



Toastmasters New Zealand North  
District 112

Dear Toastmaster,

Welcome to the new Toastmasters year starting 1 July 2022. This is a perfect time to stop and reassess your goals. Are you on track? How many speeches do you want to give this year? What skills are you particularly wishing to brush up on? It may be evaluating, listening, or improving your vocal variety. The best way to do that, is to attend your club meetings regularly and read through your path projects; There is a wealth of information on practical skills, transferrable to all parts of your life.

## **Key Dates and District Events**

### **31 Jul – Nominations for Club Public Relations and Toastmaster of the Year**

Please forward Public Relations nominations to Elizabeth Viljoen ([esviljoen@gmail.com](mailto:esviljoen@gmail.com)) or Sabrina Naseem ([prm@d112tm.org.nz](mailto:prm@d112tm.org.nz)) (provide examples to support the nomination).

Please forward nominations for Toastmaster of the Year to Stephen Budai, [stephen.budsters@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.budsters@gmail.com).

Refer to this guide: <https://d112tm.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2022-outstanding-toastmaster-guidelines.pdf>

**12 Aug - Annual Business Meeting Convention** – Each Club president and Secretary must log into club central on the TI website to confirm if they will vote at the annual business meeting or if they wish to assign their vote.

The deadline is by **12 August 2022**. The trio team are attending the convention in person; you can assign a proxy vote to a trio member. [club votes at the Annual Business meeting](#),

**July - New Club Officer Training** – Thu 14 July, Sat 16 July, Wed 20 July, Mon 25 July.

**Aug - Advanced Club Officer Training** – Mon 1 Aug, Wed 10 Aug, Thu 18 Aug, Sat 27 Aug.

Please arrive ten minutes early as we will be starting at 6 pm, or 9 am Saturday.

Open to all officers and club members. It is also useful to have the club officer leadership manual at this training -

<https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/club-leadership-handbook>.

Please choose and register a day on our district website calendar <https://d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/>. Note: Training lasts three hours, with two breaks.

**Aug - Area Council Meetings** - Club officers (open to all interested members), your area director will be inviting you to an area council meeting, which is a meeting to keep you updated on key changes at toastmasters and our district. It is an opportunity to network with others and very useful for planning club contests and creating a contest official list for your area.

## **District Update**

### **District Officer Training and Executive Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

We held our first hybrid training and executive at Manukau Baptist Church in Auckland and on zoom.

District Director, Wendy Wickliffe, presented her theme for this year of **“Reconnect, Rebuild and Retain”**.

The following are examples of some of the actions that will be implemented for the year:

- Create a club support team to provide individualised support based on club needs
- Send an email to each new member from 1 July, information specific to our district and information to start their journey to achieve a level one in pathways
- Monthly new member induction pathway workshop on getting started in pathways. Vice President of Education can continue to do at their clubs, or they may want to send their new members to the monthly online meeting (details to come)
- Micro learning - short videos or useful links that can be reviewed in five to ten minutes.

## **Education Update**

### **Triple Crown**

The Triple Crown award is a pin you may wear with pride, which proves you have completed any 3 levels in Pathways in a 12-month period. As Triple Crowns are earned this year, we will email the recipient and ask when you would like to receive your pin. Options are sent to the club president to present at the club (photo required) or can be presented at the division conferences in October or March.

### **DTM Awards**

The Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award represents the highest level of educational achievement in Toastmasters. To earn the DTM, you are required to:

- Complete two learning paths

- Serve as a club officer for 12 months, participate in the preparation of a Club Success Plan, and participate in a district-sponsored club officer training program.
- Serve a complete one-year term as a district officer.
- Serve successfully as a club mentor or coach.
- Serve successfully as a club sponsor or conduct a Speechcraft or Youth Leadership program.
- Complete the DTM project.(Members are required to create and implement a project of their own design, in which they demonstrate the skills and expertise they have gained.)

For the 2021-to-2022-year congratulations to District Director, Wendy Wickliffe and Immediate Past President, Stephen Budai on achieving their DTMs. Two is a small number for the size of our district, let's aim for a minimum of 6 more this year.

### **Educational Levels achieved in the years 2021-2022**

<b>Level</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
1	54	45	52	76	108	74	28	25	462
2	42	33	42	49	87	53	21	26	353
3	27	31	24	27	62	44	19	14	248
4	15	16	18	17	35	23	13	5	142
5	10	6	4	9	27	10	2	5	73
DTM					1	1			2
MENTOR			4	1	4	3	2		14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1294</b>

### **Presentation Mastery Translation**

A project team has been formed and an inaugural meeting held to begin the process of gathering interested parties to create a Māori translation of the Presentation Mastery Pathways track. If you would like more information, please contact James Hippolite at [pqd2022@d112tm.org.nz](mailto:pqd2022@d112tm.org.nz).

## **2023 Conference and naming competition**

Planning is well underway for the 2023 Conference to be held in person at Karaka Pavilion, in South Auckland. Your Conference Committee has made the decision to consolidate into 2 days and 1 night, thus reducing accommodation costs. The committee has further decided to open the Theme of the Conference to a competition, open to all members. The style of the dinner and dance has been decided as Top Hat and Tails, but the conference theme is still up for grabs. If you have an idea for the theme, please submit it to the Conference Chair, Nathan Piahana at [conferencechair@d112tm.org.nz](mailto:conferencechair@d112tm.org.nz). The winning idea will be decided by the Conference Committee. To avoid any conflict of interest, no member of any club or any committee member is eligible to enter. The successful idea will win the member a prize of one conference ticket.

## **2024 Conference Bids and Process**

This is a call for bids for the May 2024 District Conference. The winning bid will be advertised at the September 2022 Semi-Annual District Conference. Click here for the Conference Bid Form:

<https://d112tm.org.nz/conference-bids/>

The bid documents for the 2024 Conference need to be received by the PQD no later than 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

## **Contest Announcement**

As was voted at the District Executive Committee meeting on Saturday 9

July, the usual 4 contests have been reaffirmed for the 2023 Conference: International Speech, Humorous Speech, Table Topics, and Speech Evaluations. These contests will be in person (hooray!). Please proceed with your club contests according to the following timetable:

Level	Contest	Month
Club	Humorous and Table Topics	August
Area	Humorous and Table Topics	September
Division	Humorous and Table Topics	October
Club	International Speech and Evaluations	February
Area	International Speech and Evaluations	March
Division	International Speech and Evaluations	April
District	All four	May

## **Club Growth Update**

### **Smedley Award 1 Aug – 30 Sep – what is it?**

The Smedley Award is named after the founder, Ralph Smedley. This is a membership-building campaign. How you can participate, for every club that adds five new, dual or reinstated members with a join date between August 1 and September 30. As recognition, you will receive Smedley Award ribbon and discount code that clubs can use for their next order at Toastmasters International.

### **Speechcraft – what is it?**

It is a short course on improving your speaking skills that can be offered in the community or for businesses. Some clubs use this as a membership campaign to attract new members. If you are interested review this webinar <https://www.toastmasters.org/education/speechcraft>.

## **Sister Clubs/Sister Areas/Sister Divisions**

This year we are encouraging clubs, areas, and divisions to work together. Work smarter not harder. This might a great opportunity to run contests together or hold social events. Take the opportunity to reconnect with other members in other clubs. Stop for a coffee break, have biscuits, and enjoy each other's company.

The club humorous contest is an excellent opportunity to bring along friends, and colleagues for a fun humorous occasion. "We learn best in moments of enjoyment", Ralph Smedley.

## **Public Relations Update**

July and August are months that highlight a new beginning of the Toastmasters year. To start off with a bang, planned promotions include Club Officer Training information.

## **Results to date**

The District Facebook page grew with 43 new likes, which now takes the page to a total of 897 likes, as of Monday 11 July 2022. This is brilliant, with a new influx of District leaders who are now liking and following the page over the last month to share and learn about what is happening in the district.

LinkedIn has seen three new posts shared and a total of 37 reactions to

posts over the last month. Some posts have included club achievement highlights and awards to members in their workplaces. The District Officer training that happened over the weekend on 9 July was also re-posted, courtesy of Elizabeth Viljoen and her photographs.

Please forward photos, screenshots, and comments on what you found interesting at club officer training and any other toastmaster event you may attend in person or online to [prm@d112tm.org.nz](mailto:prm@d112tm.org.nz).



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