



## **District Director's Report - October 2021**

### Performance

The performance of our District in the first three months of the year is very pleasing. Club payments to 30 September was 2259 which places us 10<sup>th</sup> in the world and 5<sup>th</sup> in the region. This is an amazing result. Our District currently has 160 Clubs and that places us 41<sup>st</sup> in the world and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the region. Our District ranks 55<sup>th</sup> in the world for clubs with 20+ members, and ranks 43<sup>rd</sup> in the world for net club growth. Toastmasters International has 125 districts around the world and this places our District in the top half of the table.

We continue to grow and recently we welcomed our newest club to the fold - **"Countdown to Speech Master"**. Please join me in warmly welcoming our newest club. Countdown to Speech Master club is currently allocated to Division O.

### Achievements

Worthy achievements for the District include five Pathways Advanced Mentors and 22 Triple Crown Awards. I am pleased to say that eight of the recipients of the Triple Crown award are District Officers. I would like to challenge the Division Directors to get as many Division and Area Directors achieving this award.

### Appointments

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Sharon Kerr-Phillips as the District Leadership Committee Chairman. I am also delighted to announce the official appointment of the Audit Committee of Jilnaught Wong (Chairman), Andrew Eberhard and Maris Dunn. There have been no new area or division directors appointed since the last DEC meeting, which is a good position for the District to be in.

### Town Hall session

As part of our continued transparency policy, our second Townhall session takes place on Friday 12 November and I look forward to seeing many of our club members there. We will provide an update on district activities and answer all questions directed to the trio.

### COVID Delta Virus

This is the main talking point amongst members, not only in our District but internationally. We are monitoring the government announcements and heeding their advice. The District will engage in all the recommended practices to ensure the health and safety of our members are maintained. All District events will be aligned to the guidelines announced by the Government at the time of the event, and these may change from time to time. Best practices must be maintained and applied. The last statement has had an impact on the flow of speech contests. At this stage, we can only hold in-person contests in areas of the country where this can be done, and this can change overnight as we have recently seen with the far North and the Waikato region. These are trying and difficult times and the District is doing all it can to fulfil the determination made earlier this year to run our contests in person.

I want to thank all the members in the District along with the full district support team for their hard work which is evident in the feedback I am seeing, and the results I monitor.



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Please make time for yourself and your families as this is another challenging experience, but we will all get through it.

#### **Stephen Budai DTM**

District Director 2021-2022

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