

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 1, May 2026

9:30am -	Registration Desk Open	Conference Centre Foyer
11:00am - 12:00pm	<i>Lunch for District Executive Committee</i>	Promenade Room
12:00 - 2:00pm	District Executive Committee Meeting	Exhibition Hall
2:30 - 3:30pm	District Officer Training	Exhibition Hall
3:30 - 3:55pm	<i>Afternoon Tea for District Executive Committee</i>	
4:00 - 4:40pm	Workshop: "Power-Up" Presenter: Kevin Prohl DTM	Exhibition Hall
4:45 - 5:25pm	Keynote: "The mechanics behind building a new club – and more importantly, one that lasts" Presenter: Tim Muhundan	Exhibition Hall
5:30 - 6:00pm	Workshop: "easySPEAK – how it works" Presenter: Rhys Lewis	Exhibition Hall
6:00 - 7.30pm	Free time / Dinner (own arrangements)	
7:30 - 8:15pm	Onsite briefing for: Table Topics & Humorous Speech Contests Sound check and stage placing	Cole Theatre
8:30 - 9:30pm	Pub Style Quiz (Lots of prizes to be won!) Entry fee: \$10	Exhibition Hall

Saturday, 2 May 2026

7:00am -	Registration Desk Open	Conference Centre Foyer
7:00 - 7:45am	Onsite briefing for: Evaluation Contest Sound check and stage placing	Cole Theatre
8:00 - 8:25am	Welcome ceremony Karakia • District Director opens conference Acknowledgements • National Anthem	Cole Theatre
8:30 - 9:15am	Keynote – YES YOU CAN Presenter: John Fauvel DTM PIP PDG MBE	Cole Theatre
9.20 - 10.30am	Table Topics Contest	Cole Theatre
10:35 - 11.00am	Morning Tea	Promenade Room
11.10 - 11.20am	Results Table Topic Contest	Cole Theatre
11.30am - 12.15pm	Workshop 1 "Build a Speaking Business" Glen Sharkey "Your PhD in Toastmasters" Aroha Heene DTM	Horizon Lounges 1 & 2
	Workshop 1 "Empower your Confidence" Julie Nottage, CSP "The Exit Lounge" Marie Fox	Banquet Room 1
	Workshop 1 "Speak as a Queen" Tatiana Maior "Blueprint to Brilliance: Your Rapid Speech Building Toolkit" Stephen Budai DTM	Banquet Room 2
12:20 - 1:20pm	Lunch	Promenade Room
1:30 - 3:00pm	District Council Meeting	Cole Theatre

3:05 - 3:50pm	Workshop 2 "The Mechanics Behind Building a New Club that Lasts" Tim Muhundan "Your PhD in Toastmasters" Aroha Heene DTM	Horizon Lounge 1 and 2
	Workshop 2 "Empower your Confidence" Julie Nottage, CSP "The Exit Lounge" Marie Fox	Banquet Room 1
	Workshop 2 "Speak as a Queen" Tatiana Maior "Blueprint to Brilliance: Your Rapid Speech Building Toolkit" Stephen Budai DTM	Banquet Room 2
4:00 - 4:25pm	Afternoon Tea	Promenade Room
4:30 - 6:00pm	Humorous Speech Contest	Cole Theatre
6:05 - 6:15pm	Prize Draws	Cole Theatre
6:20 - 6:30pm	Humorous Speech Contest Results	Cole Theatre
6:45 - 7:15pm	Pre-dinner Drinks	Wellington's Bar
7:15 - 11:30pm	80s Dine & Dance Lots of prizes. Party, party, party.	Banquet Rooms 1 & 2

Sunday, 3 May 2026

7:00 - 11:00am	Registration Desk Open	Conference Centre Foyer
6:45 - 7:45am	Breakfast & Prize Draws	Wellington's Restaurant
7:00 - 7:45am	Onsite briefing for: International Speech Contest Sound check and stage placing	Cole Theatre
8:00 - 8:40am	Keynote: "Anecdote to Academia: Unbelievable stories that become fact." Presenter: Joanne Drayton	Cole Theatre
8:45 - 9:50am	Evaluation Contest	Cole Theatre
10:00 - 10:45am	Workshop 3 As per Workshop 1 presenters and rooms Glen Sharkey - Julie Nottage - Stephen Budai Aroha Heene - Marie Fox - Tatiana Maior	Horizon Lounges 1 & 2 Banquet Room 1 Banquet Room 2
10:50 - 11:00am	Evaluation Contest Results	Cole Theatre
11:05 - 11:30am	Morning Tea	Promenade Room
11:35 - 1:05pm	International Speech Contest	Cole Theatre
1:10 - 1:55pm	Lunch	Promenade Room
2:05 - 2:10pm	International Speech Contest Results	Cole Theatre
2:15 - 2:45pm	District Awards	Cole Theatre
2:50 - 3:10pm	Prize Draws	Cole Theatre
3:10pm	Acknowledgements	Cole Theatre
3:30pm	Conference ends	Cole Theatre