastmasters**

**There is Candidate Peter Simmonds**

**Seconded: Rhonda Palten, President, Greymouth**



	<p>The candidates presented their two-minute speeches in alphabetical order by surname.</p> <p>Voting via the electronic platform.  Esther Haines: 49  Peter Simmonds: 55  Abstain: 0</p> <p><b>As Peter Simmonds received the majority of the votes cast, he is elected.</b></p> <p><b>DD Glen Pearce declared that Peter Simmonds is elected Public Relations Manager for 2024-2025.</b> Congratulations Peter!</p> <p><b>For the Office of Division C Director for 2025-2024</b> there is one Nominated Candidate: Glenys Forsyth.</p> <p>As this office is uncontested, DD Glen Pearce directed the Administration Manager to cast a single vote for Glenys Forsyth.</p> <p><b>DD Glen Pearce declared that Glenys Forsyth is elected Division C Director for 2024-2025.</b> Congratulations Glenys!</p> <p><b>For the Office of Division D Director for 2025-2024</b> there is one Nominated Candidate: Jo Moar.</p> <p>As this office is uncontested, DD Glen Pearce directed the Administration Manager to cast a single vote for Jo Moar.</p> <p><b>DD Glen Pearce declared that Jo Moar is elected Division D Director for 2024-2025.</b> Congratulations Jo!</p> <p><b>For the Office of Division G Director for 2024-2025</b></p> <p>This position remains vacant at this time. If you are interested in the role, please contact our incoming District Director Carol Mitchell.</p> <p><b>For the Office of Division J Director for 2024-2025</b></p> <p>This position remains vacant at this time. If you are interested in the role, please contact our incoming District Director Carol Mitchell.</p>
14	<p><b>Dunedin Conference Report May 2024</b></p> <p>DD Glen Pearce asked PQD Carol Mitchell to present the report for the Dunedin District Conference and move that it be received.</p>

	<p>PQD Carol Mitchell asked Conference Chair Craig McGregor to present the report.</p> <p>Conference Chair Craig McGregor: From his perspective the Conference had been a huge success. The committee of eleven locals plus PQD Carol Mitchell had put in a huge amount of work to ensure high quality keynotes and educationals and a smoothly running programme. The conference is anticipated to run at a small profit. The attendance, both in-person and online, was what made it a successful conference both as a stimulating experience and financially.</p> <p><b>Conference Chair Craig McGregor moved that his report be received. Seconded: PQD Carol Mitchell.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> <b>Karen Lynley, Vice-President Education, Kura Kōrero</b> asked how many attendees there had been over the weekend. <b>Conference Chair Craig McGregor</b> said there were about 89-90 in-person and that online attendance had been increasing as the day went on. There were 75 at the Science Centre/Planetarium Science Quest on Friday night and 55 at the Dine &amp; Dance on Saturday night.</p> <p>There was no further discussion and DD Glen Pearce thanked Conference Chair Craig McGregor and the Conference Team.</p>
15	<p><b>Financial Reports</b></p> <p><b>15.1 Report for the Dunedin Conference May 2024</b></p> <p>DD Glen Pearce asked Conference Treasurer Esther Haines to present the financial report for the Lower Hutt Conference and move that it be received.</p> <p><b>Conference Treasurer Esther Haines</b> showed the financial position at 31 March 2024, when income was \$22,676 and there had been no expenditure and noted that things had changed since then. She showed income to 27 April 2024 compared to budget and noted that registration income and the Dine &amp; Dance were significantly below budget. She also showed expenditure compared to budget and noted that due to cost-control the conference was expected to make a small profit.</p> <p><b>Conference Treasurer Esther Haines moved that her report be received. Seconded: IPDD Kathryn Duncan.</b></p> <p>Voting via the electronic platform. Yes: 101 No: 0 Abstain: 0</p> <p><b>The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.</b></p>

**Discussion:**

**Peter Simmonds, Area D4 Director** asked what the unlabelled group on Income slide represented. Conference Treasurer Esther Haines stated that this was income from online registrations.<sup>1</sup> Peter went on to ask if the availability of online registrations reduced the number of in-person registrations.

**Kath Cherrie, President, DIALOGUE Toastmasters** said that she would not have been able to participate in the conference at all had the online option not been available.

**PQD Carol Mitchell** noted that the contests were hybrid, so the online option had to be available. She also noted that the cost of getting to Dunedin from Wellington was prohibitive, so the online option encouraged participation.

**Helen Cartmell, Vice-President Education, Cup Cake Communicators** endorsed the statements made by Kath Cherrie and Carol Mitchell. She said that in the interests of equity District 72 should do what it can to enable as many people as possible to participate.

**15.2 District Financial Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023**

DD Glen Pearce asked FM Sheryl Ryan to present the Audited District Financial Reports for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 and move that they be received.

FM Sheryl Ryan presented the District 72 Financial Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2024 and highlighted the following points under Revenue & Expenditure:

- Revenue was \$31,622, exceeding budget by \$712.
- Expenditure was \$23,903, which was an underspend of \$4,023.
- The year-to-date surplus at 31 December was \$7,719 so compared to budget we have an extra \$4,735 available.

**FM Sheryl Ryan moved that that the Audited District Financial Report for period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 be received.**

**Seconded: Diane Stempa, President, Wainuiomata Toastmasters**

Voting via the electronic platform.

Yes: 101

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.**

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<sup>1</sup> This is not correct. It is, in fact, income from sponsorship, donations and interest.

**DD Glen Pearce** opened the Audited District Financial Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 for discussion.

**Peter Simmonds, Area D4 Director** asked FM Sheryl Ryan if she could explain the primary contributor to the deficit.

**FM Sheryl Ryan** pointed out that it was a surplus and the primary reason was that we had not spent as much money as anticipated. This could be due to planned expenditure taking longer than expected to occur.

**Peter Scholtens, Vice-President Education, Capital Chatterers** asked:

1. If FM Sheryl Ryan was going to talk about the Statement of Financial Position in her report. **FM Sheryl Ryan** responded that she was not. She pointed out that the Report is on the website.
2. What are the plans for spending the \$7,000, particularly in the areas of Club Growth and Travel? **CGD Kayleen Gilder** explained that some expenditure had been deferred until it was possible to assess the impact of the higher Toastmasters International dues on the April renewals. The money was being used to support clubs with twelve or fewer members. The money has been spent, just later than anticipated. **DD-Elect Carol Mitchell** said that travel money would be spent on District Officer Training in June. This will also use the underspend in Education and Training as will the money offered to Divisions for workshops. **Peter Scholtens** asked if District Officers would be encouraged to travel to other parts of the District. **DD-Elect Carol Mitchell** said, yes, they would.

There was no further discussion.

**FM Sheryl Ryan moved that that the Audited District Financial Report for period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 be adopted.**

**Seconded: IPDD Kathryn Duncan**

Voting via the electronic platform.

Yes: 101

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.**

### **15.3 District Financial Reports for the period 1 July 2023 to 29 February 2024**

DD Glen Pearce asked FM Sheryl Ryan to present the District Financial Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 29 February 2024.

The Financial Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 29 February 2024 is on the website and details plus commentary can be found there.

FM Sheryl Ryan highlighted the following points under Revenue & Expenditure:

- Revenue was \$33,783, exceeding budget by \$1,168.
- Expenditure was \$31,404, which was an underspend of \$5,192. Key underspends are in Travel, Club Growth, and Education and Training. FM Sheryl Ryan noted that some of the underspend in Travel shows in pre-payments in the Statement of Financial Position. This spend was for DD Glen Pearce and CGD Kayleen Gilder to attend Division Conferences and now shows in Revenue and Expenditure as all these events happened in March. Travel expenditure was mainly for District Officers to attend District Officer Training. CGD Kayleen Gilder has already spoken to the underspend in Club Growth. Education and Training expenditure includes spending on District Officer Training in Christchurch and Club Officer Training. PQD Carol Mitchell has already outlined her plans for using the remaining \$1000 on Education and Training.
- Net income was \$2,378.

Statement of Financial Report - District Reserve Reallocation. The Required Retention for the District Reserve is 25% of the membership dues income for the prior year (Protocol 8.4 3A). If the District Reserve exceeds 1.25 of the Required Retention, then 50 % of the excess is reduced from the District Reserve and reallocated to Toastmasters International for purposes related to the organization's mission (Protocol 8.4 3B). The amount deducted this year was US\$6,935.32 or NZ\$11,247.70, as shown on the Statement of Financial Position.

**FM Sheryl Ryan moved that the District Financial Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 29 February 2024 be received.**

**Seconded: Diane Stempa, President, Wainuiomata Toastmasters**

Voting via the electronic platform.

Yes: 97

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.**

**DD Glen Pearce** opened the District Financial Reports for the period 1 July 2023 to 29 February 2024 for discussion.

**Discussion:**

**Peter Simmonds, Area D4 Director** asked (1) does the fact we know that Toastmasters International will reallocate part of the District Reserve affect the amount of money spent on, for example, Club Growth and (2) would the alignment of clubs for 2024-25 increase the amount of money spent on Area Director visits. **DD Glen Pearce** ruled that the second question related to next year's budget and therefore is not relevant to this year's financial reports. In answer to the first question, **FM Sheryl Ryan** explained that the Toastmasters International reallocation from the District Reserve does not affect the operations of the District as the District has a budget. **Region 12 International Director Ben McCormick** reminded us that

the reallocation is taken only from the excess in a District Reserve. The logic behind this is that if members' money is just sitting in a bank account that money can be used for other things such as Pathways enhancement or improving the quality of service when people call or email Toastmasters International. The District can budget to spend the excess. The purpose of the Reserve is to ensure that the incoming District team at the start of the Toastmasters year have some operating revenue.

**Diane Stempa, President, Wainuiomata Toastmasters** asked how much money was currently in the District Reserve. **FM Sheryl Ryan** did not have that figure available but will get back to Diane later.

**Peter Scholtens, Vice-President Education, Capital Chatterers** pointed out that in the commentary on the underspend on Travel, FM Sheryl Ryan said that a contributor to the underspend was the travel of the DD and CGD to Division Conferences in March, but we knew that Travel would be in March and hence it should not have been in the budget to 29 February. **FM Sheryl Ryan** explained that the flights had been paid for, so the cost had already left the bank account.

**PQD Carol Mitchell** asked about the overspend on Contests, specifically if some of the overspend would be offset by koha from attendees at Area or Division Contests. **FM Sheryl Ryan** said that some questions had been asked at the District Executive Meeting on 28 April, which she had not been able to answer. She has since followed up on these queries and has been provided with some expenditure, including the invoice to support how some of the money that was received in for the Area Contest was spent. However, there was additional koha that was indicated to her that had been received. There had been no records kept of this money that had been received. Sheryl had been given an indicative amount. She had received no receipts to support what the money had used for, but she was told it was used to buy alcohol, as a 'best-dressed' prize. Sheryl asked who the recipient of the prize was. She has been in touch with the person who was indicated as having won the prize, who says she received no such prize. That is the only update, Sheryl was able to provide at this time.

**Peter Simmonds, Area D4 Director** said he was the Area Director involved. He had charged an entry fee of \$1 to non-participants to attend the Area D4 Contests. He used the money to buy a bottle at Pak'n'Save as a prize. He may have given FM Sheryl Ryan the wrong name for the winner of the prize. AD Peter Simmonds said that this was almost like a serious allegation being made here and he believes he had the right out of fairness to respond to this. He said that this has been blown-up out of proportion. It was a small amount of money, less than \$50. His question was: why was this handled in such a formal, and he would say, brutal manner, when a simple phone call to him would have clarified it in a couple of minutes.

**FM Sheryl Ryan** apologised for not calling him as requested. She had been very busy and sent an email while working on other things. She noted that as a professional accountant, integrity is a huge component of what she does. She has to report to the

	<p>District Council. She had not had a response to her queries, which were: how much was received and what was it spent on?</p> <p><b>DD Glen Pearce</b> closed discussion of this matter, saying it should be resolved outside of the District Council Meeting.</p> <p>There was no further discussion of the District Financial Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 29 February 2024.</p> <p><b>DD Glen Pearce moved that the District Financial Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 29 February 2024 approved.</b></p> <p><b>Seconded: Pauline Cook, President, Toastmasters of Waikanae</b></p> <p>Voting via the electronic platform.  Yes: 98  No: 0  Abstain: 1</p> <p><b>The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.</b></p>
16	<p><b>District Audit Committee Report</b></p> <p>DD Glen Pearce asked District Audit Chair Philip Smith to present the District Audit Committee report for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023.</p> <p>District Audit Committee Chair Philip Smith thanked the members of the Audit Committee, Diane Stempa and Tania Sales, for all their hard work and thanked FM Sheryl Ryan for her contribution.</p> <p><b>District Audit Committee Chair Philip Smith moved that the Semi-Annual District 72 Audit Committee Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 be received.</b></p> <p><b>No seconder is needed.</b></p> <p>Voting via the electronic platform.  Yes: 94  No: 0  Abstain: 0</p> <p><b>The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.</b></p> <p>DD Glen Pearce thanked the Audit Committee for all their work. He also thanked FM Sheryl Ryan for the massive amount of work she does as Finance Manager.</p>

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## **Senior District Officer Reports**

### **17.1 Division C Director Report**

Division C Director Lisa Coppins moved that her Division C report be received as published.

### **17.2 Division D Director Report**

Division D Director Reuben Painter moved his report be received as published.

### **17.3 Division G Director Report**

Division G Director Terry Cave moved his report be received as published.

### **17.4 Division J Director Report**

Division J Director Jacqui Blackwell moved that her report be received as published.

### **17.5 Club Growth Director Report**

CGD Kayleen Gilder moved that her report be received as published with the following amendments: (1) 'club financials of less than \$500' should read 'club financials of less than \$800' and (2) other resources available include magnetic pads and business cards in addition to pens.

### **17.6 Program Quality Director Report**

PQD Carol Mitchell moved that her report be received as published with the following addition that she acknowledged and thanked the two Area Directors who had invited her to their Area Council meetings, as requested.

### **17.7 District Director Report**

DD Glen Pearce moved that his report be received as published.

### **Secunder for receiving all the Senior District Officer reports except the Finance Manger's report: Terry Cave, Division G Director**

Voting via the electronic platform.

Yes: 97

No: 0

Abstain: 0

### **The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.**

DD Glen Pearce opened all reports, other than the Finance Manager's reports, for discussion.

There was no discussion.

### **The motion is that the District Council approves the Senior Leaders' Reports.**

**Moved: Harry Fox, Area D5 Director**

**Seconded: Karen Lynley, Vice-President Education, Kura Kōrero**



	<p>Voting via the electronic platform.  Yes: 90  No: 0  Abstain: 0</p> <p><b>The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.</b></p>
18	<p><b>Bids for the May 2025 District Conference</b>  No conference bids were received by the deadline, so this decision will be referred back to the District Executive Committee as per our District Procedures.</p>
19	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p><b>Contests in 2024-25.</b>  In January 2024, we received an email from Toastmasters International announcing that from the 2024-25 year, contests at Area level and above must be in-person. The email also announced a new online contest. PQD Carol Mitchell has sought clarification from Toastmasters International on the structure of the online contest. DD Glen Pearce said that the District will keep members updated and informed as much as possible.</p>
20	<p><b>Announcements</b>  <b>DD Glen Pearce</b> announced that the next meeting for the District 72 Council will be held in September 2024 at a time and date to be notified.  DD Glen Pearce asked DD-Elect Carol Mitchell to announce her appointed roles and Area Directors for the 2024-25 year.</p> <p><b>DD-Elect Carol Mitchell</b> announced the following roles:</p> <p>District Parliamentarian: Harry Fox  District Administration Manager: Celina Templeman  District Finance Manager: Glenys Brown  Newsletter Team: Michelle Gerwitz and Norbert Lee  Technical Team led by Tim Law  District Historian: Denis McCord  Emails/Facebook/District Statistician: Keith Morris and Esther Haines.  Webmasters: Brad Grootelaar and Esther Haines  Credentials Chair / Voting Manager: Nicola Green  District Audit Chair: Sheryl Ryan</p> <p><b>Area Directors:</b>  C6: Mitesh Rajendra Popat  G6: Katina Beauchamp  J1: Gary Nicholson  J3: Andrew Hardwick</p>

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**Close**

**DD Glen Pearce** thanked everyone who had participated in, or assisted with, the District Council Meeting, whether on-line or in-person. He thanked the current District Officers for all their hard work throughout the year, especially IPDD Kathryn Duncan. He thanked the technical team: Tim Law, Doug Fraser, Bailey Wood and Louise Gizzi. Glen thanked Voting Manager Nicola Green and District Parliamentarian, Past District Governor Joy Ackrill. Glen also thanked FM Sheryl Ryan and AM Esther Haines for their efforts.

There being no further business, DD Glen Pearce asked for someone to move that the meeting be closed.

**IPDD Kathryn Duncan moved that the meeting be closed.**

**Seconded: Alison Cowan, President, Wavecrest Toastmasters**

**On a voice vote the Ayes have it. The motion is carried.**

**The meeting closed at 3.37 pm.**

## Appendix 1: Registrations for the District 72 Council Meeting 4 May 2024

### Registration Report

Role Name	Role Club	Role Location	First Name	Last Name
VP Education - Alphabet Athletic Toastmasters Club	Alphabet Athletic Toastmasters Club	D-1	Nicholas	Van Irsel
President - Alpine Toastmasters Timaru Club	Alpine Toastmasters Timaru Club	C-6	Glenys	Forsyth
VP Education - Alpine Toastmasters Timaru Club	Alpine Toastmasters Timaru Club	C-6	Lisa	Coppins
President - Ashburton Toastmasters Club	Ashburton Toastmasters Club	C-6	Sophie	Blair
VP Education - Ashburton Toastmasters Club	Ashburton Toastmasters Club	C-6	Sophie	Blair
President - Bishopdale Club	Bishopdale Club	D-2	Graham	Dollin
VP Education - Bishopdale Club	Bishopdale Club	D-2	Graham	Dollin
President - BNZ Toastmasters HQ	BNZ Toastmasters HQ	G-2	Anna	Marshall
VP Education - BNZ Toastmasters HQ	BNZ Toastmasters HQ	G-2	Anna	Marshall
President - Boaters Club	Boaters Club	D-1	Sabine	Parry
VP Education - Boaters Club	Boaters Club	D-1	Sabine	Parry
President - Capital Chatterers Club	Capital Chatterers Club	G-1	Cameron	Hyslop
VP Education - Capital Chatterers Club	Capital Chatterers Club	G-1	Peter	Scholtens
President - Cathedral City	Cathedral City	D-5	Diane	Maunsell
VP Education - Cathedral City	Cathedral City	D-5	Diane	Maunsell
President - Christchurch Club	Christchurch Club	D-3	Leonie	Wilkinson
VP Education - Christchurch Club	Christchurch Club	D-3	Leonie	Wilkinson
President - Christchurch Women's Club Toastmasters	Christchurch Women's Club Toastmasters	D-4	Lovey	Ratima-Rapson
VP Education - Churton Park Toastmasters	Churton Park Toastmasters	J-1	Steven	Brown

President - Civic Club	Civic Club	D-4	Hayden	Morris
VP Education - Civic Club	Civic Club	D-4	Hayden	Morris
President - Cook Strait Club	Cook Strait Club	G-7	Alan	Coventry
VP Education - Cook Strait Club	Cook Strait Club	G-7	Alan	Coventry
President - Cup Cake Communicators	Cup Cake Communicators	J-2	Carol	Mitchell
VP Education - Cup Cake Communicators	Cup Cake Communicators	J-2	Helen	Cartmell
President - Dawnspeakers Club	Dawnspeakers Club	C-4	Duane	Donovan
President - DIALOGUE Toastmasters Club	DIALOGUE Toastmasters Club	G-2	Kath	Cherrie
President - Dunedin Toastmasters Club	Dunedin Toastmasters Club	C-4	Madeleine	Post
VP Education - Dunedin Toastmasters Club	Dunedin Toastmasters Club	C-4	Glenys	Forsyth
President - Everest Club	Everest Club	C-6	Ailsa	Milner
VP Education - Everest Club	Everest Club	C-6	Ailsa	Milner
President - Foveaux Club	Foveaux Club	C-3	Raewyn	Hunt
VP Education - Foveaux Club	Foveaux Club	C-3	Leanne	Fox
President - Gore Toastmasters Club	Gore Toastmasters Club	C-2	Christine	Livingston
VP Education - Gore Toastmasters Club	Gore Toastmasters Club	C-2	Marzie	Fatahi
President - Grand Club	Grand Club	C-3	Sergiu	Postica
VP Education - Grand Club	Grand Club	C-3	Sergiu	Postica
President - Greymouth	Greymouth	C-6	Rhonda	Palten
President - High Noon Bankers	High Noon Bankers	G-6	Katina	Beauchamp
President - Hornby	Hornby	D-5	Mark	Nihoniho
VP Education - Hornby	Hornby	D-5	Mark	Nihoniho
VP Education - Hutt City Toastmasters	Hutt City Toastmasters	J-4	Richard	Bridge
President - Hutt Valley Toastmasters Club	Hutt Valley Toastmasters Club	J-4	Denis	McCord
VP Education - Hutt Valley Toastmasters Club	Hutt Valley Toastmasters Club	J-4	Denis	McCord

President - Island Bay Toastmasters Club	Island Bay Toastmasters Club	G-7	Mark	MacCallum
VP Education - Island Bay Toastmasters Club	Island Bay Toastmasters Club	G-7	Corrina	Shilling
President - Karori Toastmasters Club	Karori Toastmasters Club	J-2	Lorna	Ingram
VP Education - Kura Kōrero Toastmasters	Kura Kōrero Toastmasters	G-4	Karen	Lynley
President - Lunchspeak Club	Lunchspeak Club	C-4	Phillip	Cowley
VP Education - Lunchspeak Club	Lunchspeak Club	C-4	Campbell	Thomson
President - MBIE Toastmasters Club	MBIE Toastmasters Club	G-3	Svetlana	Sabitova
VP Education - MBIE Toastmasters Club	MBIE Toastmasters Club	G-3	Svetlana	Sabitova
President - Nelson Madhatters Club	Nelson Madhatters Club	D-6	Dana	Briscoe
President - Newlands Toastmasters	Newlands Toastmasters	J-2	Craig	Paulsen
President - Newtown Toastmasters	Newtown Toastmasters	G-7	Norbert	Lee
VP Education - Newtown Toastmasters	Newtown Toastmasters	G-7	Norbert	Lee
President - NZ Transport Agency Toastmasters	NZ Transport Agency Toastmasters	G-3	Samantha	Eastman
VP Education - NZ Transport Agency Toastmasters	NZ Transport Agency Toastmasters	G-3	Samantha	Eastman
President - Ohariu Toastmasters Club	Ohariu Toastmasters Club	J-2	Andy	Southall
VP Education - Ohariu Toastmasters Club	Ohariu Toastmasters Club	J-2	Andy	Southall
President - Online Uncensored Comedians & Humourists	Online Uncensored Comedians & Humourists	J-3	Mary	Prendergast
VP Education - Online Uncensored Comedians & Humourists	Online Uncensored Comedians & Humourists	J-3	Mary	Prendergast
President - Silverstream Toastmasters	Silverstream Toastmasters	J-3	Keith	Morris
VP Education - Silverstream Toastmasters	Silverstream Toastmasters	J-3	Keith	Morris
President - Speak-Easy Club	Speak-Easy Club	C-4	Kayleen	Gilder
VP Education - Speak-Easy Club	Speak-Easy Club	C-4	Hugh	Newbury

VP Education - Spinnaker Toastmasters Club	Spinnaker Toastmasters Club	J-1	Ronald	Blackwell
President - Statistically Speaking	Statistically Speaking	G-6	Lilian	Morrison
VP Education - Statistically Speaking	Statistically Speaking	G-6	Lilian	Morrison
President - Sunday Afternoon	Sunday Afternoon	J-4	Douglas	McKechie
VP Education - Sunday Afternoon	Sunday Afternoon	J-4	Douglas	McKechie
President - Sunrise Speakers Club	Sunrise Speakers Club	G-1	Paul	Mulrooney
VP Education - Sunrise Speakers Club	Sunrise Speakers Club	G-1	Paul	Mulrooney
VP Education - Tabletalk Toastmasters	Tabletalk Toastmasters	C-4	Kathryn	Duncan
President - Tawa Toastmasters	Tawa Toastmasters	J-1	Amy	Moreland
VP Education - Tawa Toastmasters	Tawa Toastmasters	J-1	Amy	Moreland
President - Te Aro Toastmasters Club	Te Aro Toastmasters Club	G-4	John	Lulich
President - Te Puni Korero Toastmasters	Te Puni Korero Toastmasters	G-3	Gabrielle	Hikaka
VP Education - Te Puni Korero Toastmasters	Te Puni Korero Toastmasters	G-3	Gabrielle	Hikaka
VP Education - Toast NOW	Toast NOW	G-6	Karen	Lynley
President - Toastmasters Of Waikanae	Toastmasters Of Waikanae	J-1	Pauline	Cook
VP Education - Toastmasters Of Waikanae	Toastmasters Of Waikanae	J-1	Pauline	Cook
President - Toastmasters Wairarapa	Toastmasters Wairarapa	J-3	Georgia	Osmond
VP Education - Toastmasters Wairarapa	Toastmasters Wairarapa	J-3	Karen	Hoyland
VP Education - U-CAN-SPEAK Club	U-CAN-SPEAK Club	D-4	Reuben	Painter
President - Upper Hutt Toastmasters Club	Upper Hutt Toastmasters Club	J-3	Michelle	Gerwitz
President - Wainuiomata Toastmasters	Wainuiomata Toastmasters	J-4	Diane	Stempa
VP Education - Wainuiomata Toastmasters	Wainuiomata Toastmasters	J-4	Diane	Stempa
President - Wavecrest Club	Wavecrest Club	C-4	Alison	Cowan
VP Education - Wavecrest Club	Wavecrest Club	C-4	Esther	Haines

President - Wellington Club	Wellington Club	G-4	Tim	Martin
VP Education - Wellington Club	Wellington Club	G-4	Anthony	Fletcher
District Director		0	Glen	Pearce
Program Quality Director		0	Carol	Mitchell
Club Growth Director		0	Kayleen	Gilder
Immediate Past District Director		0	Kathryn	Duncan
Finance Manager		0	Sheryl	Ryan
Administration Manager		0	Esther	Haines
Division Director		C-0	Lisa	Coppins
Division Director		D-0	Reuben	Painter
Division Director		G-0	Terry	Cave
Division Director		J-0	Jacqueline	Blackwell
Area Director		C-4	Glenys	Forsyth
Area Director		C-6	Kath	Cherrie
Area Director		D-5	Harry	Fox
Area Director		D-6	Jude	Spencer
Area Director		G-4	Ronald	Blackwell
Area Director		G-6	Katina	Beauchamp
Area Director		J-1	Roger	Hynd
Area Director		J-3	Karen	Hoyland
Area Director		J-4	Alan	Coventry

## Appendix 2: Apologies for the District 72 Council Meeting 4 May 2024

### Apologies Report.

Role Name	Role Club	Role Location	Member First Name	Member Surname
President - Aranui Toastmasters Club	Aranui Toastmasters Club	D-3	Karen	Winder DL3
President - Churton Park Toastmasters	Churton Park Toastmasters	J-1	Graeme	Horo PM1
President - Five Crowns Club	Five Crowns Club	G-3	Marty	Pilott
President - Five-Thirty Forum Club	Five-Thirty Forum Club	C-3	Margaret	Whittington PM2
President - Kura Kōrero Toastmasters	Kura Kōrero Toastmasters	G-4	Moumita	Jamindar-Arnold EH1
VP Education - Newlands Toastmasters	Newlands Toastmasters	J-2	Marty	Pilott
President - Phoenix	Phoenix	J-4	Kendall	Eade DTM
President - Southern Cities Club	Southern Cities Club	D-1	David	Tillman ACS, CL
President - Tabletalk Toastmasters	Tabletalk Toastmasters	C-4	Liz	Naylor PI2
President - Turbine Talkers Club	Turbine Talkers Club	G-7	Alex	McClymont LD4
President - Wadestown	Wadestown	J-2	Kate	Simpkins PM2
VP Education - Oyster Orators	Oyster Orators	C-3	Robyn	Boylan DTM
VP Education - Pegasus Toastmasters	Pegasus Toastmasters	D-3	Alasdair	Wright VC3
VP Education - Rangiora Club	Rangiora Club	D-2	Maria	Piercy PM5
VP Education - ROAR	ROAR	C-3	Robyn	Boylan DTM
VP Education - Wellington Professional Toastmasters Club	Wellington Professional Toastmasters Club	G-4	Anna	Spencer PI3
Area Director		J-2	Marty	Pilott