Toastmasters New Zealand North
District 112

District 112 Immediate Past District Director's Report

District	**112**	Immediate Past District Director	**Sharon Kerr-Phillips**	Report date	**August 2021**

OBSERVATIONS

Even though we are only two months into this Toastmasters Year, it has been rewarding to observe the growth of so many of our Area and Division Directors already, clearly our Trio have had an excellent start to the year.

It was heart warming to see how our District Director, Stephen Budai, when he realised that most of the Area Directors had not had the opportunity to discuss whether contests are held online or in person with their clubs, took action to ensure this was corrected. That was keeping the needs of all members foremost ensuring that all our members had the opportunity to express how they felt. I commend Stephen for the action taken. I also appreciate Stephen endeavouring to continue to provide in person contests by postponing the Area Contests to a date when we will hopefully be able to hold Area Contests in person.

DISTRICT WEBSITE

I am delighted to see the continuous enhancement of the website and thank Elizabeth Viljoen and Mike Diggins for their dedication to reaching out to members, thus ensuring the website is meeting the needs of our members on an ongoing basis.

ONLINE 2020 – 2021 AWARDS CELEBRATION and POSTPONMENT OF THE AWARDS DINNER

Unfortunately, we have no option, but to postpone the 2020 -2021 Awards Dinner due to COVID.

Recognition is extremely important, and we do not want to delay acknowledging the hard work and achievements of our members. We have therefore decided to celebrate the successes of our members **online on the 18th of September at 7:00pm.** Each Division will be allocated a time to celebrate their Division's successes. I look forward to receiving each past Division Director's nominations for the Division's Area Director and Toastmaster of the Year. Please keep an eye on the website and on social media for the link to this celebration. This online celebration will be followed later by an Awards Dinner, when we are able to celebrate in person.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT TOASTMASTER OF THE YEAR

We are calling for nominations for the District Toastmaster of the Year. Each club is likely to already have selected their club's 2020 - 2021 Toastmaster of the Year. It would be much appreciated if our executive team could please encourage each club to nominate their Toastmaster of the Year, should the club consider that person worthy of being the 2020-2021 District Toastmaster of the Year. The cut-off date for nominations is the 10th of September, I trust everyone would have read the newsletter and this report prior to the 10th of September.

DISTRCIT INCENTIVES

In case clubs have not read the email sent out about the District Incentives, it would be much appreciated if our Area and Division Directors could please apprise clubs of the current status for the 2019-2020 and balance of the 2020-2021 District Incentives. The bulk of this order has finally been dispatched by Toastmasters International and its arrival is imminent. Once this has been received and we are out of Level 4 lockdown, these items will be couriered to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

MY ROLE AS CLUB GROWTH CHAIR

We are delighted that CountDown will be starting a club in September, with their first few meetings being held online. It is great to see new clubs embracing the opportunity to switch from hybrid to online, not being deterred by COVID.

We have a few other clubs in formation and it would be much appreciated if you could please email me on sharonkp2021@gmail.com if you would like the opportunity to be a club sponsor or mentor, or would like to be involved in helping some of these clubs start.

MY ROLE AS DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CHAIR

Thank you for those of you who have expressed an interest on being on the District Leadership Committee. I will be in touch with our past and current Division Directors this week to ask for further suggestions as to whom they think would be well suited to represent each Division on the DLC.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time should you have any questions.

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