



Program Quality Director Report – 5 July 2025

Role: responsible for all aspects of education and training within the District

Executive Summary

The 2024-2025 Toastmasters year was marked by steady progress, strong commitment, and a shared pursuit of excellence across our district. We experienced consistent membership growth, a testament to the value our clubs offer and the welcoming environments they continue to foster.

Twelve well-attended Club Officer training sessions were delivered, equipping leaders with the knowledge and tools to serve their clubs effectively. In support of high-quality speech contests, we conducted specialised workshops for contest judges and contest chairs, enhancing consistency, confidence, and fairness in contest delivery.

Clubs throughout the district demonstrated an unwavering dedication to excellence, with many striving toward Distinguished goals and beyond. Others did their best with the support that was available to them. The calibre of our speech contests continues to rise, reflecting the increasing standard of communication and leadership among our members.

At the heart of all these achievements is the commitment of our clubs to serve their members with purpose and pride. Together, we have built a year defined by growth, learning, and the pursuit of excellence in every endeavour.

The 2025–2026 Toastmasters year will build on the momentum and best practices established in 2024-2025.

Workshops

We are continuing our monthly Pathways Onboarding Workshops throughout 2025-2026 and every new member who joins our district is invited to it. There have been numerous positive comments about this service, not only from new members but also from current members,. It is a 'go-to' place to further understand Pathways.

Our monthly Club Coach Peer meetings are also continuing, providing a space for collaboration, support and learning.

Super Star Challenge

This challenge was launched in October 2024 to encourage all clubs to achieve distinguished status or better, by 30 June 2025. At 11 June 2025, 44 clubs have achieved the super star challenge. They are:

Toastmasters @ Lunchtime Club	Warkworth Club	Hibiscus Club
Albany Toastmasters Club	Academic Club	Sunnynook Club
Toastmasters at Kirsten	West Harbour Club	Glenfield Club
Birkenhead Club	Auckland West Club	Flying Start Club
Toast of Broadway Club	Eden-Epsom Club	Three Kings Club
Auckland Club	Orakei Club	Ponsonby Club



Talking Heads Club	Kings Speech Club	Datacom Tahi Club
Meadowbank Club	Ellerslie Sunrise Club	Eastern Bays Club
Pakuranga Club	Howick Club	Botany Club
Papatoetoe Club	MCBC Club	Papakura Club
Pokeno Club	Ngamotu Breakfast Club	Nga Manu Reo Club
Bell Block Club	Dinsdale Club	Hamilton Club
Wire for Sound Club	Hamilton Central Essential Club	Taupo Club
Geyser Gourmet Club	Pioneers Club	Napier Club
First City Club	Whangarei Club	

Incentive: a Toastmasters-branded Club Visitor Book.

All clubs that achieve the super star challenge will receive their visitor books from July this year.

Plus One Challenge

This challenge is a global initiative run by Toastmasters International and is actively promoted across clubs worldwide. It encourages members to regularly invite guests to club meetings and support their transition into membership. It is pleasing to see many of our clubs are participating in this challenge. A proactive approach to membership growth is a hallmark of a quality club and reflects the dedication and commitment of its members.

The future

The future of our District is bright. I envision a thriving District where clubs flourish, membership continues to grow, and every member is inspired to reach new heights in their personal and professional journey. Together with our Programme Quality Director, we will champion excellence in education and leadership development, while partnering with our Club Growth Director to expand our reach and build dynamic, future-ready clubs. United by purpose and guided by possibility, we will unlock the full potential of our members and shape a bold, empowered future for our District.

My vision is clear: to cultivate and empower leaders across our District – to lead with confidence and learn with purpose.

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