

**UPDATE REPORT ON THE
2025 DISTRICT 112 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Millennium Hotel, 1270 Hinemaru Street, Rotorua 3010
Rotorua 16 – 18 May 2025**

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Here is an update on the arrangements for the district conference. The conference starts around 4:15pm on Friday 16 May, and concludes at 2:45pm on Sunday 18 May.

Conference and Venue

- The theme for the conference is “Celebrating 100 Years of Toastmasters”
Whakatauki (proverb): Ka Mua, Ka Muri – “walking backwards into the future”
- Approximately 90 rooms at the Millennium Hotel have been allocated to conference attendees. The special room rate for Toastmasters is \$215.00 (room only). Full breakfast is available at \$30 per person. Book early to avoid missing this special rate. The committee is also offering alternative accommodation to the Millennium. If anyone is interested, please contact the conference secretary, Arshdeep Kaur, on arsh.saini28@gmail.com. Concurrent on the same weekend is a Rotary Convention - it is strongly suggested to book your accommodation early.

Registrations

- Registration numbers are building. Full registration for the 3 days is \$185. This rate is available until 3 May. Full details on rates are available on the District website.

Programme

- Some modifications have been made to the conference programme to improve the flow of events throughout Saturday and Sunday. Refer to latest copy attached.
- District Council meeting starts at 1pm on Saturday.
- Judges’ briefings are at 7:30am on both Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- Candidates Showcase starts at 5pm on Friday. Dinner (own arrangements) from 6:30pm, and a special event of fun and entertainment at 8pm. The event is: “Believe You Can” - an event not to miss!
- Saturday night dine and dance is “Gatsby 1920s”. Glam up, feathers out, and make it a night to remember!
- Workshops focus on mentoring, pathways and humorously speaking.
- Keynote speakers are David Templeman and Monica Moore.

2025 District Conference Programme

Friday 16 May 2025

12:00pm – 2:30pm	District Executive Committee meeting
2:45pm – 3:10pm	Afternoon tea
3:15pm – 4:15pm	District Officer Training
4:15pm – 5:00pm	Met and Greet in Bar area
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Candidates Showcase
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Dinner (own arrangements)
8:00pm – 9:30pm	Optional event – “Believe You Can” (Haiming Jiang)

Saturday 17 May 2025

7:30am – 7:45am	Briefings for Humorous and Table Topics contests
8:00am - 8:30am	Karakia / conference Opening /National Anthem / Welcome by Mayor Tania Tapsell
8:30am – 9:20am	Keynote Speaker – David Templeman
9:30am – 10:30am	Table Topics Contest
10.30am – 10.55am	Morning tea
11.00am – 11:10am	Results – Table Topics Contest
11:15am – 11:55pm	Workshop #1 (3 sessions run concurrently)
12:00pm – 12:55pm	Lunch (optional)
1:00pm – 3:30pm	District Council Meeting
3:35pm – 4:00pm	Afternoon tea
4:05pm – 5:30pm	Humorous Speech Contest
5.30pm - 5.40pm	Results – Humorous Speech Contest
6:30pm – 6:50pm	Pre-dinner drinks
7.00pm	Pinning Ceremony
7:15pm	Dine and dance (optional)

Sunday 18 May 2025

7:30am – 7:45am	Briefings for Evaluation and International Speech Contests
8:00am – 8:40am	Keynote speaker – Monica Moore
8:45am – 9:50am	Evaluation Contest
9:55am – 10:35am	Workshop #2 (3 sessions run concurrently)
10:40am – 10:50am	Results – Evaluation Contest
10:55am – 11:20am	Morning tea
11:25am – 12:55pm	International Speech Contest
1:00pm – 1:45pm	Lunch (optional)
1:50pm – 2:00pm	Results – International Speech Contest
2:05pm – 2:20pm	District Awards
2:20pm – 2:30pm	Promotion of 2026 Conference
2:30pm – 2:40pm	Recognition of Conference team
2:45pm	Karakia -Conference close